

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Ampleforth Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on Thursday 8th January 2015 at 7.30pm**

Present Councillors Toynbee (Chairman), Lane, Smith and Raynar.
Also Present L Pink (Clerk)

1. Apologises

Cllr Pite

2. Code of Conduct and the Ethical Framework

Both Cllr Toynbee & Cllr Raynar expressed connections to planning application NYM/2014/0853/RM/FL - Glebe Farm, West End, Ampleforth, York.

3. Minutes

The council resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th December 2014 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation

No members of the public were present at this part of the meeting.

5. Exchange of information

Documents Circulated

- White Rose Update.

Correspondence

- Letter from North Yorkshire County Council in response to the speed complaint at Spring Cottage, Ampleforth. The letter advised that the accident record for this area is good compared to other locations in the Ryedale area and that no injury accidents have been reported in the last 3 years. For this reason the introduction of speed reducing measures at this location is considered a low priority at present and cannot be taken any further at this stage.
- Letter from Rev Bede Leach of Church of Our Lady and St Benedict thanking the Parish Council for their recent donation of £250.00 towards the upkeep of the churchyard.
- Email from PC Steve Leach advising that he will be able to attend the February Parish Council meeting. Clerk to arrange an open meeting ahead of the February Parish Council meeting.
- Telephone call from Graham Ward of NYCC to the Clerk regarding an incident that occurred recently involving a resident who had fallen on broken paving slabs outside Mowbray Cottage on Main Street. Graham advised that he had carried out a site visit but advised that the paving slabs are not classed as an actionable defect. However, he has put them on a 30 day order which means that the broken slabs will be taken out and replaced within 30 days.

Clerk's Report

Nothing noted.

6. Planning

a) To consider the following applications –

NYM/2014/0853/RM/FL Glebe Farm, West End, Ampleforth, York
Variation of condition 2 (material amendment) of planning approval NYM/2013/0404/FL to allow a revised design and increase in size of approved agricultural storage/workshop building (retrospective).
Applicant – Mrs S.J. Thompson

North Yorks Moors

Decision – OBJECT on the following grounds:-

The variation is much bigger and more obtrusive than the original approved plans (increased in size by 20%).

There is no clear evidence of landscaping, despite the original plans mentioning the planting of trees and ivy.

The plot can be seen right from the bottom of the village.

b) To hear results of applications decided - Nil

7. Finance, Audit and Governance

7.1 Below payments agreed and cheques signed:-

200100	L Pink	Clerks Salary (Net)	£420.80
200201	L Pink	Expenses	£76.00
200202	HMRC	Tax & NI	£287.40
200203	Alec Thrower	Litter picking	£96.00
200204	Douglas Tonks	Payroll Services	£12.00
		TOTAL	£892.20

7.2 To discuss approval of any invoices received after production of the agenda - Nil

7.3 The following income was noted:-

North Yorks Moors	Caretaker Grant	£2,500.00
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7.4 Any other urgent request submitted prior to the meeting -

Monthly expenditure details and bank reconciliation upto 31st December 2014 produced by the Clerk and issued to all Councillors.

8. Matters Arising

Fracking Update – The general consensus was that currently the Parish Council do not have enough information on this subject to take it any further at this stage. However, the Parish Council is happy to reassess this if any further information was made available. Clerk to continue to monitor.

9. Exceptional Items

Cllr Lane spoke about the issue of common shares within the village. Clerk to research the subject to try and establish the rules and regulations associated with common shares.

10. Items for Next Agenda:-

Common Shares update

11. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was fixed as 7.30pm on Thursday 5th February 2015.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Chairman

Date