

Ripley Parish Council Meeting Minutes – Tuesday 7th July 2026

Topic		Discussion				Decision made / Actions taken
1.	Attendance & Apologies	Parish Councillors: S Pritchard D Bowes P House	Guests: 0	Local Residents: 11	Apologies: North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister H Smith V Kirkham (Headteacher - Ripley Primary School)	No further action required
2.	Declarations of Interest	2.1 None				2.1 No further action required
3.	Confirmation of minutes	3.1 Confirmation that the minutes from Tuesday 2nd June 2026 are a true and correct record				3.1 Confirmed
4.	Local School End of Year Update	4.1 To receive an end of school year update from Ripley Endowed Church of England Primary School Headteacher, V Kirkman <i>Headteacher V Kirkham was not present at the meeting but provided an update via email in advance of the meeting</i> Pupil roll for September 2026 is 75 and we anticipate further in-year transfers. This has increased from 24 in 2022/23 to today's number. We are hugely proud of this and what this number of children and families brings to the village in terms of local businesses and reputation to ensure the village of Ripley is thriving. We are however also mindful that with this increase of children comes additional noise during school social times and human traffic through the village at 08:30-08:45 and 3:15-3:30pm - in addition to the traffic on the roads. Parents and carers however have been hugely receptive to school's communications regarding parking in the top car park, behaviours of children after school and general presence in the village. In terms of social times and PE lessons, although the noise has increased, it is truly wonderful to hear the buzz of play and enjoyment from our wonderful children in a school that has been in its location for many years. We continue to work with village personnel in terms of accessing tennis courts, cricket field, castle and Church and the local amenities successfully support our curriculum. We are looking at using the upstairs of the EYFS/C1 building and so works will take place over the course of the next year however this will be internal only and any external works such as painting railings and front door/windows will be done in shades matching those of the village. Our PTA works tirelessly to ensure the flowers and plants at the front of school look superb and aesthetically pleasing in our wonderful village. It really is a positive picture at Ripley Endowed CE School and we very much look forward to continuing our success well into the future. Please do approach Parish Cllr H Smith or myself (Headteacher V Kirkham) if any issues arise and we will work to resolve positively as ever.				4.1 No further action required
5.	Information on ongoing issues	5.1 To receive an update on the road markings at Orchard Lane. Reminder to all residents to report any parking that is blocking the junction to North Yorkshire Police 5.2 To receive an update on the junction signage and layby at Birthwaite Lane. No further update available 5.3 To receive an update on the playground's maintenance/general upkeep requirements and lease. • Ripley Castle Estate have confirmed the Parish Council can continue on the terms of the previous lease for at present • Parish Cllr D Bowes confirmed the playground has been strimmed • The trees are still causing concern for overhanging the the playground equipment 5.4 To receive an update on Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) Signage. • The solar panel has now been installed and the sign is working. • The sign requires turning at least twice a year and to review effectiveness in each direction 5.5 To receive an update on the bus shelter restoration. Awaiting response to National Lottery Grant application				5.1 For reports to be submitted to North Yorkshire Police when received. 5.2 To continue to follow up 5.3 Parish Cllr S Pritchard to follow up with tree contact 5.4 No further action required 5.5 No further action required
6.	North Yorkshire Councillor's report	6. To receive the North Yorkshire Councillor's report. <i>North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister was not present at the meeting, report provided following the meeting.</i>				5. No further action required
7.	Parish Councillors Reports	7.1 Report from Parish Cllr D Bowes The verges and roundabout have been trimmed since the last meeting. However the footpath from the North roundabout to Nidd Lane End bus stop on A61 is overgrown. 7.2 Report from Parish Cllr P House • There have been antisocial behaviour instances involving drinking alcohol in the street and anecdotal cases of drink-driving. • The abandoned car is still there on Main Street. This has been reported to North Yorkshire Council who have passed the details onto the DVLA				7.1 Clerk to report grass cutting to Highways 7.2 If any antisocial behaviour is observed, report to police at the time of the incident. 7.3 No further action required

		Thanks to D Patton for cutting the grass verges on Main Street 7.3 Nothing to report from Parish Cllr S Pritchard	
8.	Planning	Planning matters to decide None received Planning decisions None received Planning appeals None received	8 Announced
9.	Financial Matters	9.1 To confirm the closing bank balances as of Friday 3rd July 2026 a) Ripley Parish Council Account: £6986.25 b) Ripley Community Fund (Formerly Friends of Ripley Account): £82.80 9.2 To thank D Patton for completing the 2025-26 Annual Governance and Accountability Returns (AGAR) which has been successfully submitted to the external auditor PKF Little John. 9.3 To confirm payment of invoice 192265 to Defib Warehouse for £428 for replacement pads and defibrillator battery. This payment was agreed via email by the Parish Councillors in advance of the meeting. 9.4 To approve payment of invoice 104830 to Ripley Castle Estate for £50 for the 2026 rent of the Cherry Patch Playground. 9.5 To approve the Locality Budget Monitoring Form for North Yorkshire Council for the £450 grant awarded by North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe-Lister for the erection of the post for the VAS sign. 9.6 To approve payment of the clerk's salary for 8 hours for June 2026.	9.1 Confirmed 9.2 Thanks and gift of chocolate given 9.3 Confirmed 9.4 Approved 9.5 Approved 9.6 Approved
10.	To consider the following pre submitted matters from local residents:	10.1 Increase in pigeons fouling in the village The Parish Council cannot erect any pigeon deterrents on privately owned properties, however, local residents and business owners could install pigeon deterrents on their properties if they wish to.	10.1 Clerk to report increase in pigeons to North Yorkshire Council regarding pigeons nesting in trees on the bypass
11.	To confirm the date of the next meeting	11. To confirm the date of the next meeting is Tuesday 1st September 2026	10 Confirmed.

Meeting Start Time: 19:01

Meeting End Time: 19:31