

Ripley Parish Council Meeting Minutes – Tuesday 13th January 2026

Topic		Discussion			Decision made / Actions taken	
1.	Attendance & Apologies	Parish Councillors: S Pritchard H Smith P House D Bowes M Braithwaite Sturdy	Guests: 0	Parishioners: 3	Apologies: North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister	No further action required
2.	Declarations of Interest	2.1 None				2.1 No further action required
3.	Confirmation of minutes	3.1 Confirmation of minutes as a true and correct record Tuesday 2nd December 2025				3.1 Approved
4.	NALC Standing Orders	4.1 To confirm that Ripley Parish Council meetings are held in accordance with the NALC model standing orders. - Clarity provided that Ripley Parish Council had historically adopted the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Model Standing Orders. Ripley Parish Council are focussing on realignment with the Standing Orders to ensure effective meetings are held. - Full versions of Standing Orders are available on the Ripley Parish Council website. Printed Standing Orders for the sections on Meeting Conduct were circulated at the meeting. - Agenda item for public participation to be updated for pre submission of agenda items to align with Standing Orders. - Due to low public attendance at the meeting, for the February meeting during the transition to pre submission, at the start of the meeting, members of the public will be requested to confirm if they have items to be raised during the public participation agenda item. The website and noticeboard have been updated to instruct members of the public to pre submit items, and that they will be assigned a 3 minute slot to raise their item.				4.1 Confirmed.
5.	Information on ongoing issues	5.1 To receive an update on the road markings (Orchard Lane) and junction signage (Birthwaite Lane) - North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister has confirmed that these items are still being followed up with Highways 5.2 To receive an update on the playground's maintenance/general upkeep requirements - Clerk to request quotes for tree surveys for the playground - Highways are installing a footpath to the playground. - The annual playground report has been received. Low risk items were identified, which will be addressed in Spring 2026 when the weather improves and the ground is drier. - Clerk has requested an update from Ripley Estate on the playground lease which is due to end in April 2026. 5.3 To receive an update on Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) Signage - Agreed to go forward with the quote from Message Makers for the SLOW DOWN VAS Sign. - North Yorkshire Council provided the written agreement for post installation and permission for the Sign for the VAS Sign to be installed, this was signed by Chair S Pritchard during the meeting. £450 Locality Budget Funding has been agreed with North Yorkshire Councillor F Cunliffe Lister to cover 90% of the cost of the post installation. 5.4 To receive an update on the bus shelter - Parish Cllr M Braithwaite Sturdy has discussed the restoration with local contractor J Ingilby. - Parish Cllr P House is to continue following up with an alternative contractor, but has been receiving limited responses. - To consider a stone base as well as like for like full wood replacement, if it will extend the lifespan of the restored bus shelter. - Clerk to contact other companies to obtain 3 quotes. - National Lottery Funding cannot be applied for until quotes are received.				5.1 North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister to continue to follow up with Highways 5.2 No further action required beyond discussed points 5.3 All Parish Councillors in agreement to proceed with VAS sign 5.4 No further action beyond discussion points.
6.	North Yorkshire Councillor's report	6. To receive the North Yorkshire Councillor's report. North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister provided a written report in advance of the meeting due to absence. Key topics discussed by the Parish Councillors during the meeting below. - Parish Councils across North Yorkshire are being asked to consider operating and maintaining public toilets within their area. Ripley Parish Councillors in agreement that management of the public toilets is not an activity the Parish Council wishes to take forward. - North Yorkshire Council are in the process of establishing ongoing plans for bin emptying across the village.				6. No further action beyond discussion points

		Ripley Parish Council supports the Nidderdale Greenway expansion to Pateley Bridge. This is a topic that North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister continues to champion.	
7.	Parish Councillors Reports	7.1 Report from Parish Cllr S Pritchard - A barn has been erected at Saddler Carr Farm, Hollybank Lane. The Parish Council have no record of receiving a notification from Planning for the building 7.2 Report from Parish Cllr M Braithwaite Sturdy - Planning Enforcement have confirmed that the lane at Birthwaite House is permitted, which was previously queried. Planning Enforcement will confirm if the erection of Stables at the same location is permitted 7.3 Nothing to report from Parish Cllrs D Bowes, P House and H Smith	7.1 Clerk request Planning to provide planning details 7.2 To receive further update from Planning Enforcement 7.3 No further action required
8.	Planning	Planning matters to decide None received Planning decisions None received Planning appeals None received	8. No further action required
9.	Financial Matters	9.1 To approve payment of the clerk's salary for 6 hours for December 2025 9.2 To approve payment of £33.30 to the Star Club for food for the Christmas Lights Switch On that was held on Friday 6th December 2025.	9.1 Approved 9.2 Approved - Confirmed that payment is to be made from Ripley Community Fund Account (Formerly Friends of Ripley Account)
10.	To consider the following matters and decide further action	10.1 Any other business from local residents a) Local resident requested if a Christmas Tree could be erected on the cobbles, Hollybank Lane for Christmas 2026. Parish Cllrs confirmed that the Christmas Tree on the cobbles had previously been provided by Ripley Estate, and that the cobbles are private land, and not Parish Council maintained. Also, if this were to be agreed, further lights would be required.	10.1a) Ripley Parish Council to enquire in Q4 2026 with Ripley Estate about Christmas Tree plans
10.	To confirm the date of the next meeting	10. To confirm the date of the next meeting is Tuesday 3rd February 2026	10 Announced.

Meeting Start Time: 19:00 Meeting End Time: 19:45