

Ripley Parish Council Meeting Minutes – Tuesday 1st April 2025

Topic		Discussion				Decision made / Actions taken
1.	Attendance & Apologies	Councillors: H Smith D Bowes M Braithwaite Sturdy P House S Pritchard	Guests: 0	Parishioners: 11	Apologies: PCSO J Harby North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister	No further action required
2.	Declarations of Interest	2.1 None				No further action required
3.	Confirmation of minutes	Confirmation of minutes as a true and correct record for: 3.1 Tuesday 4th March 2025 3.2 Tuesday 4th February 2025 3.3 Tuesday 14th January 2025				3.1 - 3.3 Approved
4.	Information on ongoing issues	4.1 To receive an update on the road markings Refer to North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister's report. No date currently set for the road markings to be completed. Parish Cllr S Pritchard also raised the matter with Highways Officer when in the village on another matter 4.2 To receive an update on the playground a) Maintenance/General Upkeep requirements - Trees overhanging the playground equipment need trimming back 4.3 To receive an update on Commuted Sums for projects on grass verges Posts are to be installed by local contractors this month, weather permitting. The chain links in parts have rusted and may need replacement. 4.4 To review any activities to be carried out in the month in relation to the following a) Telephone box - Work by L Carr Contractors has been completed and the refurbished telephone box looks good. - To arrange for a local contractor to install shelving in the telephone box for books - Suggestion for an honesty box and a QR code for users to follow to provide contributions for books b) Flowers - The plants in the planter at North End Triangle need replacing with a robust species. Funds of up to £100 approved for new plants and soil /compost as required 4.5 To receive an update on Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) Signage Parish Cllr S Pritchard met with a Highways Officer on Tuesday 1st April to establish potential locations for a VAS sign to be installed. The previously considered location of utilising the post with the Warning School sign outside 5 Town Hall Cottages was found not to be suitable. However, outside York House or outside the school where there is currently a No Parking sign were both deemed suitable. The Highways officer confirmed the sign has to be turned around at least once a year but can remain in the same location to capture vehicles travelling in both directions throughout the year. The signs activate from 100m away so would pick up vehicles travelling south from the roundabout and those travelling north from the bend in Main Street outside the Boars Head Pub. For both of the sign locations a new post would be required, which can be installed by Highways.				4.1 Cllr F Cunliffe Lister to continue to follow up with Highways 4.2a) Clerk to confirm if planning permission needs to be obtained prior to trimming the trees 4.3 To receive an update at the next meeting 4.4a Clerk to look into setting up QR code for contributions 4.4b To receive an update at the next meeting 4.5 Clerk to enquire about funding options for VAS signs 4.6 To receive an update at the next meeting 4.7 Local residents to continue to report to police if it reoccurs 4.8 To receive an update at the next meeting 4.9 Clerk to collate a list of matters of concern relating to the Ripley Estate sale for review by the Estate at a suitable point in the progression of the sale. Local residents to submit items for inclusion on the list to the clerk via email to clerk.ripleypc@gmail.com The Parish Cllrs to arrange a meeting with the Estate to discuss the planned future state.

		The Parish Council considers it a high priority to improve the safety for the school children crossing Main Street multiple times a day. The signs are LED and therefore create minimal light pollution. 4.6 To receive an update on signage for Sunnyside Cottages. The sign has been received. Parish Cllrs to perform a site visit to assess suitable locations for install of the signage 4.7 To receive an update on anti social car racing in the village There have been no reports of anti-social car racing since the March meeting and there has been an observed increase in police presence. Local residents are encouraged to continue to call 999 if it does occur, but reminded to not put themselves in any danger. 4.8 To receive an update on the milestone marker on Scarah Bank Local contractors to complete at their earliest convenience weather permitting. 4.9 To receive an update on matters that may impact the Parish Council as a result of the sale of the Ripley Estate. <i>It is noted that the sale of properties and land within the Parish Council Boundary are not a Parish Council matter. The Estate have advised local residents to email the Parish Council with matters that may require consideration to enable the Parish Council to collate a list to be reviewed by the Estate at a point where further details relating to the progress of the sale are known. Emails to be sent to the clerk at clerk.ripleypc@gmail.com</i> Following March's meeting when the Parish Council were advised that the Estate are planning on gifting the playground and grass verges to the Parish Council, Parish Cllrs have started to assess costs involved for continued maintenance - Parish Cllr S Pritchard requested an estimated cost from HACS for tree pollarding along Main Street, which is currently estimated to be £6000 and this will likely increase over the years. It is estimated that tree pollarding needs to occur every 5 years. - Costs for cutting the grass verges need to be established - It has been established that the tarmaced land outside the Village Shop is Highway Maintainable at public expense but remains within the ownership of the Estate.	
5.	North Yorkshire Councillor's report	5. To receive the North Yorkshire Councillor's report. Refer to the full report from Cllr F Cunliffe Lister. Key points discussed during the meeting: - Measures for preventing parking in the Birthwaite Lane Layby but for it to still be available for use as a grit store by Highways. - An Environmental Officer from North Yorkshire Council came out to inspect the A61 Layby following reports of fly tipping. Local residents are encouraged to report this directly to North Yorkshire if fly tipping is observed. - To request clarity on any impact following the change in the Traffic Sensitive Statuses	5 Clerk to request clarity on any impact from the change in Traffic Sensitive Status.
6.	Parish Councillors Reports	6.1 Report from Parish Cllr M Braithwaite Sturdy A local resident reported to Parish Cllr M Braithwaite Sturdy that a hedge which provided privacy for their property on Chantry Court has been removed by the Ripley Estate. The hedge was on Estate property and it was not removed during a time of protection for wildlife. The local resident of the impacted property was informed by the Ripley Estate that the removal of the hedge was at the request of the Parish Council. However, this is not an accurate record as this hedge has not been discussed by the Parish Council during meetings and no correspondence has been sent by the Parish Council to the Ripley Estate regarding the hedge, or for the removal of any hedges in the area. A local resident requested 10mph signs be installed on Back Lane. However, this is a private road, it is outside of the remit of the Parish Council. 6.2 Report from Parish Cllr S Pritchard There is damage to the bus shelter roof which is thought to be caused by birds and wood is rotting on the main structure. An estimate for repair from HACS has been obtained for £5000.	6.1 No further action required 6.2 Clerk to contact Carter Jonas about repairs to the bus shelter

		The bus shelter is currently not a Parish Council asset and therefore does not fall within the remit of the Parish Council to repair. However, the longevity of the current structure and ongoing maintenance needs to be considered 6.3 Nothing to Report from Parish Cllrs D Bowes, P House & H Smith	
7.	Planning	Planning matters to decide None received Planning decisions None received Planning Appeals None received	7.1 Announced
8.	Financial Matters	8.1 To appoint an auditor for the 2024/2025 Annual Governance and Accountability Returns (AGAR) submission. 8.2 To approve payment of invoice 1265 to L Carr Contractors for completion of the renovation works to the Telephone Box for £2994.80 (£2495.67 excluding VAT). 8.3 To approve increasing the clerk's salary from £14.70 per hour to £15.33 per hour in line with the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) for pay point 16 for salary payments for April 2025 hours onwards. 8.4 To approve the clerks salary for 8 hours for March 2025.	8.1 Mr D Patton appointed 8.2 Approved 8.3 Approved 8.4 Approved
9.	To consider the following matters and decide further action	9.1 Any other business from local residents None	9.1 No further action required
10.	To confirm the date of the next meeting	10. To confirm the date of the next meeting is Tuesday 6th May 2025	10 Confirmed, and that this will include the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed by the Monthly Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council. The clerk gave apologies for the May 2026 meeting and will arrange for a clerk from a local parish to cover.

Meeting Start Time: 19:00 Meeting End Time: 20:18