

**Ripley Parish Council Meeting Minutes – Tuesday 6th May 2025**

| Topic |                               | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                   |                           |                                                       | Decision made / Actions taken                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| 1.    | Attendance & Apologies        | <b>Councillors:</b><br>H Smith<br>D Bowes<br>M Braithwaite Sturdy<br>P House<br>S Pritchard                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Guests:</b><br>North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister<br>Locum Clerk R Beevers | <b>Parishioners:</b><br>6 | <b>Apologies:</b><br>PCSO J Harby<br>M Garner (Clerk) | No further action required                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2.    | Declarations of Interest      | <b>2.1</b> None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                   |                           |                                                       | No further action required                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 3.    | Confirmation of minutes       | <b>Confirmation of minutes as a true and correct record for Tuesday 1st April</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                   |                           |                                                       | <b>3.</b> Approved                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 4.    | Information on ongoing issues | <p><b>4.1 To receive an update on the road markings</b><br/>North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister followed up on email sent on 28th march – no update. Suggestion to follow up with the MP as this has been an ongoing issue for seven years. Suggestion to include the Birthwaite Lane layby in communication with MP, however, to avoid the two issues being missed to follow up on each matter individually.</p> <p><b>4.2 To receive an update on the playground</b><br/><b>a) Maintenance/General Upkeep requirements</b><br/>The roundabout is not turning well. A local resident has offered to fix this, however clarity needs to be sought over insurance.</p> <p><b>4.3 To receive an update on Commuted Sums for projects on grass verges</b><br/>Posts are still to be installed</p> <p><b>4.4 To review any activities to be carried out in the month in relation to the following</b><br/><b>a) Telephone box</b><br/>A local contractor has sent a drawing of the shelves inside which has been okayed. Cost of around £100 with the offer to donate time if required.</p> <p><b>b) Flowers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replacing them with robust plants by a volunteer local resident. Planters at North End Triangle have been done and look very nice and the cost is slightly more than £100. Thanks to Isabel for all the voluntary work maintaining the flowers.</li> <li>Bench at North End Triangle - Hardcore from the castle to be dug out. and to purchase flagstones, B&amp;Q are the cheapest. Works to be performed by local contractors.</li> </ul> <p><b>4.5 To receive an update on Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) Signage</b><br/>Four councillors met for a site visit, no objections. PC to pay for the replacement post for the sign to go on. Parish Cllr S Pritchard to email to confirm highways can go ahead with the post placement for £300. Then to confirm the price of the road signs.</p> <p><b>4.6 To receive an update on signage for Sunnyside Cottages.</b><br/>Require approval from the Estate for installation of the sign.</p> <p><b>4.7 To receive an update on the bus shelter</b><br/>To apply for funding once the telephone box has been completed. Approximate costs of £4000 to fix, and £8000 to replace. To enquire with Sawley Parish Council about their recently renovated bus shelter.</p> <p><b>4.8 To receive an update on the milestone marker on Scarah Bank</b><br/>Local contractors to complete at their earliest convenience weather permitting.</p> <p><b>4.9 To receive an update on matters that may impact the Parish Council as a result of the sale of the Ripley Estate.</b><br/><i>It is noted that the sale of properties and land within the Parish Council Boundary are not a</i></p> |                                                                                   |                           |                                                       | <p><b>4.1</b> Cllr F Cunliffe Lister to continue to follow up with Highways and to contact MP if there are no further developments.</p> <p><b>4.2a)</b> Clerk to confirm insurance requirements for volunteers and contractors prior to work going ahead.</p> <p><b>4.3</b> To receive an update at the next meeting</p> <p><b>4.4a</b> Costs for shelves approved to go ahead with works</p> <p><b>4.4b</b> Invoice to be submitted for flowers.</p> <p><b>4.5</b> Parish Cllr S Pritchard to continue to progress with Highways.</p> <p><b>4.6</b> Clerk to request permission from the Estate</p> <p><b>4.7</b> On hold until telephone box project completed</p> <p><b>4.8</b> To receive an update at the next meeting</p> <p><b>4.9</b> 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 <a href="mailto:clerk.ripleypc@gmail.com">clerk.ripleypc@gmail.com</a></p> |

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|    |                                     | <p><i>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 <a href="mailto:clerk.ripleypc@gmail.com">clerk.ripleypc@gmail.com</a></i></p> <p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No further feedback received. Would like to have a meeting with them, but no date set yet. How they proceed will depend on who buys the estate. The Estate seem keen to sell the whole estate to one person.</li> <li>• The Estate have agreed to cut the trees on the cherry patch.</li> <li>• The Estate have agreed in principle to gift the playground to the Parish Council (refer to March 2025 meeting).</li> <li>• The sale of the Town Hall sale is imminent.</li> <li>• MOP questions re implications of the sale of the estate, eg unadopted highways like orchard lane, primary lane near the church is of importance to the village that would need upgrading to be accepted by the county council. Trees on the pavement are a concern too. MOP thinks there are important issues that should be considered in a working group. Response: cannot discuss what's going to happen to the roads because we don't know who is buying it. The PC do not get enough precept to be able to fund all the proposed work.</li> <li>• Grass verges discussion at last meeting – trees that are on the grass verges have been crown lifted.</li> <li>• The owner of Ripley estate will be asked for another meeting, but as PC don't know what his intentions are, it becomes a futile discussion. MOPS were reminded that councillors are volunteers and that the matter is out of our control.</li> <li>• The parish council said they would ask the clerk about the precepts available. Parish Cllr S Prichard agreed that the precept will be going up as much as possible.</li> <li>• Heated debate had about this topic. The Estate hasn't confirmed anything is going to be offered, and PC hasn't accepted anything.</li> <li>• Parish Cllr S Prichard confirmed PC will reach out to the Ripley estate again for a meeting. Suggested that Parishioners could group together themselves and approach independently.</li> </ul> |                              |
| 5. | North Yorkshire Councillor's report | <p><b>5. To receive the North Yorkshire Councillor's report.</b></p> <p>Refer to the full report from Cllr F Cunliffe Lister. Key points discussed during the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White lines: not heard and confirmed not in place. Photos needed of people parking incorrectly to give as evidence to speed up the works. Spoked with Heather Yendell (Highways) who has assured it's going to be done.</li> <li>• Birthwaite lane: it's not good enough and they will look at it again. Accident on the junction, PC concerned they will only do something once there has been a serious accident, PC want to prevent the accident happening.</li> <li>• Attended a zoom meeting re double yellow lines at the entrance to the Greenway on the old Killinhall bridge, this seems to have been an over the top measure. An agreement reached to not do that but do the H Bar which enables a section to be marked off and kept clear. Additional signage and double yellow lines on the junction to hopefully prevent cars being pushed up towards Ripley</li> <li>• Been talking to highways about whether a speed sign can be installed. Confirmed it is constantly flooded.</li> <li>• Signage has been changed on the A61 to reduce the speed to a 50 due to accidents.</li> <li>• Comment about public conveniences – is it worth a meeting with street scene?</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 5 No further action required |

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|    |                            | <p>Opportunity for PC to maintain the toilets. Might make a little on it if lucky. Currently decided there are other things that the PC would need to prioritise. No statutory obligation for NYCC to provide toilets, bare in mind they could be closed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yewdale partnership: factsheet has been sent about VOIP telephone lines. Phones with a battery backup and support for those who are vulnerable.</li> <li>• Mobility hub at bus station in Ripon. Proposal for a bus service from Thirsk train station to Ripon.</li> <li>• Cycle ways proposed between Ripon and Fountains Abbey, funding available.</li> <li>• In conversation about the mayor and the Ripley carpark. Implications on losing the car park if it's sold to a development.</li> <li>• New days for rubbish collection to reduce bank hol disruption</li> <li>• Boundary conditions: possibly losing Ripley and falling into a Nidderdale ward from 2027. To recirculate the email</li> <li>• Toothbrushing school and mentioned to Ripley. Lunchtime brushings.</li> <li>• Tony Watson – new head of tourism.</li> <li>• Connectivity – DCC – company has been chased re connection</li> <li>• Locality budget – small amount will be given to the building</li> <li>• School places: get in touch with Cllr F Cunliffe Lister regarding home school transport.</li> <li>• Enforcement: looks to be retrospective planning permission.</li> <li>• International day of older persons – any groups want to do something to support to get in touch</li> <li>• Observation from Cllr House: Otley Road in Killinghall has had tar and chip on a road that was already good. Why has that been done when other roads nearby are desperate for work. Traffic lights removal are very slow when work is completed.</li> <li>• 20 mile an hour introduced speed on a large area of Harrogate, lots of roads near schools.</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 6. | Parish Councillors Reports | <p><b>6.1 Report from Parish Cllr H Smith</b></p> <p>a) Could the toilets in the Town Hall be made available for the public, but would involve the town hall being left open.</p> <p>b) Ripley Bypass is now 50mph from 60mph.</p> <p><b>6.2 Report from Parish Cllr D Bowes</b></p> <p>a) Trees around the 20mph signs need gutting back as becoming overgrown</p> <p>b) The belongings of a person of no fixed abode on the Nidderdale way appear to have been abandoned for over 2 weeks. It is undetermined if the individual is still returning to sleep there.</p> <p><b>6.3 Report from Parish Cllr P House</b></p> <p>a) Outside Dacre House – there's a manhole that has dropped down on the pavement.</p> <p><b>6.4 Nothing to report from Parish Cllrs M Braithwaite Sturdy and S Pritchard</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>6.1a)</b> To be raised at a Star Club meeting for consideration</p> <p><b>6.1b)</b> To enquire if the bypass road marking be made solid and can a VAS sign be installed on the bypass</p> <p><b>6.2a)</b> Clerk to report overgrown foliage to highways</p> <p><b>6.2b)</b> Parish Cllr D Bowes to contact PCSO to investigate further</p> <p><b>6.3a)</b> Clerk to report to Highways.</p> <p><b>6.4</b> No further action required</p> |
| 7. | Planning                   | <p><b>Planning matters to decide</b></p> <p>7.1 Ref: ZC25/01200/DVCON. 6 Main Street, Ripley, HG3 3AX. Section 73 application for the Variation of Condition 2 (Proposed Plans) of Planning Permission ZC24/00763/LB (Listed Building consent for Internal alterations an installation of window) to allow for alterations to position of the proposed windows.</p> <p><b>Planning decisions</b></p> <p>None received</p> <p><b>Planning Appeals</b></p> <p>None received</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p><b>7.1</b> To be decided over email and sent to the clerk</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 8. | Financial Matters          | <p><b>8.1 To confirm payment of £147 to Yorkshire Local Council Association for Invoice 3481 for membership for 2025-26. This was approved via email by a quorum of Parish Cllrs in advance of the May meeting as payment was due between the April &amp; May meetings.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p><b>8.1</b> Confirmed</p> <p><b>8.2</b> Approved</p> <p><b>8.3</b> Confirmed</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|         |                                                             | <b>8.2 To approve payment of £417.79 to Zurich Insurance for Invoice YLL-2720866083 for Parish Council insurance cover for 1st June 2025-31st May 2026</b><br><b>8.3 To confirm receipt of the 2025-2026 Parish Council Precept of £3847 from North Yorkshire Council</b><br><b>8.4 To approve payment of the clerk's salary for 10 hours for April 2025 (M Garner).</b> | 8.4 Approved                                                                                     |
| 9.      | To consider the following matters and decide further action | <b>9.1 Any other business from local residents</b><br>None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 9.1 No further action required                                                                   |
| 10<br>. | To confirm the date of the next meeting                     | <b>10. To confirm the date of the next meeting is Tuesday 3rd June 2025</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>10</b> Confirmed<br>Apologies received from Parish Cllrs M Braithwaite Sturdy and S Pritchard |

Meeting Start Time: 19:07 Meeting End Time: 20:12