

**AMPLEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**ON WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7.00PM**

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

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

**25/156     APOLOGIES**

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

**25/157     MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 OCTOBER 2025**

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

**25/158     PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

Matter discussed were the Millennium Green hedge and Beacon Hill Road.

**25/159     NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Cllr Mason was not present.

**25/160     CLERK'S REPORT**

- a. Two undertakers had replied regarding the Cemetery records and two more replies were awaited.
- b. The overgrown Geldgate hedges had not been cut by Yorkshire Housing and a request would be made to reduce the height to four feet for safety reasons especially on dark nights.
- c. Six tender documents had been sent to contractors for the cemetery landscaping and fencing quotes and one reply had been received so far. The deadline was 23 November 2025.
- d. The hawthorn branch in the church cemetery had been removed.

**25/161     AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

This would be on the December agenda.

**25/162     MILLENNIUM GREEN**

The issue with the gate on the Millennium Green reported by a resident would be monitored as appeared to now be working.

**25/163     S106 monies**

The £9,115.56 S106 monies held by North Yorkshire Council for youth and adult sports facilities was noted. It was agreed that if the Football Club applied for this towards changing rooms the Council would support this application.

Approved ..... Chairman

- 25/164     RECRUITMENT OF A NEW CLERK**  
Following the interview of three candidates it was agreed to appoint Nigel Knapton as the new Clerk as from 1 December 2025.
- 25/165     PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**  
None received.
- 25/166     NYC - PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS**  
a. ZE25/00986/HOUSE – Erection of utility building for use with outdoor activities at Fairfax House, Mill Lane for Mr & Mrs Hughes. **Granted.**
- 25/167     FINANCIAL, AUDIT & GOVERNANCE**  
a. The following payments were agreed:
- |                              |                |          |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------|
|                              |                | £        |
| YLCA                         | Vacancy advert | 20.00    |
| Gerard Thompson              | Branch removal | 25.00    |
| North Yorkshire HR Solutions | HR advice      | 30.00    |
| Canon Row Ltd                | Locum clerking | 1,777.10 |
- b. No other invoices had been received.  
c. The bank reconciliation, receipts and payments, actuals vs. budget and bank balances were noted.  
d. The HSBC had still not closed the bank accounts, and a follow up letter would be sent by the Clerk. A letter requesting how to access the Millennium Green account had already been sent.
- 25/168     VILLAGE & MAINTENANCE**  
The scope of the grass cutting contract would be reviewed in twelve months' time. A quote for 2026 would be required and Cllr Carter would provide the Clerk with a map.  
A letter had been received from Monk Fryston Parish Council requesting support for SID speed signs to be NYC policy. This support was agreed and would be sent to Cllr Malcolm Taylor and Cllr Steve Mason.  
A request from the Football Club had been received regarding an additional litter bin. The Council would support a grant to pay for this, but they would need to source it themselves and arrange with NYC for litter collection as it was not on Parish land.
- 25/169     PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**  
None.
- 25/170     CORRESPONDENCE**  
There was no further correspondence requiring decision.

**25/171     ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Affordable Housing  
Cemetery Quotes  
New Policies  
Budget for 2026/27  
Precept for 2026/27

**25/172     DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next full council meeting will be held on Thursday 4 December 2025 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.01pm.

Approved ..... Chairman