

AMPLEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN AMPLEFORTH VILLAGE HALL

ON THURSDAY 2 JULY 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) & 2 members of the public.

26/77 APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

26/78 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2026

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

26/79 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Matters discussed were the bridge and nettles at Millennium Green, the cleaning of gulleys on Station Road, site submissions to the NYC Local Plan and noise nuisance from parties.

26/80 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Mason was not present.

26/81 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 account. The Clerk had attended Filey Barclays hub and would attend the Easingwold one tomorrow.
- b. The litter bin for the sports field had now been delivered and an invoice received.
- c. The cuttings left near the bench on East End had been removed by the resident.
- d. The NYC Rural Housing Enabler would now be making a call for land to facilitate the affordable housing identified by the Housing Needs Survey.
- e. The draft newsletter was presented and a few amendments made. This would now go to print and 400 copies were required.
- f. Cllr Straszewski had surveyed all the grit bins in the village and 34 had been found out of the last recorded 36. The asset register would be amended accordingly.

Approved Chairman

26/82 REMOVAL OF LAUREL BOUNDARY HEDGE AT THE CHURCH YARD

- a. An additional quotation would be received this month after a site visit had been made by the contractor.
- b. The completed planning application had been received from the Parochial Church Council, and this would be submitted in the name of the Parish Council.
- c. The shielding of the overhead cables had been arranged with Northern Powergrid.
- d. A faculty had been received by the Diocese.

26/83 STANDING ORDERS

The latest version of the NALC Standing Orders were adopted and would be uploaded to the website.

26/84 POST

It was agreed that permission be sought to install a post box for Parish Council use on the village hall to ensure security of postal delivery.

26/85 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

- a. ZE26/00370/FUL – Installation of photovoltaic (PV) on the roof of Bamford Science Centre at Ampleforth College for Mr Chris Wright (Powercor). **No objection.**

26/86 NYC - PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

None received.

26/87 FINANCIAL, AUDIT & GOVERNANCE

- a. The following payments were agreed:

		£
Nigel Knapton	Salary	447.17
HMRC	PAYE	133.09
Vision ICT Ltd	Website hosting and support	411.00
MAH Garden Maintenance	Grass cutting	1,320.00
Clare Smith	Internal Audit	185.00

- b. No other invoices had been received.
- c. The bank reconciliation, receipts and payments, actuals vs. budget and bank balances were noted.
- d. The Internal Audit had been completed and now submitted to the External Auditor.
- e. The recommendation of the Internal Auditor to update the Standing Orders had been done.

26/88 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- a. A resident had reported that the village gate signs needed to be washed.
- b. The stone sign on Spring Bank was covered in Ivy but the name was not obscured.
- c. There was a branch covering the road sign pointing to the Village Hall.
- d. The laurels were covering the bench on Station Road. This would have to await the planning permission.
- e. Ivy was growing over another bench on Station Road and needed to be removed.
- f. Letters would be sent to residents on West End to ask for plants and flowers to be cleared from the footway.

Approved Chairman

- g. To ask the grass cutting contractor to extend the cutting on St Hilda's Walk on the north side in lieu of the three areas missed each cut but documented in the specification
- h. The hedge at the substation on Station Road required cutting. The ownership would need to be identified.
- i. A fence had fallen over in the snicket between St Benedicts Close and Birdforth Way. Yorkshire Housing would be informed.

26/89 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

None.

26/90 CORRESPONDENCE

The Tour of Britain at the end of July was noted.

26/91 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None.

26/92 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full council meeting will be held on Thursday 3 September 2026 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

ACTION LIST

NK	a. Attend Barclays Hub in Easingwold. b. Add noise nuisance to newsletter and send to print. c. Amend asset register with number of grit bins. d. Submit planning application for Laurel removal. e. Upload new Standing Orders to website. f. Request permission to install post box on village hall. g. Ask local contractor to action items 26/88c and 26/88/e h. Report fallen fence to Yorkshire Housing. i. Produce letter to residents regarding overgrown flowers and plants. j. Ask NYC Highways when rest of village gullies would be cleaned. k. Forward planning application recommendations. l. Identify owner of overgrown hedge at substation in Station Road. m. Ask grass cutting contractor to extend cut in St Hilda's Walk.
AS	a. Meet with second contractor for Station Road laurel removal quote.

Approved Chairman