

AMPLEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN AMPLEFORTH VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 2026 AT 7.00PM

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

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

26/31 APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were apologies from Cllr Nichola Nichols and North Yorkshire Cllr Steve Mason. There were no declarations of interests.

26/32 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2026

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

26/33 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Matters discussed were cemetery water runoff, dogs on lead signs and overgrown churchyard wall.

26/34 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Mason was not present.

26/35 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. The Clerk would be writing to Barclays Bank plc headquarters to request information on any Millennium Green account they may hold.
- b. The playing field dog waste bin had been moved.
- c. The North Yorkshire Council affordable housing needs survey was underway, letters had been delivered to all households and posters had been put up around the village.
- d. Cllrs Slingsby & Beck would arrange the drinks and cakes for the litter pick. Cllr Straszewski would plan the routes. The hall was booked. The Clerk would chase up North Yorkshire Council regarding the litter picking equipment.
- e. The Clerk had been on the Cemetery Management course with YLCA. A report would be given next month.
- f. The graveyard lighting grant had been paid and the Clerk would remind the Our Lady and Saint Benedict's Roman Catholic Church that the grant must be spent by the end of the municipal year.
- g. The cemetery drainage would be dealt with further down the agenda.
- h. The tree management would be discussed further down the agenda.
- i. Two of the 'dogs on leads' signs had been received. The Clerk would investigate why the last two had not been delivered.
- j. The playing field dog waste bin had been moved.
- k. The burial fees review would be on the April agenda.
- l. The building materials left at a site entrance had been reported to North Yorkshire Council who were arranging their removal.

Approved Chairman

26/36 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

- a. ZE25/01388/HOUSE – Erection of a two storey side extension and enlarged entrance porch for Mr & Mrs Webster at Swift House, Back Lane. **No objections but comments made regarding traffic management and swifts.**
- b. ZE26/00044/HOUSE – Alterations and extension of existing outbuilding to form garaging, garden store and home workshop and installation of solar panels to South elevation. Erection of new detached open fronted garage outbuilding for Mr & Mrs Jonathan Thornton Abbott at Watergate Farm, Mill Lane. **No objections.**
- c. ZE26/00138/CAT – Removal of 5 spruce trees for Mr Kevin Clarke at Ludley House, Main Street. **No objections.**
- d. NYM/2026/0102 – Application for alterations, removal of porch and construction of two storey rear extension together with removal of garage and sheds, construction of garden room and hard landscaping at Brookside Cottage, Main Street, Ampleforth. **No objections but comments made.**

26/37 NYC - PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

None received.

26/38 CEMETERY DRAINAGE

It was agreed that the Council should join the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) at a cost of £105 per annum and seek further advice on potential drainage issues. Also to contact Bold Environmental Ltd who did the drainage survey for their comments.

26/39 COMMON SHARES

It was agreed to confirm with North Yorkshire Highways that the verge cutting undertaken by one of the tenants addressed their concerns.

26/40 CHURCHYARD TREE

It was agreed that Cllr Straszewski would mark the branches that needed to be removed and then the Clerk would arrange for these to be removed.

26/41 FINANCIAL, AUDIT & GOVERNANCE

- a. The following payments were agreed:

		£
Nigel Knapton	Salary	447.17
HMRC	PAYE	133.09
Gerard Thompson	Move Dog Waste Bin	40.00

- b. No other invoices had been received.
- c. The bank reconciliation, receipts and payments, actuals vs. budget and bank balances were noted.
- d. It was agreed to apply for a Unity Trust bank credit card.

26/42 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

A tree had fallen halfway up Beacon Bank on the east side. The Clerk would let NY Highways know.

Approved Chairman

26/43 **PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

None.

26/44 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no further correspondence requiring decision.

26/45 **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Review of burial fees.

Report on YLCA & ICCM training.

26/46 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next full council meeting will be held on Thursday 2 April 2026 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 7.58pm.

ACTION LIST

NK	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Report fallen tree on Beacon Bankb. Write to Barclays Bank plc regarding Millennium Trust accountc. Contact ICCM & Bold Environmental Ltd regarding drainage.d. Chase up NYC regarding litter pick equipment.e. Apply for Unity Trust bank credit card.f. Remind Our Lady and Saint Benedict's Roman Catholic Church regarding lighting grant spend.g. Find out why the two dog signs have not been delivered.
AS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Mark branches to be removed from church yard tree.
ES & KB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Arrange food and drink for the litter pick.