

AMPLEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN AMPLEFORTH VILLAGE HALL

ON THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7.00PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Knapton (Clerk) & 5 members of the public.

26/93 APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no apologies. There were no declarations of interests. Cllr Emily Slingsby had resigned and was thanked for her service to the Council. A casual vacancy notice had been published.

26/94 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 JULY 2026

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

26/95 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Matters discussed parking on Station Road, the gardening club and an overgrown snicket.

26/96 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Mason was not present.

26/97 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. As no information could be obtained from Barclays Bank regarding any existing Millennium Green account a new account would be opened with another bank offering a none fee account.
- b. The overflowing litter bin on Millennium Green had been emptied by NYC Streetscene and had been moved. It now needed to be concreted into position, and the contractor would be asked by the Clerk to do this
- c. The newsletter had been produced and distributed by Councillors.
- d. The works to the laurel hedge would take place this month if no objection is received from NYC Planning as an application had been submitted.
- e. The Parish Council post box had been installed on the village hall.
- f. The village gate signs had been washed.
- g. The branch covering the village hall road sign had been removed by the contractor.
- h. The ivy on the bench on Station Road had been removed by the contractor.
- i. Letters had been sent to certain West End residents regarding overgrown plants.
- j. The extension of the grass cutting on St Hilda's Walk had been implemented.
- k. The gully cleaning schedule from NYC Highways had been circulated.
- l. The Lloyds Tour of Britain cycling event on 5 September was noted.
- m. The North Yorkshire Moors Local Plan consultation has been circulated.
- n. The NYC Changes to polling district boundaries consultation had been circulated.
- o. The damage to the Yorkshire Housing fence had been reported and the location identified. This work had still not been undertaken.

Approved Chairman

- p. A complaint from a resident regarding diverted HGV's had been forwarded to NYC Cllr Steve Mason.
- q. Congratulations had been received from a resident regarding the new format of the newsletter.
- r. The details of the Ripon Motor Sport Club Rally road closures had been put on the website.
- s. The updated NYC Local Plan call for sites map publication was noted.

26/98 GRANT

It was agreed to award a grant of £250 to the Ampleforth & Hovingham Surgery Patient Participant Group towards their Health Awareness Sessions to be held in the Autumn.

26/99 COMMUNITY ASSETS

Local community groups had been made aware of the £9,115 of s106 monies available from North Yorkshire Council.

26/100 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

- a. ZE26/00698/CAT – Coppice 2 laurel trees at St Hilda's Church, Station Road for Nigel Knapton. **No comment.**
- b. FL/2026/00282 – Construction of access road, parking and turning areas to facilitate the permitted siting of eight holiday chalets at Carr Lodge Chalets, Jerry Carr Bank. **Comments made regarding conditions.**
- c. ZE26/00375/FUL – Erection of detached office building at Our Lady & St Benedicts RC Church, Main Street for Mr John Borrett. **No objections.**
- d. ZE26/00627/CAT – 2 ash trees to be reduced at The Granary, Main Street for Mr Dean Grant **No objections.**

26/101 NYC - PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

- a. ZE26/00209/HOUSE – Replacement of all windows, gutters and rainwater pipes to front and rear, replacement of all doors at Ludley House, main Street for Mrs Rhona Macdonald. **Approved**
- b. ZE26/00370/FUL – Installation of photovoltaic panels on a roof of the Bamford Science Centre at Ampleforth College for Mr Chris Wright. **Approved.**

26/102 FINANCIAL, AUDIT & GOVERNANCE

- a. The following payments were agreed:

		<u>£</u>
Nigel Knapton	Salary	447.17
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MAH Garden Maintenance Ltd	Grass cutting	1,320.00
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GH Smith & Son	Newsletter	139.00
North Yorkshire Council	Litter Bin	262.70
North Yorkshire Council	Street lighting Power	447.17

- 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 national paly agreement increase percentage for the Clerk of 3.3% was adopted.

26/103 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- a. The footway on Station Road had now split and needed repairing by NYC Highways.
b. A request would be made to NYC Highways for the details of the parking restrictions for the Sutton Bank diversion.
c. The time of meetings would be amended on the website to 7pm.

26/104 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Carter reported on planning for next May's treasure trail. A booklet would be produced with work by local artists.

26/105 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

26/106 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None.

26/107 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full council meeting will be held on Thursday 1 October 2026 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.06pm.

Approved Chairman

ACTION LIST

NK	a. Chase up fallen fence to Yorkshire Housing. b. Research bank accounts suitable for Millennium Green Trust. c. Arrange grant payment to Ampleforth & Hovingham SPPG. d. Report split footway on Station Road to NYC Highways. e. Amend meeting time on website. f. Request contractor to concrete in new litter bin and liaise with NN.
NN	a. Liaise with contractor regarding litter bin installation.
	a. Meet with contractor for Station Road laurel removal.

Approved Chairman