

Ripley Parish Council Meeting Minutes – Tuesday 3rd March 2026

Topic		Discussion				Decision made / Actions taken
1.	Attendance & Apologies	Parish Councillors: S Pritchard H Smith P House D Bowes M Braithwaite Sturdy North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister (7:30pm onwards)	Guests: 0	Local Residents: 5	Apologies: None	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 3rd February 2026				3.1 Approved with a typing error to numbering hand amended on signed minutes. Typing error to be corrected prior to upload to the website.
4.	Information on ongoing issues	4.1 To receive an update on the road markings at Orchard Lane. <i>Completed out of order of the agenda on the arrival of North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister at the meeting.</i> No further update has been received from Highways. Parish Cllr H Smith inquired with North Yorkshire Cllr if the Parish Council could fund updating the road markings. 4.2 To receive an update on the junction signage and layby at Birthwaite Lane. <i>Completed out of order of the agenda on the arrival of North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister at the meeting.</i> - Highways have confirmed that it is not illegal to park in the layby as it is a storage area. Highways have confirmed that the area is not to be used for storing chipping this year, but will be used for plant machinery. In the long term, Highways have proposed to make the Birthwaite Lane road entrance wider to remove the parking ability. - Signage has been installed warning road users of horses, but there is no warning sign of horses crossing. 4.3 To receive an update on the playground's maintenance/general upkeep requirements and lease. - No update received on the lease of the playground. - Parish Cllr S Pritchard to continue to follow up for a quote for tree maintenance - A check of the playground will be carried out in spring, including reviewing work required to level the roundabout - Parish Cllr D Bowes has emptied the playground donation box. 4.4 To receive an update on Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) Signage. - The VAS sign has been delivered and is being stored by Parish Cllr H Smith - Highways have confirmed the new post will be erected in April - Once the post is erected the Parish Council will need to arrange for installation of the sign. - Locality budget funding paperwork has been received. 4.5 To receive an update on the bus shelter restoration. - A quote from MB Joinery (Ripon based joinery company) has provided a quote for a like for like replacement at ~£20,000 3 quotes are required to commence National Lottery Grant application 4.6 To receive an update on activities in relation to Flowers to be carried out in the upcoming month. No flower activity required, no flower update required in following months				4.1 Parish Cllr H Smith to generate a proposed image of the road markings the Parish Council wishes to install along with a list of the problems being experienced with the current markings in place. 4.2 No further action required beyond discussion points 4.3 Clerk to follow up on the lease of the playground with the Ripley Estate. Parish Cllrs D Bowes and H Smith to conduct Spring review of the playground. Parish Cllr D Bowes to transfer playground donations to the Ripley Parish Council Account. 4.4 Clerk to arrange for the completion of the Locality Budget funding paperwork and submit it to North Yorkshire Council. 4.5 Parish Cllrs S Pritchard and P House to seek further quotes 4.6 To remove as a recurring agenda item
5.	North Yorkshire Councillor's report	5. To receive the North Yorkshire Councillor's report. <i>Completed out of order of the agenda on the arrival of North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe-Lister at the meeting.</i> Refer to North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe-Lister's report for full details. The below items were highlighted during the meeting: - Ripon City Investment Plan and Ripon LCWAIP including Fountains Abbey and a proposed cycle route from Ripon to Fountains Abbey. - There is an event for Local Food & Drink producers in the North Yorkshire area in Harrogate on 24th March to help simplify the procurement process for local producers - There is a proposed extension to the Nidderdale Greenway in discussion and the importance of the Ripley Carpark has been highlighted as a key element to the stakeholders. - Connectivity for mobile coverage is still poor in the area. MP Julian Smith has been asked to urge for more masts to be installed in the region to improve connectivity, but there are currently no active plans for this. - North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister is researching Mobile Slaughter Units due to there being limited abattoirs in the area. There would be demand in the area and would allow for more local supply of meat. - The ownership of the public toilets in the carpark is still being established by North Yorkshire Council. North Yorkshire Council are seeking to transfer management of public toilets to Parish Councils. At this time, Ripley Parish Council do not				5. No further action beyond discussion points

		wish to take on the management of the public toilets. Separate from the report, Parish Cllr D Bowes inquired about temporary traffic lights for roadworks. There have been temporary traffic lights at Knox Lane, Killinghall, when there has been no work ongoing. If North Yorkshire Council is charged per day for the lights, this appears to be a waste of funds, and it also causes traffic delays in the area unnecessarily.	
6.	Parish Councillors Reports	6.1 Report from Parish Cllr M Braithwaite-Sturdy - Due to other commitments Parish Cllr M Braithwaite-Sturdy has decided to step down as a Parish Councillor and will submit their written resignation to the Chair following the meeting. - All the other Parish Councillors thanked Parish Cllr M Braithwaite-Sturdy for all their hard work as a Parish Councillor. - The clerk provided an overview of the process following resignation, including, if the electorate wish for their to be an election to fill the vacant seat, 10 members of the electorate must submit in writing to North Yorkshire Council in line with the notification that will be put on the North Yorkshire website and on the Parish Council noticeboard by the end of the week. In the event of an election not being called, the Parish Council will be advised to co-opt a new Parish Councillor. 6.2 Report from Parish Cllr D Bowes - The litter picking volunteers require new High Visibility jackets. Current jackets have "Friends of Ripley", agreed new jackets should keep the same wording as it is less formal than Ripley Parish Council and shows it is members of the community. - The pothole on Birthwaite Lane has been reported to North Yorkshire Highways. - Requested an update following the dog attack 6.3 Nothing to report from Parish Cllrs P House, H Smith and S Pritchard	6.1 Clerk to inform Democratic Services at North Yorkshire Council once the written resignation is received. 6.2 Parish Cllr D Bowes to get prices for replacement high visibility jackets. Clerk to request the PCSO to continue to follow up with West Yorkshire Police where one of the dog attack incidents was reported to. 6.3 No further action required
7.	Planning	Planning matters to decide 7.1 Ref: 25/03592/FUL 6 Orchard Lane, Ripley, North Yorkshire, HG3 3AT. Erection of Single Storey Extension Planning decision submitted by deadline of 27th February 2026 following agreement via email by Parish Councillors. C - The Parish Council does not object to or support the application but wishes to make comments or seek safeguards as set out below: - The Parish council seeks safeguards to be included over how the access/egress to neighbouring properties will be maintained during the period of the works. This area is a small courtyard with a shared access for 3 households (8 Orchard Lane, The Old Police House and The Old Farmyard). There is a high risk of neighbouring properties being blocked unless safeguards are in place. - The Parish Council has concerns that neighbouring terraced properties may become shaded by the proposed extension which is quite large (6m) for the area. It is not clear in the application if this has been considered and confirmed that neighbouring properties will not be negatively impacted. Planning decisions None received Planning appeals None received	7.1. Announced
8.	Financial Matters	8.1 To approve payment of the clerk's salary for 6 hours for February 2026 8.2 To confirm the closing bank balances as of Friday 27th February Ripley Parish Council Account: £3545.69 Ripley Community Fund (Formerly Friends of Ripley Account): £156.13	8.1 Approved 8.2 Announced
9.	To consider the following pre submitted matters from local residents:	No items were pre submitted, but Chairperson S Pritchard allowed for matters to be raised 9.1. A local resident enquired if local residents could seek quotes for the bus shelter restoration. 9.2 A local resident enquired if the public participation section of the meeting could be moved to the start of the meeting rather than being at the end. 9.3 A local resident requested that Parish Cllrs review the Village Design Statement when considering planning applications.	9.1 The Parish Cllrs agreed that if local residents have contact provide quotes for the bus shelter restoration these can be sent 9.2 Consensus across local residents in attendance was for participation to remain at the end of the meeting. 9.3 No further action required
10.	To confirm the date of the next meeting	10. To confirm the date of the next meeting is Tuesday 7th April 2026 Parish Cllr H Smith gave apologies for the April meeting that they will arrive approximately 30 minutes late.	10 Announced.

Meeting Start Time: 19:03 Meeting End Time: 20:05