

Minutes of the Ampleforth Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on Thursday 3rd September 2015 at 7.30pm

Present Councillors Toynbee (Chairman), Lane, Raynar, Shepherd & Moreton.
Also Present L Pink (Clerk) & 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Code of Conduct and the Ethical Framework

There were no declarations under the code of conduct.

3. Minutes

The council resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 2nd July 2015 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation

A member of the public was present at the meeting and spoke about the letter he submitted prior to the meeting regarding the recent carriageway repairs in the village. The letter addressed issues about the way villagers were treated by contractors and the Local Authority before and during the recent roadworks, the short notice given to the works starting and the lack of consultation which he believes caused considerable and avoidable problems and stresses to residents and businesses. During the meeting the resident asked the Parish Council to give his letter due consideration. The resident also advised that damage has been caused to residents hedges during the works and that NYCC have not managed their contractors and sub-contractors well. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would write to County Councillor Clare Wood and the Head of Highways @ NYCC to highlight the resident's concerns. Chairman to draft a letter.

Update: Following the meeting, County Councillor Clare Wood and Richard Marr, Head of Highways @ NYCC will be attending the October Parish Council meeting to address residents concerns.

5. Exchange of information

Documents Circulated

- North Yorks Moors National Park Authority Newsletter.
- White Rose Update - July 2015.
- Ryedale Safer Neighbourhood Crime Statistics - July 2015.

Correspondence

- Letter received from resident regarding the recent village roadworks. Discussed under Item 4 – Public Participation.
- Letter received from resident regarding fly tipping on Knoll Hill/Gerry Carr. The letter suggested that the Parish Council put up a notice mentioning CCTV as a deterrent. After discussion it was thought that a false sign would not be productive. Clerk to try to obtain a 'no fly tipping' notice from Ryedale District Council.
- Email from Ampleforth Abbey & College regarding the level of traffic on the C88 and their request to implement traffic calming measures due to strong concerns over the safety of their students who are required to walk along and cross the C88 where it passes between the main Ampleforth campus and 2 residential buildings. The email advised that the Highways Authority are unwilling to implement any traffic calming measures but that the College are unwilling to accept this ruling. They have enquired as to whether the Parish Council would support the next phase of discussions with the Highways Authority. After discussion the Parish Council agreed that they would offer their support on this issue. Clerk to request from the College to see correspondence between the two parties.

15/00482/73A Formerly East End Garage Site, Main Street,
Ampleforth
To reviews revised parking layout.
Ryedale District Council
Decision – No Objection.

c) To hear results of applications decided -

15/00524/FUL Doctors Surgery Back Lane Ampleforth
Erection of extensions to south and east elevations of existing building to include 2no. dormer windows to provide a first floor area together with reconfiguration of car parking area and additional hard and soft landscaping
Ryedale District Council
Decision – Approved

15/00749/FUL Ampleforth Abbey and College, Ampleforth
Installation of 17m x 28m all weather pitch with 3m high perimeter fencing and four 6m high light columns, one to each corner.
Ryedale District Council
Decision - Approved

7. Finance, Audit and Governance

7.1 Below payments agreed and cheques signed:-

200254	L Pink	Clerks Salary	£463.86
200255	L Pink	Expenses	£74.23
200256	D Moore	Payroll Services	£12.00
200257	Alec Thrower	Litter Picking	£96.00
200258	Richard Wedgewood	Grass Cutting – Millennium Green	£400.00
200259	Society of Local Council Clerks	2015 Membership Renewal	£103.00
200260	Information Commissioners Office	Data Protection Registration	£35.00
		TOTAL	£1,184.09

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

200261 John Dawson Grass Cutting £168.00

7.3 The following income was noted –

02.07.15 North Yorkshire County Council Grass Cutting Rebate £376.80

7.4 Any other urgent request submitted prior to the meeting:-

The Clerk's one scale salary increase from 31st July due to successful completion of Introduction to Local Councils' course as stated in Clerk's Contract of Employment was approved by the Parish Council.

Internal spot check on quarter 1 of the 2015/16 accounts to be carried out, followed by the signing of the Internal Financial Control form.

It was agreed that the internal spot check on quarter 1 of the 2015/16 accounts would be carried out at the start of the next meeting.

8. Matters Arising

Follow up discussion on the recent roadworks in the village, following letter received from a resident – Discussed and detailed under Section 4 – Public Participation.

The following list of work was agreed for the Community Payback Team to carry out during their next visit to the village:-

- a) Cutting back of the footpath along the field behind St Hilda's School.
- b) The footpath along the ridge at High Currath needs strimming.
- c) Removal of debris and brushing of stones at the water trough at the East End of the village, opposite Ryman's Hill.

A discussion took place regarding the possibility of producing a village photo book and/or oral history account of the history of Ampleforth. Cllr Moreton to speak to members of the Historical Society regarding this. It was discussed that both the website and notice board could be used to advertise for residents who would like to contribute to the book/history account.

9. Exceptional Items

It was agreed for the Clerk to ask Gerard Thompson about the painting of the new railings, both outside Brookside Cottage, West End and also on the way out of the village.

10. Items for Next Agenda

Nothing noted.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was fixed as 7.30pm on Thursday 1st October.

Update: The date of the next meeting has since been amended to Thursday 8th October due to availability.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Chairman

Date