

AMPLEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN AMPLEFORTH VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 2025 AT 7.00PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Knapton (Locum Clerk) & 2 members of the public.

25/88 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies. There were no declarations of interests.

25/89 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 MAY 2025

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

25/90 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Items discussed were planning and dog waste.

25/91 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Mason had sent a report on the new waste collection procedures.

25/92 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. The work on updating the cemetery records had been started by the Chairman and the Clerk.
- b. Advice was still awaited from the stonemason on the leaning headstone. In the meantime, it had fallen on its face.
- c. The creation of a cemetery landscaping and fencing plan was ongoing.
- d. A reply had been received from NYC regarding the old school. A piece of land would be available to purchase for allotments if the purchaser of the diocese land did not wish to purchase it. The estimated cost would be £15,000.
A suggestion had been received that the part of the sports field be used for allotments. This would be passed on to the committee.
No response had been received to the call for land poster.
- e. A reply had been received from NYC Highways regarding the driving over the BT cover on St Hilda's Walk. An officer had visited and observed the issue was caused by parked cars. A resident has sent their comments. NYC Highways did not plan to make an intervention.
- f. The letter to West End residents regarding verge cutting had solicited one response from a resident who did not wish to participate.
- g. The claim form for the NYMNP A Caretaker Scheme had been received and would be completed and returned.
- h. A request from Amazon had been received regarding the ownership of Back Lane. The response had been that neither the Parish Council nor NYC owned the land.
- i. The Riponian Motorsport Rally stage on 7 & 8 February 2026 was noted.
- j. The Common Shares rent invoices had been sent and all payments had been received.
- k. The YLCA Ryedale Branch Annual Meeting on Tuesday 10 June was noted.

Approved Chairman

- I. A request for ownership information for a buffer zone on Station Road. The details had been passed on.

25/93 **LOCAL PARISH FORUM**

It was agreed to provide hot and cold drinks, cakes and biscuits for the forum on 25 June.

25/94 **MANOR HOUSE VERGE**

It was agreed that the Council preferred that the verge should be returned to its previous state without any hexcrete or other hard surface being installed.

25/95 **URBAN GRASSCUTTING**

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

25/96 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**

- a. ZE25/00506/HOUSE – Erection of a side extension and first floor extension to existing outbuilding and erection of oak framed car port to the front elevation of the outbuilding at College Garth, Main Street for Mr & Mrs Damien Morrison. **No objections but do not wish to see become a residence.**
- b. ZE25/00513/HOUSE - Erection of timber playhouse, enclosed front porch and replacement of the conservatory roof with a solid profile roof (retrospective) at Fourwinds, Station Road for Mrs Prema Fernandes. **No objections.**
- c. ZE25/00272/HOUSE - Installation of external flue for log burner at 7 Mill Lane for Jack Rushworth. **No objections.**

25/97 **PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS**

- a. 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). **Approved.**
- b. ZE25/00011/HOUSE – Erection of a single storey extension with cat slide roof at Station House, Thorpe Lane for Robin Gunderson. **Approved.**

25/98 **FINANCIAL, AUDIT & GOVERNANCE**

- a. The following payments were agreed:

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| Account-ant (Yorkshire) | Internal Audit | £184.50 |
| Defibwarehouse UK | Defibrillator Pads & Battery | £285.00 |
| Canon Row Ltd | Locum Clerk & Mileage | £2,021.65 |
| North Yorkshire Council | Footway lighting | 441.34 |
| North Yorkshire HR Solutions | Human Resources | 1,500.00 |

- b. The internal auditors report for 2024/25 was noted.
- c. The annual governance statement for the year ended 31 March 2025 was approved.
- d. The accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 were approved.

25/99 **VILLAGE & MAINTENANCE**

- a. An A3 sign was required for the top of Station Road asking drivers not to park near the junction.
- b. A gravestone design was approved.

Approved Chairman

25/100 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

None.

25/101 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no further correspondence requiring decision.

25/102 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None.

25/103 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full council meeting will be held on Thursday 3 July 2025 at 7.00pm

25/104 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 25/105 being prejudicial to the public interest.

25/105 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 8.09pm.

Approved Chairman