

AMPLEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN AMPLEFORTH VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE 2026 AT 7.00PM

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

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

26/62 APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were apologies from Cllr Kate Beck and North Yorkshire Cllr Steve Mason. There were no declarations of interests.

26/63 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 MAY 2026

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

26/64 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Matters discussed were website updates, a branch in the millennium park and footpath reinstatement.

26/65 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Mason had sent a report regarding his visits around the area with NYC Highways.

26/66 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. Still nothing had been received since the Clerk had written to Barclays Bank plc headquarters to request information on any Millennium Green. The Clerk would attend one of Barclays hub meetings to see if there was a way forward.
- b. The bin for the sports field had still not been received. An invoice had also not been received. The Clerk would follow this up with NYC.
- c. The Clerk had let the grass cutting contractor know that the daffodils could now be cut. This had been done.
- d. The hedge cuttings near the bench in East End left by a resident had still not been removed despite a removal date been given. The Clerk had contacted the resident again.
- e. The grant to Ampleforth & District Gardening Club had been paid.
- f. A quote had been received for the removal of the cemetery boundary hedge. The Northern Electric cables may need shielding and a faculty from the Diocese may be required. Another quote would be obtained as well.
- g. The broken water hydrant marker on East End had been reported to Yorkshire Water and they would undertake its replacement.
- h. The lifting pavement on Station Road was awaiting action by Yorkshire Water. NYC Highways were chasing them to undertake the repair.

Approved Chairman

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26/67 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

The Housing Needs survey had been completed and the need for the following homes had been identified by North Yorkshire Council.

- 1 x 1-bed flat or house
- 2 x 2-bed bungalows
- 1 x 2-bed house
- 1 x 3-bed house

The next stage would be a call for land from North Yorkshire Council.

26/68 PRODUCTION OF NEWSLETTER

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had provided their copy for the newsletter, and the Clerk would now produce the newsletter for Summer 2026. Contact number for various agencies would be included together with future meeting dates.

26/69 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

None received.

26/70 NYC - PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

None received.

26/71 FINANCIAL, AUDIT & GOVERNANCE

a. The following payments were agreed:

		£
Nigel Knapton	Salary	447.17
HMRC	PAYE	133.09
North Yorkshire Council	Street lighting energy	443.74

b. No other invoices had been received.

c. The bank reconciliation, receipts and payments, actuals vs. budget and bank balances were noted.

26/72 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

A concern regarding speeding and traffic volumes in St Hilda's Walk had been received and a note would be put in the newsletter that incidents must be reported to the Police to create a bank of evidence.

26/73 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Carter reported that he had responded to the Howardian Hills National Landscape call for grant applications and had put forward work in the Millennium Green.

Approved Chairman

26/74 **CORRESPONDENCE**
There was no further correspondence requiring decision.

26/75 **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**
Production of newsletter.
Survey of salt bins.

26/76 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The next full council meeting will be held on Thursday 2 July 2026 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 7.49pm.

ACTION LIST

NK	a. Get second quote regarding laurel removal on Station Road. b. Contact Northern Electric regarding laurel removal overhead cables. c. Chase up delivery of football field litter bin. d. Complete newsletter. e. Check fly tipping in East End had been cleared.
AS	a. Survey all salt bins. b. Give NK second contractor name for Station Road laurel removal. c. Obtain faculty for laurel removal.