

AMPLEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN AMPLEFORTH VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 1 MAY 2025 AT 7.15PM

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

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

25/67 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Nichola Nicholls was elected as Chairman.

25/68 CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF OFFICE

Cllr Nicholls signed the declaration.

25/69 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Antony Straszewski was elected as Vice-Chairman

25/70 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from North Yorkshire Cllr Steve Mason. There were no declarations of interests.

25/71 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 APRIL 2025

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

25/72 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Items discussed were planning and dog waste.

25/73 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Mason reported on hedgerow damage, call for sites, sewage stormflow and the boundary commission.

25/74 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. The cemetery records were still to be updated by the Chairman and the Clerk.
- b. The fallen tree on Old Station Road had been removed by the contractor.
- c. The Parochial Church Council did not hold the contact details for the family of the leaning gravestone. It was decided that advice would be sought by the Chairman from a stonemason.
- d. The creation of a cemetery landscaping and fencing plan was ongoing.
- e. The sand bag on East End had been removed.
- f. The NYC locality grant for the defibrillator had been received.
- g. The Back Lane was not a public road and therefore bollards were a matter for the owner.
- h. The internal audit and AGAR preparation was ongoing.

Approved Chairman

25/75 TO APPOINT PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

- a. Cllr Straszewski was appointed as representative to the Ampleforth United Charities.

25/76 ALLOTMENTS

It was agreed to contact North Yorkshire Council to see if land at the closed school could be transferred for use as allotments. It was also agreed to advertise to see if anyone wished to bring forward suitable land for such as use.

25/77 NYMNPA VILLAGE CARETAKER GRANT SCHEME

It was agreed to claim the grant for 2025/26.

25/78 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

- a. ZE25/00371/FUL – Erection of 4 bedroom replacement dwelling with associated landscaping, erection of a studio building and new natural outdoor pool at Beckside Cottage, Thorpe Lane for Susie Morley (Rosella Properties (York) Ltd) **No objections.**

25/79 PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

- a. ZE25/00086/HOUSE – Erection of car port to side elevation (retrospective) at 11 Birdforth Way for Mr Anthony Lepecha. **Approved.**
b. ZE25/00136/HOUSE – Erection of a detached single and two storey ancillary building containing garaging, gym and first floor guest bedroom following removal of the stable building at Watergate Farm, Mill Lane for Mr & Mrs Jonathan Thornton Abbott. **Approved.**

25/80 FINANCIAL, AUDIT & GOVERNANCE

- a. The following payments were agreed:

		£
Gerard Thompson	Tree Removal	60.00
North Yorkshire HR Solutions	HR Advice	364.32

- b. There was £750 received in the period from NYC for the defibrillator grant.

25/81 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- a. The verge outside Manor House on West End needed reinstatement. The Locum Clerk would write to the residents.
b. Vehicles were having to drive over a BT concrete cover on the verge on St Hilda's Walk. The Locum Clerk would report to NYC Area 4 Highways.
c. Some of the verges on West End were not been cut by residents. The Locum Clerk would produce a letter asking residents to do this.

25/82 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- a. Cllr Carter reported on the Howardian Hills meeting.

25/83 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no further correspondence requiring decision.

25/84 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None.

Approved Chairman

25/85 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full council meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 June 2025 at 7.00pm

25/86 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 25/87 being prejudicial to the public interest.

25/87 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 8.33pm.

Approved Chairman