

Ripley Parish Council Meeting Minutes – Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Topic		Discussion				Decision made / Actions taken
1.	Attendance & Apologies	Parish Councillors: S Pritchard H Smith D Bowes P House	Guests: 0	Local Residents: 6	Apologies: 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 Tuesday 5th May 2026 for the Annual Meeting of the Ripley Parish Council 3.2 Tuesday 5th May 2026 Monthly Meeting of Ripley Parish Council 3.3 Tuesday 7th April 2026 Meeting of Ripley Parish Council				3.1 Confirmed 3.2 Confirmed 3.3 Confirmed
4.	Information on ongoing issues	4.1 To receive an update on the road markings at Orchard Lane. North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister continues to request for photos evidencing obstructions at the junction to be emailed 4.2 To receive an update on the junction signage and layby at Birthwaite Lane. No further update available 4.3 To receive an update on the playground's maintenance/general upkeep requirements and lease. - The playground was mowed and strimmed in May - Parish Councillors to continue to follow up with contacts for tree works - No update received on the lease of the playground 4.4 To receive an update on Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) Signage. The post was installed by North Yorkshire Highways during May, and Parish Cllr H Smith successfully installed the sign. The brackets for the solar panel do not fit on the post. The sign is currently operating using rechargeable batteries which have to be swapped every 2 weeks. 4.5 To receive an update on the bus shelter restoration. The National Lottery Grant Application has been submitted following receiving 3 quotes. A response from the National Lottery can take up to 12 weeks				4.1 Parish Cllrs to email photos to clerk to submit 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 Parish Cllr H Smith to request alternative brackets from the sign supplier 4.5 No further action required
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>				5. No further action required
6.	Parish Councillors Reports	6.1 Report from Parish Cllr D Bowes The roundabout to the south of the village is overgrown and requires mowing. 6.2 Report from Parish Cllr P House Proposed to the Parish Council to consider potential uses of the locality budget for 2026-27, including the possibility of a second VAS sign if deemed beneficial after the initial one has been in place for 6 months. 6.3 Report from Parish Cllr H Smith - North end triangle needs mowing/strimming. This is not an area covered by Highways as it does not impact junction visibility. - The trees from the Boar's Head carpark are overhanging the wall over the pavement restricting use of the pavement 6.4 Nothing to report from Parish Cllr S Pritchard				6.1 Clerk to report grass cutting to Highways 6.2 No further action required 6.3 Clerk to contact the Boar's Head to request the trees are trimmed back. 6.4 No further action required
7.	Planning	Planning matters to decide None received Planning decisions None received Planning appeals None received				7. Announced
8.	Financial Matters	8.1 To approve payment of the clerk's salary for 6 hours for May 2026 8.2 To approve payment of £600 to North Yorkshire Council for invoice 490177656 for the installation of the post for the VAS sign. 8.3 To confirm payment of £441.40 to Zurich Insurance for invoice 554851120 for the period of 1st June 2026 - 31st May 2027. Approval was granted via email by the Parish Councillors as payment was due prior to the next Parish Council Meeting. 8.4 To confirm the closing bank balances as of Friday 29th May 2026 Ripley Parish Council Account: £8228.67 Ripley Community Fund (Formerly Friends of Ripley Account): £82.80 8.5a To certify Ripley Parish Council as exempt from external audit for fiscal year 2025/26.				8.1 Approved 8.2 Approved 8.3 Confirmed 8.4 Confirmed 8.5a Certified 8.5b Noted 8.5c Approved 8.5d Approved 8.5e Approved

		8.5b To note the Annual Internal Audit Report for 2025/26 included at page 4 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26 8.5c To approve Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2023/24 for Ripley Parish Council on page 5 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26. 8.5d To approve Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2025/26 for Ripley Parish Council on page 6 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/2026 8.5e To approve the publication of documents required by Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015, and the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities.	
9.	To consider the following pre submitted matters from local residents:	9.1 E Raubitschek: Parish Council Meeting seating arrangements. A request for understanding on the seating arrangements at Parish Council meetings since January 2026. Parish Cllr H Smith explained that Parish Council meetings are a meeting of the Parish Councillors with local residents observing. The new seating allows for the Parish Councillors to engage more in discussion with one another. The change in seating was partly implemented due to disruptive behaviour by some members of the public. The Parish Council will review the seating arrangements to ensure they remain suitable, and inclusive for all attendees 9.2 A local resident requested an update on 20260505 9.5 regarding reports of potholes on Hollybank Lane. The Clerk confirmed this has been reported to the Ripley Estate and is on their to-do list	9.1 The Parish Cllrs to review seating layout 9.2 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 July 2026	10 Confirmed.

Meeting Start Time: 19:00 Meeting End Time: 19:30