

AMPLEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN AMPLEFORTH VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY 2026 AT 7.00PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Knapton (Clerk) & no members of the public.

26/1 APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

26/2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2025

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

26/3 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

No matters were discussed.

26/4 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Mason was not present.

26/5 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. The burial register would now be filled with all know information.
- b. Yorkshire Housing had cut the overgrown Geldgate hedges.
- c. The work on the cemetery landscaping and fencing project would be starting on Monday.
- d. Bank statements had been received from HSBC but it was still unknown if the account had been closed. Nothing had been heard about the Millennium Green account.
- e. A response was still awaited from NYC regarding the purchase of a public waste bin for the playing fields.
- f. Details of the affordable housing survey had been received and would be circulated.
- g. The policies reviewed at the last meeting had been uploaded to the website.
- h. A response had been received from NY Highways regarding the raised footway on Station Road and they were to investigate the issue.

26/6 LITTER PICK

It was agreed that the annual litter pick would be held on Saturday 21 March 2026 between 10am and 12pm. The starting point would be the village hall. Cllr Straszewski would plan the routes. The Clerk would design an A4 poster, let the WI know the details and request picking sticks, bags and hiviz jackets from NYC Streetscene. It was agreed that up to £50 would be spent on badges for the Scouts & Guides taking part. It was also agreed to invite the MP and NYC Councillor to the event.

26/7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

None received.

26/8 NYC - PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

None received.

26/9 FINANCIAL, AUDIT & GOVERNANCE

a. The following payments were agreed:

		£
Nigel Knapton	Salary	447.37
HMRC	PAYE	132.89
Ampleforth Village Hall	Room Rent	360.00

b. No other invoices had been received.
c. The bank reconciliation, receipts and payments, actuals vs. budget and bank balances were noted.

26/10 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

A request to reserve a specific plot in the cemetery had been received and as there was no family connection with an existing plot the process was explained.

A price of the 2026 grass cutting would be confirmed with the contractor.

26/11 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

None.

26/12 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no further correspondence requiring decision.

26/13 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Apologies from Cllr Kate Beck.

26/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full council meeting will be held on Thursday 5 February 2026 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 7.37pm.