

AMPLEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN AMPLEFORTH VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL 2026 AT 7.00PM

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

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

26/47 APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were apologies from Cllr Emily Slingsby. There were no declarations of interests.

26/48 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 MARCH 2026

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

26/49 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Matters discussed were gulley cleaning and a falling tree.

26/50 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Mason was not present.

26/51 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. The Clerk had written to Barclays Bank plc headquarters to request information on any Millennium Green account they may hold.
- b. The community litter pick had taken place and had been very successful with 36 participants. Thanks were made to 1st Helmsley Scout Group for participating. Most litter had been found in East Lane consisting of sweet wrappers and the Clerk would write to the College to make them aware and invite them to the next pick.
- c. Our Lady & St Benedict Church conformed that the installation of graveyard lighting was taking place and had been delayed by the weather.
- d. North Yorkshire Council had responded regarding the works done to verges at the common shares and no further action was required.
- e. The Clerk would write to the PCC to ask permission to install 'Dogs to be kept on a lead' signs to the north gate and the pedestrian gate.
- f. The work to the churchyard tree had taken place.

26/52 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

None received.

26/53 NYC - PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

- a. ZE25/00992/MFUL – Replacement of existing farm buildings with new general purpose agricultural buildings and raising of the existing farmyard with permeable limestone hardcore to a level of 72.7m OOD at Ampleforth College Farms, East Lane for Ian Mosey Ltd – **Approved.**
- b. ZE25/01388/HOUSE – Erection of two storey side extension and enlarged entrance porch at Swift House, Back Lane for Mr & Mrs Webster – **Approved.**
- c. ZE26/00044/HOUSE – Alterations and extension of existing outbuildings to form garaging, garden store and home workshop and installation of solar panels to south elevation. Erection of new detached open fronted garage building at Watergate Farm, Mill Lane for Mr & Mrs Jonathan Thirnton Abbott – **Approved.**

26/54 CEMETERY DRAINAGE

A reply had been received from Bold Environmental Ltd confirming that they had visited the site when they undertook the survey and gave details of their observations. It was agreed that the Council would await the receipt of any evidence of an issue from the joint owners of the lane collectively before undertaking any more investigations or contacting the ICCM.

26/55 BURIAL FEES

The burial fees were reviewed and agreed. The schedule of rates would be updated on the website.

26/56 FINANCIAL, AUDIT & GOVERNANCE

- a. The following payments were agreed:

		<u>£</u>
Nigel Knaption	Salary	447.17
HMRC	PAYE	133.09
Gerard Thompson	Move Dog Waste Bin	40.00
YLCA	Subscription	375.00

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

26/57 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

The gully on Station Road was blocked. The Clerk would write to NYC Highways to ask for the schedule of cleaning.

A tree was falling on East Lane. The Clerk would let NY Highways know.

Cllr Straszewski would survey all the salt bins in the village including Parish and North Yorkshire Council ones so the Clerk could report any issues.

26/58 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- a. Cllr Carter reported on the Millennium Green wildflower replenishment of four hundred plus wildflowers by volunteers from the Howardian Hills National Landscape. It was hoped they work on the pond later in the year.
- b. Cllr Nicholls reported on the Parish Forum held in Brandsby. Several topics were discussed including speeding.

- c. Cllr Straszewski reported on the meeting of the York & North Yorkshire Combined Authority who had approved the installation fixed speed cameras.

26/59 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no further correspondence requiring decision.

26/60 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Production of newsletter.

26/61 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full council meeting will be held on Thursday 7 May 2026 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

ACTION LIST

NK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Write to College regarding litter. b. Write to PCC regarding dog signs. c. Update burial fees on website. d. Write to NYC Highways regarding falling tree and gulleys.
AS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Survey all salt bins.