

Ripley Parish Council Meeting Minutes – Tuesday 3rd February 2026

Topic		Discussion			Decision made / Actions taken
1.	Attendance & Apologies	Parish Councillors: S Pritchard P House D Bowes M Braithwaite Sturdy	Guests: 0	Local Residents: 5 (2 left during agenda item 4) Apologies: Parish Cllr H Smith 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 13th January 2026 Parish Cllr S Pritchard reminded parish councillors and local residents in attendance of the agreement during the January meeting for adherence to the NALC Standing Orders which Ripley Parish Council are realigning practices to. This includes the request for local residents to submit topics for discussion in advance to the clerk to provide the Parish Councillors adequate time to consider and research items ahead of the meeting.			3.1 Approved
4.	Information on ongoing issues	4.1 To receive an update on the road markings (Orchard Lane) and junction signage (Birthwaite Lane) - North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister requested Highways to review the road markings at Orchard Lane, however, Highways have confirmed these do meet regulatory requirements. - North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister had a meeting with Highways to review Birthwaite Lane junction and there has been agreement for Highways to address the safety concerns at the junction, including the installation of signage indicating a bridleway. Discussions are ongoing regarding what approach can be taken to restrict parking in the layby which reduces visibility for road users exiting the junction onto the B6165. - Plastic cones had been observed to have been placed out at the layby to restrict parking, which has been confirmed to have been done by The Ripley Shoot who are based on Birthwaite Lane. 4.2 To receive an update on the playground's maintenance/general upkeep requirements - Clerk circulated quotes for tree surveys for the playground from two companies with Parish Councillors, however, these are considered expensive (circa. £700) so not to be progressed with at this time. - As discussed during the January 2026 meeting, the annual playground report highlighted low risk items to be addressed, which will be rectified in Spring 2026 as the weather improves. - Clerk has requested an update on the playground lease and is awaiting a response 4.3 To receive an update on Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) Signage - The VAS Sign displaying the speed limit and "SLOW DOWN" has been ordered from Message Makers - Highways have confirmed the post for the sign is to be installed. 4.4 To receive an update on the bus shelter - Parish Cllr S Pritchard met with MB Joinery and Plastering to discuss the project and for measurements to be taken. Clerk to circulate the quote once received. - Discussion around the consideration of having a stone wall base to reduce the risk of the new structure rotting, however, these will require architectural drawings and prior to receiving further quotes to compare.			4.1 To continue to request updates from Highways. Parish Cllr S Pritchard proposed and seconded by Parish Cllr M Braithwaite-Sturdy for this agenda item to be split into two items for future meetings. 4.2 No further action beyond discussion points 4.3 No further action beyond discussion points 4.4 Parish Cllr S Pritchard to continue obtaining drawings and quotes
5.	North Yorkshire Councillor's report	5. 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. - North Yorkshire Council are asking all Parish Councils to consider taking on the maintenance and management of public toilets. Ripley Parish Council are in agreement that is not something the Parish Council wishes to take on responsibility for. - Parish Cllr M Braithwaite-Sturdy has been in correspondence with Cllr F Cunliffe Lister, regarding the Birthwaite Lane Layby and alternative options to request Highways to consider.			5.. No further action beyond discussion points
6.	Parish Councillors Reports	6.1 Report from Parish Cllr P House New business signage at the roundabout to the south end of the village has been erected against the hedge, and to continue to be monitored. It is noted that the signage does appear to be for a business within the village and is smart looking. There are, however, a couple of wooden posts in the same area which could be removed. 6.2 Report from Parish Cllr M Braithwaite Sturdy			6.1 No further action beyond discussion points 6.2 Clerk to contact North Yorkshire Police and request for further investigation to link the cases 6.3 No further action required

		- There has been an incident of a Doberman dog attacking a walker on Birthwaite Lane. The incident was reported to North Yorkshire police by the victim. It is understood that there was a previous attack by the same dog on the same road in March 2025 involving holiday makers who also reported to the police, but in Leeds. It is thought that the two incidents have not been linked by the police due to being reported in different districts. - Local residents are encouraged to report any dog attacks directly to the Police.	
		6.3 Nothing to report from Parish Cllrs D Bowes and S Pritchard	
7.	Planning	Planning matters to decide None received Planning decisions None received Planning appeals None received	7. No further action required
8.	Financial Matters	8.1 To approve payment of the clerk's salary for 4 hours for January 2026	8.1 Approved
9.	To consider the following pre submitted matters from local residents	<i>No pre submitted items were received, however, due to the move to requesting items to be presubmitted is a recent change, items were invited from the local residents in attendance.</i> 9.1 Request from a local resident for Parish Councillors to arrange seating so they can be more easily heard by local residents during discussions 9.2 Request from a local resident for an update on the sale of the Ripley Estate	9.1 The room layout for the March meeting will be adjusted to enable local residents to hear discussions more clearly. 9.2 Clerk to include in request for an update on the playground lease (item 4.2) a further update regarding the Ripley Estate sale and any additional responsibilities that may be passed to the Parish Council.
10.	To confirm the date of the next meeting	10. To confirm the date of the next meeting is Tuesday 3rd March 2026	10 Announced.

Meeting Start Time: 19:00 Meeting End Time: 19:38