

**AMPLEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN AMPLEFORTH VILLAGE HALL**

**ON WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2025 AT 7.15PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Cllrs Nichola Nichols (Chairman), Antony Straszewski (Deputy Chairman), Kate Beck, Emily Slingsby

**ALSO PRESENT:** Nigel Knapton (Locum Clerk) & 5 members of the public.

**25/49      APOLOGIES**

There were apologies from Cllr Ed Carter. There were no declarations of interests.

**25/50      MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 MARCH 2025**

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

**25/51      PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

Items discussed were scrap metal in a garden and Back Lane flooding.

**25/52      NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Cllr Mason was not present.

**25/53      CLERK'S REPORT**

- a. The Council records had been sorted and had been reduced to a quarter.
- b. The cemetery records had not been updated as a key to the cabinet was awaited. This would take place on Monday.
- c. The Chairman and Locum Clerk had attended a YLCA Neighbourhood Planning seminar. New guidance is to be issued by the Government in September. Once this is issued the subject will be put back on the agenda.
- d. The grass cutting schedule for 2025 had been sent to the contractor.
- e. The raised path opposite Field Close had been reported to NYC Highways.
- f. North Yorkshire Council street lighting had responded to the security issue.
- g. The litter pick organised by the Byland & Wass WI on 22 March had been a great success with 28 participants. The organisers were thanked.
- h. The Boundary Commission proposals for the 2027 North Yorkshire Council divisions had been circulated.

**25/54      GRANT APPLICATION**

It was agreed to award a grant of up to £500 to Ampleforth & District Gardening Club towards the organising of a village show in September.

Approved ..... Chairman

**25/55 FALLEN TREE**

It was agreed that the fallen tree on Old Station Road would be removed by the contractor.

**25/56 CEMETERY**

- a. It was agreed that Cllr Straszewski would draw up a plan showing the landscaping, new fencing and boundary treatment so that the initial grants could be accessed.
- b. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the PCC secretary to obtain the family details of a leaning gravestone so contact could be made to ask them what they maintenance they wished to undertake.

**25/57 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**

- a. ZE25/00282/CAT – Fell and removed Elder tree at St Benedict's Centre for Jack Thompson.  
**No objections.**

**25/58 PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS**

None received.

**25/59 FINANCIAL, AUDIT & GOVERNANCE**

- a. The following payments were agreed:

		£
YLCA	Training	52.60
YLCA	Subscription	352.00
Canon Row Ltd	Locum clerking	1,840.00
Autela Payroll Services	Payroll	94.56

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

**25/60 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

A bag of sand had burst on East End. The Clerk would write to the resident to ask them to remove it.

**25/61 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

None

**25/62 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no further correspondence requiring decision.

**25/63 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Allotment provision.

**25/64 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next full council meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 May 2025 at 7.15pm

Approved ..... Chairman

**25/65      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 25/66 being prejudicial to the public interest.

**25/66      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 8.11pm.

Approved ..... Chairman