

AMPLEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN AMPLEFORTH VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2025 AT 7.00PM

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

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

25/140 APOLOGIES

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

25/141 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2025

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

25/142 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Matter discussed was a branch in the churchyard.

25/143 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Mason was not present.

25/144 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. The work on updating the cemetery records had been started by the Chairman and the Clerk. The Chairman would contact four undertaker firms to try and ascertain the details of four missing entries.
- b. The Station Road footway overgrown vegetation had been removed by North Yorkshire Council.
- c. The overgrown Geldgate hedges had been reported to Yorkshire Housing and still not been done and would be chased up again.
- d. The reply to the shared VAS proposal had been sent to NYC Cllr Mason.
- e. A letter thanking a resident for works to a chestnut tree had been sent.
- f. Suggestions of contractors to send the cemetery landscaping and fencing tenders to were still awaited.
- g. Cllr Carter had organised a contractor to cut the Millennium Green.
- h. Cllr Carter had organised a contractor to cut the orchard hedge.
- i. Letters had been sent to three residents along the path to the rear of the school.
- j. A complaint from a resident regarding the Sutton Bank closure diversion had been sent to NYC Cllr Mason.
- k. A response regarding the lifting pavement on Station Road had been received from NYC,
- l. The external audit conclusion notice had been posted on the website and would now be put on the noticeboard.

25/145 LAND AT RYMERS MILL

It was agreed to let a resident know that the Council had no objection to them tidying the land opposite Rymer's Mill.

Approved Chairman

25/146 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

- a. ZE25/00965/HOUSE – Crown reduce 1 Betula Pendula by 2m at Rymers Mill, Main Street for Mrs Kate Cawte. **No objections.**
- b. ZE25/00986/HOUSE – Erection of utility building for use with outdoor activities at Fairfax House, Mill Lane for Mr & Mrs Griffiths. **No objections.**
- c. ZE25/00992/MFUL – Replacement of existing farm building with new general purpose agricultural buildings at Ampleforth College Farms, East Lane for Ian Mosey Limited. **No objections.**

25/147 NYC - PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

None received.

25/148 FINANCIAL, AUDIT & GOVERNANCE

- a. The following payments were agreed:

		£
PFK Littlejohn LLP	External Audit	252.00
MAH Garden Maintenance Ltd	Grass Cutting	1,200.00

- b. No other invoices had been received.
- c. The half yearly precept had been received.
- d. The bank reconciliation, receipts and payments, actuals vs. budget and bank balances were noted.
- e. The remaining balances from the HSBC Bank accounts had been transferred to the Unity Trust Bank. Another letter would be sent to HSBC Bank to attempt to close the accounts again.
- f. The details of an HSBC Bank accounts for the Millennium Trust had been found. The Clerk would write to HSBC Bank to try and obtain access.

25/149 VILLAGE & MAINTENANCE

The Clerk would arrange for the Hawthorn branch in the churchyard to be removed.

25/150 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

None.

25/151 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no further correspondence requiring decision.

25/152 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Budget for 2026/27

Precept for 2026/27

25/153 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full council meeting will be held on Thursday 6 November 2025 at 7.00pm

Approved Chairman

25/154 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.

25/155 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 8.01pm.

Approved Chairman