

AMPLEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN AMPLEFORTH VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7.00PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Knapton (Locum Clerk) & 1 member of the public.

25/121 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Cllr Nichola Nichols. There were no declarations of interests.

25/122 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 JULY 2025

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

25/123 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

No matters were discussed.

25/124 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Mason was not present.

25/125 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. The work on updating the cemetery records had been started by the Chairman and the Clerk. The Chairman had identified additional records.
- b. The Station Road footway overgrown vegetation and had been reported to North Yorkshire Council and would be chased up.
- c. The residents of Manor House had restored the grass verge but would not be responsible for future damage from other vehicles.
- d. The NYMNPA planning training would take place on 22 October 2025.
- e. The overgrown Geldgate hedges had been reported to Yorkshire Housing and would be chased up.
- f. The Station Road hedge cutting had been done by NYC Highways.

25/126 VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS

A proposal from NYC Cllr Steve Mason was considered and it was agreed that more information was needed regarding the potential costs and logistics of the VAS sign sharing. Regarding physical interventions on the highway the Council's preference would be chicanes.

25/127 CHESTNUT TREE

The issue with the chestnut tree had been dealt with by a resident and a letter of thanks would be sent.

Approved Chairman

25/128 CEMETERY LANDSCAPING & FENCING PLAN

Cllr Straszewski presented the plans for the fencing and landscaping and the two phases. These were agreed and a tender document would be circulated to various contractors once these were identified to obtain quotations.

25/129 GRASS & HEDGE CUTTING

- a. Cllr Carter would contact two local contractors to see if either was able to cut and remove the hay on the Millennium Green.
- b. Cllr Carter would attempt to arrange the Orchard Hedge cut with a local contractor.

25/130 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

- a. ZE25/00702/HOUSE – Installation of a dormer window to the rear elevation at 8 Birdforth Way for Alisha Hunston. **No objections.**

25/131 NYC - PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

- a. ZE25/00513/House – Erection of a timber playhouse at Fourwinds, Station Road for Mrs Prema Fernandes. **Approved.**
- b. ZE24/04345/FUL – Change of use and alterations to a Public House to form an Inn at White Swan, Main Street for Fawcett (Rolco 144 Ltd). **Approved.**
- c. ZE25/00702/HOUSE – Installation of a dormer window at 8 Birdforth Way for Alisha Huston. **Approved.**
- d. ZE25/00506/HOUSE – Erection of side extension and first floor extension at College Garth, Main Street for Mr & Mrs Damien Morrison. **Approved.**

25/132 FINANCIAL, AUDIT & GOVERNANCE

- a. The following payments were agreed:

		£
Bridge Employment Law Ltd	Legal Settlement	420.00
Vision ICT Ltd	Website Hosting	384.00
North Yorkshire Council	Streetlight Maintenance	135.00
Canon Row Ltd	Locum Clerking	1,957.10
Autela Payroll Services	Payroll	84.00
MAH Garden Maintenance Ltd	Grass cutting	1,320.00
North Yorkshire HR Solutions	Human Resources	360.00

- b. No other invoices had been received.
- c. No income had been received.

25/133 VILLAGE & MAINTENANCE

The path from Station Road around the back of the school was overgrown. It was agreed that the Council did not have any authority over this path but would write to the owners to ask them to cut back their vegetation so that NYC Highways did not have to become involved.

25/134 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

None.

Approved Chairman

25/135 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no further correspondence requiring decision.

25/136 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Millennium Trust.

25/137 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full council meeting will be held on Thursday 2 October 2025 at 7.00pm

25/138 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.

25/139 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 8.38pm.

Approved Chairman