

**AMPLEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**ON WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2025 AT 7.00PM**

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

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

**25/173     APOLOGIES**

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

**25/174     MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2025**

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

**25/175     PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

Matter discussed was Beacon Hill Road.

**25/176     NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Cllr Mason was not present.

**25/177     CLERK'S REPORT**

- a. No more replies had been received from any undertakers, so it was agreed to fill in the register and leave any dates that were not known.
- b. Yorkshire Housing had responded that the overgrown Geldgate hedges would be cut before the end of the year.
- c. Two responses in total had been received for the cemetery landscaping and fencing tender. Only one wished to undertake the work and it was agreed to accept the bid from Metcalfe Fencing for £5,725.34 excluding VAT.
- d. The Clerk had been enrolled on to the payroll.
- e. No response had been received from HSBC following the closure letter and the Millennium Green letter.
- f. A response was awaited from NYC regarding the purchase of a public waste bin for the playing fields.
- g. The North York Moors Community Forum was looking for new organisation members.
- h. NYC Highways had replied regarding the Beacon Bank carriageway damage. It had not reached the intervention level but would be monitored monthly.
- i. A request from a member of the public for WW2 information had been referred to the local history society and county archives.

**25/178     AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Katrina Carver the NYC Rural Housing Enabler gave a presentation on Housing Needs Surveys and it was agreed that this would be requested to be undertaken.

Approved ..... Chairman

**25/179     LITTER PICK**

Following a presentation by Sue Smith from the Byland & Wass WI it was agreed that the Parish Council would undertake the organisation in future, and the planning of this would be put on the next agenda.

**25/180     PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**

- a. ZE25/00934/CAT – Tree works at The Rectory, Main Street for Mr David Knowles. **No objections.**

**25/181     NYC - PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS**

- a. ZE25/01009/73A– Variation of condition 2 of planning approval ZE25/00513/HOUSE at Fourwinds, Station Road for Mrs Prema Fernandes. **Granted.**

**25/182     FINANCIAL, AUDIT & GOVERNANCE**

- a. The following payments were agreed:

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MAH Garden Maintenance Ltd	Grass cutting	3,240.00
Canon Row Ltd	Locum Clerking	850.25
Autela Payroll Services	Payroll	56.26

- b. No other invoices had been received.  
c. The bank reconciliation, receipts and payments, actuals vs. budget and bank balances were noted.  
d. The budget for 2026/27 was agreed.  
e. The precept for 2026/27 was set at £16,900.

**25/183     VILLAGE & MAINTENANCE**

The footway on Station Road was lifting again due to flowing water. This would be reported to NYC Highways.

**25/184     POLICIES**

The following policies were adopted:

- a. IT Policy  
b. Homeworking Policy  
c. Disciplinary Policy  
d. Grievance Policy  
e. Expenses Policy & Claims Form

**25/185     PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

None.

**25/186     CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no further correspondence requiring decision.

**25/187     ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Planning of 2026 litter pick.

**25/188     DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next full council meeting will be held on Thursday 8 January 2026 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.11pm.