

**Minutes of Ampleforth Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall
on Thursday 5th April 2012 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors M Raynar (Chairman), T Pite, and C Smith.
Also Present: Ms S Shepherd (Broadband Champion) and Ms V Ellis (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lane and Toynbee.

2. Declarations of interest

Councillor Raynar declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application No: NYM/2012/0167/FL as she is a relative of the applicant.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on March 1st 2012 and of the Additional Ordinary Meeting (Planning & Trees) on March 8th 2012 were agreed and signed.

4. Public Participation

There were no questions under this item.

5. Reports

For information only.

a) Chairman's Report.

The chairman reported that there had been inquiries about the work by the parish council to the tree by the phone box, the vacant Common Share, the Fish and Chip Shop planning and parking, parking near the bend at the bottom of the hill at the east end of the village, the recycling of cardboard and plastic by RDC. She read out a letter of thanks from Father Bonaventure for the grant for work in St Benedict's Churchyard.

b) Broadband Champion's Report

Ms Sue Shepherd gave a verbal update on the current position and the group's plans to put in a proposal by the deadline of the 1 June 2012.

6. Planning

a) The council considered the following planning applications.

Application No: 12/00157/FUL

Proposal: Installation of tubular solar collectors on 2 no. south/south west facing roof slopes of the cricket pavilion to heat water for showers and sinks

Location: Ampleforth Abbey And College Ampleforth Helmsley YO62 4EN

Applicant: Ampleforth Abbey & College (Miss Sophie Norris)

Decision: Support. The council commented that such applications should be encouraged for their environmental benefits.

Application No: NYM/2012/0167/FL

Proposal: Material minor amendment to planning approval NYM2007/0338/FL (allowed on appeal) to allow an increase in size of footprint and alterations to the design of the lodges together with the erection of timber plan room. **Location:** Studford Farm, High Street, Sproxton.

Applicant: Mr R Fawcett, The White Swan, Ampleforth.

Decision: The council could not decide on this application as one of the 3 members present had declared a prejudicial interest leaving the council inquorate. It was **deferred** for a meeting to be arranged.

b) The council noted the outcomes of the following applications.

Application No: 11/00621/CON.

Proposal: Demolition of an agricultural building. **Location:** East End Garage, Main Street, Ampleforth. Gem Construction & Shopfitting Ltd.

Decision: Approved

7. DeFRA Consultation on National Parks Governance

The council responded to the consultation and agreed with the following proposed changes to:

- make it possible for National Park authorities to include some directly elected members,
- remove the need for the Secretary of State to appoint the parish members,
- make it possible to allow parishes in subsequently specified National Parks to choose non-councillors for their seats,
- apply a maximum length of service of 8 years.

The council opposed the following change to relax the political balance requirement on local authorities when appointing their members to a National Park Authority.

8. Finance

- a) The grant application was withdrawn as the Jubilee Committee will submit one on their own behalf in due course.
- b) The council received a financial statement (Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitoring).
- c) The council agreed the following payments to a total of £1889.26 and agreed that the cheques would be signed following the meeting as there was only one signatory present.

100865	Mr G Thompson	Seat and fence repairs	50.00
100866	YLCA	Annual Subscription	310.00
100867	J Dawson	Grass cutting	216.00
100868	NYCC	Streetlighting Energy	1243.26
100869	Ryedale Group	March newsletter	70.00
		TOTAL	£1,889.26

9. Meetings and Training

Councillor Pite gave a verbal report of the YLCA/CPRE training event Supporting Communities and Neighbourhoods in Planning, 31 March 2012

10. Clerk's Report for information only

The Clerk reported on the following: an inquiry about the redundant 'farming flashback' signage, PAYE Training by HMRC 29 March.

The following documents had been received and circulated:

- NALC Legal Topic Note 81: Pre-determination
- NYMNPA: Footpath 8 Ampleforth, Studford Farm, Diversion Order 2012, sealed.
- February 2012 crime statistics
- Email about NYCC consultation on Unsurfaced Classified Roads
- RDC Closed Churchyard Consultation (June or July agenda 2012, and Parish Liaison June 1st 2012)

11. Meetings

- a) This item was withdrawn as it had been dealt with earlier on the agenda.
- b) It was agreed that councillors who wished to attend the Parish Liaison Meetings at RDC on 30 May and 24 October 2012 at 7.00pm could do so.
- c) Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on Wed 25 April at 7.00pm were discussed.
- d) The calendar for 2012-2013 was agreed. The date of the July 2012 meeting is to be arranged at a later date.

Signed

Date