

Ripley Parish Council Meeting Minutes – Tuesday 5th May 2026

Topic		Discussion				Decision made / Actions taken
1.	Attendance & Apologies	Parish Councillors: S Pritchard H Smith D Bowes	Guests: 0	Local Residents: 7	Apologies: P House North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister - Report supplied to provide updates.	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 7th April 2026				3.1 Due to a non matching quorum of parish cllrs present, the minutes could not be approved. To be returned to at the following meeting
4.	Information on ongoing issues	4.1 To receive an update on the road markings at Orchard Lane. The North Yorkshire Cllr's Report requests for photos of cars blocking Orchard Lane to be emailed. 4.2 To receive an update on the junction signage and layby at Birthwaite Lane. North Yorkshire Council have confirmed the warning sign for horses is in line with others in the area and they do not install specific horses crossing signage elsewhere in the region. No update received on the prevention of parking in the layby. 4.3 To receive an update on the playground's maintenance/general upkeep requirements and lease. - No update received on the lease which has now expired. - Parish Cllr D Bowes to arrange general maintenance activities such as grass cutting 4.4 To receive an update on Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) Signage. - Highways officer has confirmed the post for the sign will be installed in May. - Parish Cllr H Smith will check the sign is operational before installation 4.5 To receive an update on the bus shelter restoration. Awaiting a third quote from HACs to then proceed with the National Lottery grant application				4.1 Parish Cllrs to email photos 4.2 To continue to follow up 4.3 Clerk to follow up on the lease of the playground with the Ripley Estate as it has now expired 4.4 Clerk to confirm the date with Highways officer for post installation 4.5 Parish Cllr S Pritchard to request an update from HACs for a quote so the grant application can be progressed
5.	North Yorkshire Councillor's report	5. To receive the North Yorkshire Councillor's report. <i>North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister was not present at the meeting, however, did provide a report in advance which was reviewed during the meeting.</i> - Announced that recycling centres across North Yorkshire now require vehicle registration to use. Local residents did raised concern that this will lead to an increase in fly tipping in the region. - The public toilets in the main Ripley carpark have been confirmed as not part of the sale of the Ripley Estate and North Yorkshire Council are seeking further confirmation of access after the sale. - The North Yorkshire Parish Charter has been circulated for review by all Parish Councils				5. Clerk and Parish Cllrs to review the Parish Charter and provide comments.
6.	Parish Councillors Reports	6.1 Report from Parish Cllr D Bowes - There is an abandoned car on Main Street which has a notice from North Yorkshire Council attached. This was reported to the clerk during the month, and a response from the Regulatory Services team at North Yorkshire Council is to be received 6.2 Report from Parish Cllr H Smith - There is a rat infestation on the bridleway at the gate with dead rats seen in the beck adjacent 6.3 Nothing to report from Parish Cllr S Pritchard				6.1 Clerk to follow up with Regulatory Services team for an update 6.2 Clerk to report to Environmental Services at North Yorkshire Council 6.3 No further action required
7.	Planning	Planning matters to decide 7.1 Ref: HAR/2026/10/CA. Initial Consultation Section 119 Highways Act 1980 Section 25 Creation Agreement. RIPLEY (RIPON ROAD A61 TO RIPLEY VILLAGE) - There is a discrepancy between the OS Map and the map used in the application, the OS map shows the bridleway as crossing the highway. - If the route is to become a proper bridleway it requires appropriate access. The metal gate currently in place swings back fast rather than remaining open making it difficult to pass through on a horse. - The Pegasus crossing has the horse rider button for the lights adjacent to the road which results in the horse stepping into the road for the rider to access the button which is unsafe. - In general the Parish Council is in support of the route becoming a permanent path rather than remaining permissive. Planning decisions None received Planning appeals None received				7. Clerk to submit comments on the consultation.
8.	Financial Matters	8.1 To approve payment of the clerk's salary for 12 hours for April 2026 8.2 To approve payment of £73.33 from the Ripley Community Fund to the Ripley Parish Council Account following identification that £73.33 was incorrectly paid from the Ripley Parish Council Account on 6th June 2025 rather than from				8.1 Approved 8.2 Approved 8.3 Confirmed

		the Ripley Community Fund for the reimbursement of expenses relating to plants. 8.3 To confirm receipt of £1211.45 from HMRC for VAT repayment for April 2025 - March 2026 8.4 To confirm receipt of £4062 from North Yorkshire Council for the 2026-2027 Parish Precept. 8.5 To confirm the closing bank balances as of Friday 30th April 2026 a) Ripley Parish Council Account: £8818.46 b) Ripley Community Fund (Formerly Friends of Ripley Account): £156.13	8.4 Confirmed 8.5 Confirmed
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. Local residents asked about plans for parking restrictions in the village. It was explained that proposals for residents only have been previously requested from North Yorkshire Council, however, North Yorkshire Council are currently undertaking a parking review across North Yorkshire and whilst that is ongoing no new parking restricted areas are to be created. Parking wardens are regularly in the village, especially around school drop off and pick up times and do issue fines for illegal parking, such as on double yellow lines. Local residents are encouraged to report illegal parking if observed. 9.2 Local residents raised concerns over the noise from customers at the ice cream shop and of the queue overflowing down Main Street. Parish Cllr S Pritchard confirmed he has recently enquired with the shop about the use of queue barriers, and the clerk will confirm the planning conditions relating to these concerns. Concerns also included the behaviour of customers accessing private gardens using private bins, children kicking balls against walls, and children climbing on fences. Local residents were advised by the parish council that if they identify the children are wearing the uniform of Ripley Primary School then they should report it to the school. 9.3 Local residents also raised concerns over the noise of children at the primary school throughout the day. The Parish Council reminded local residents that the primary school has been in the village for approximately 300 years, and although at times the noise of children playing may become loud, that this would have been known by those purchasing or renting properties in the area. 9.4 A local resident who was not in attendance at recent meetings queried the minutes from the April meeting which mentioned a dog attack on Birthwaite Lane. Parish Cllr D Bowes confirmed that 2 people on separate occasions had been attacked by a dog that resides on Birthwaite Lane both of which have been reported to North Yorkshire Police. All local residents are encouraged to report any dog attacks directly to the police. 9.5 A local resident complained that there are potholes on Hollybank Lane. The clerk will report this to the Ripley Estate as it is a private road rather than managed by Highways	9.1 Clerk to create an instructional poster for the Noticeboard for how to report illegal parking. 9.2 Clerk to confirm planning conditions 9.3 No further action required 9.4 No further action required 9.5 Clerk to report potholes to Ripley Estate
10.	To confirm the date of the next meeting	10. To confirm the date of the next meeting is Tuesday 2nd June 2026	10 Confirmed.

Meeting Start Time: 19:08

Meeting End Time: 19:56