

AMPLEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN AMPLEFORTH VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 2026 AT 7.05PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Knapton (Clerk) & 3 members of the public.

26/62 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Nicholls was unanimously elected as Chairman.

26/63 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Straszewski was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman.

26/64 APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

26/65 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 APRIL 2026

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

26/66 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Matters discussed were foliage on Station Road near the substation and benches.

26/67 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Mason was not present.

26/68 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. The Clerk had written to Barclays Bank plc headquarters to request information on any Millennium Green account they may hold. Still nothing had been received.
- b. The dogs on leads signs had been received and would be installed at the churchyard with the permission of the PCC.
- c. The burial fees had been updated on the website.
- d. The sweet wrapper littering on East End had been reported to the College. No reply had been received.
- e. NYC had responded regarding the falling tree on East End and this was on private land.
- f. NYC had responded that the gulleys on Station Road would be cleaned in June.
- g. The Conservation Volunteers service information had been circulated.

Approved Chairman

26/69 **GRANT APPLICATION**

It was agreed to grant Ampleforth & District Gardening club £350 in support of their application.

26/70 **PRODUCTION OF NEWSLETTER**

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk would provide material for the Clerk to produce the newsletter for Summer 2026.

26/71 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**

- a. ZE26/00209/HOUSE – Replacement of all windows, aluminum gutters and rainwater pipes to front and rear, replacement of all doors and installation of a new gate across the driveway entrance and internal alterations at Ludley House, Main Street for Mrs Rhona Macdonald. **No objections but the colour should match the venacular.**
- b. ZE26/00299/CAT – Removal of 1 silver birch tree at Carmel Cottage, Main Street for Mr Kieran Russell. **Objection due to no arborists report.**
- c. FL/2026/00129 – Installation of replacement uPVC windows at Tom Smith’s Cottage, East End for Mrs Anthea Daniels. **No objections.**

26/72 **NYC - PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS**

None received.

26/73 **FINANCIAL, AUDIT & GOVERNANCE**

- a. The following payments were agreed:

		£
Nigel Knapton	Salary	447.17
HMRC	PAYE	133.09
Nigel Knapton	Dogs on leads signs	14.98
Ampleforth & District Gardening Club	Grant	350.00

- b. No other invoices had been received.
- c. The bank reconciliation, receipts and payments, actuals vs. budget and bank balances were noted.
- d. The annual governance statement for the year ended 31 March 2026 was approved.
- e. The accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2026 were approved.

26/74 **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

The litter bin purchased from NYC for the football field had still not been received. The grass cutting contractor would be told to cut the daffodil areas at the next cut. Cuttings had been left near the public bench on East End. The Clerk would write to the occupier of Elm House.

26/75 **PARISH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

None

26/76 **CORRESPONDENCE**
There was no further correspondence requiring decision.

26/77 **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**
Production of newsletter.

26/78 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The next full council meeting will be held on Thursday 4 June 2026 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.04pm.

ACTION LIST

NK	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Write to resident at Elm House regarding cuttings near public bench.b. Get quote regarding laurel removal on Station Road.c. Let grass cutting contractor know about daffodil cut.d. Chase up delivery of football field litter bin.e. Write article for newsletter.
AS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Survey all salt bins.b. Give NK contractor name for Station Road laurel removal.c. Provide copy for newsletter.
NN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Provide copy for newsletter