

AMPLEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN AMPLEFORTH VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2025 AT 7.15PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Cllrs Nichola Nichols (Chairman), Antony Straszewski (Deputy Chairman), Emily Slingsby, & Ed Carter

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Knapton (Locum Clerk) & 7 members of the public.

25/32 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Cllr Kate Beck. There were no declarations of interests.

25/33 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2025

Minutes had been previously circulated, and these were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

25/34 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Items discussed were a neighbourhood plan and the website.

25/35 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Mason was not present.

25/36 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. The cemetery extension planning application reserved matters had been discharged.
- b. The new .gov.uk had been registered and council email accounts created.
- c. The updated policies had been uploaded to the website.
- d. The Council records had been collected and put in the filing cabinet in the village hall. The Chairman and the Clerk would sort these on Monday.
- e. The Council PO Box arrangements would be cancelled in June at the end of the contract. The other Councils had been informed.
- f. The overgrown hedgerow between Station Row and St Benedict's Close had been reported to Yorkshire Housing.
- g. The shed in the cemetery had been removed.
- h. The Chairman and the Clerk would update the cemetery records on Monday.
- i. A safety issue highlighted by a resident had been reported to Yorkshire Housing and NYC Street Lighting.

25/37 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A neighbourhood plan / parish plan / village design statement had been proposed by members of the public. It was agreed to consult with North Yorkshire Council and Husthwaite Parish Council, who were undertaking a neighbourhood plan, to gather more information and invite them to attend a meeting to discuss the proposal.

Approved Chairman

25/38 **GRASS CUTTING**

The 2025 grass cutting schedule was discussed and minor amendments suggested. Cllr Carter would send the Clerk an updated schedule to be forwarded to the contractor.

25/39 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**

- a. ZE25/00210/CAT – Fell 1 Cherry Tree at Eldgarth, Back Lane for Mrs Ruth Hillier. **No objections.**
- b. ZE25/00136/HOUSE – Erection of a detached single & two storey ancillary building at Watergate Farm, Mill Lane for Eleanor Hardie. **No objections.**
- c. NYM/2025/0132 – Notification of proposed works to trees at Prospect House. **No objections.**

25/40 **PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS**

None received.

25/41 **FINANCIAL, AUDIT & GOVERNANCE**

- a. The following payments were agreed:

| | | £ |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| Nigel Knapton | Postage | 2.55 |
| Visions ICT | Domain & email | 234.02 |
| Gerard Thompson | Removal of shed | 150.00 |

- b. There were no further invoices for payment.
- c. There was no income received in the period.

25/42 **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

On the west side of Station Road opposite Field View Close the tarmac on the path is raised. The Clerk would report it to NYC Highways.

25/43 **PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

None

25/44 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no further correspondence requiring decision.

25/45 **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Neighbourhood Plan
Cemetery Action Plan.

25/46 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next full council meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 April 2025 at 7.15pm

25/47 RESOLUTION

To resolve to exclude members of the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the nature of the business to be transacted at item 25/31 being prejudicial to the public interest.

25/48 TO CONSIDER ACTIONS DURING EMPLOYEE'S ABSENCE

Due to the confidential nature of the discussion a separate confidential meeting minute was recorded.

The meeting closed at 8.39pm.

Approved Chairman