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Parish Council meetings are usually held on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

If you wish the Parish Council to discuss a subject please contact the clerk no later than 10 days before the meeting. Agendas and Draft Minutes are emailed before a meeting. If you would like to be added to the email mailing list please email the clerk.

Website www.ampleforthparishcouncil.co.uk
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Parish Council Noticeboard

All notices for the board may be given to Pat Scott who lives close to the noticeboard at Stone Gables, Station Road.

Agendas are posted on the right-hand side (facing) of the noticeboard and on the website.

AMPLEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

March 2012



Children from St Hilda's and St Benedict's schools spent a morning in the autumn term planting over over 200 plug plants of various wildflowers and hedgrow trees to improve the biodiversity of the Millennium Green.

Celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee on June 4th in Ampleforth

It is hoped to include activities for all ages, such as open gardens, scarecrow competition, children's games (incl. ones popular in the 1950s), archery, Irish music and dancing, small stalls (crafts, guess the weight of the cake etc.), and hopefully a BBQ.

The organisers are looking for further suggestions, and also for volunteers to help in any capacity, in preparation or on the day. If you would like to help, or have any suggestions for items to be included on the day, please contact Sheila Harrison on 01439 788279 or sheilaharrison@btinternet.com

Ampleforth United Charities Trustee Needed

As a trustee you will help manage the allotments, the garages, and grants and with the administration of the Charities. There are 2 or 3 meetings a year which usually last just over an hour. The council selects the trustee and the appointment is for three years.

For more information please contact Lesley Beck on 01439 788483, Nettle Meadow, West End, Ampleforth, YO62 4DY.

To apply please contact the clerk by Friday 4 May 2012.

Superfast Broadband - News from community group

The Broadband User Group (BUG) is up and running, with representatives from Ampleforth, Oswaldkirk, Gilling, Wass and smaller villages in the area, as we are not sure about the range of the service we will receive. NYCC is managing the provision of the rural broadband services and aims to have North Yorkshire fully connected by 2017. NYCC intends to set up a closed list of 8-10 ISPs for the entire County.

Villages will be clustered together around the technical feasibility of using the same connection service and a provider will be chosen from the list. The aim is to start with one cluster per District Council and we have to bid against other groups of villages to go first in Ryedale. Preparation is in hand and we will know if we are successful by June or July. If not, we will have to wait until a later date. Success depends very much on showing that there is a real need for the service, so if you still haven't filled in the Broadband Questionnaire on the County Council website, please do so -

www.northyorks.gov.uk/broadbandsurvey

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 25th April 2012 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY

to meet and ask questions of the parish council,

County and District councillors

and Ms Jill Thompson, Forward Planning Manager, RDC

Housing Needs Survey Ampleforth Parish

Please look out for this survey either with this this newsletter or through the post and reply or pass it on if you know of anyone in housing need in, or with a connection to, Ampleforth.

One more councillor

The parish council would like one more councillor to represent Ampleforth and to help with the workload. The council has to petition the electorate of Ampleforth Parish and the petition will be available to sign at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Ampleforth Parish Council's Budget for 2012-2013

The budget was discussed and agreed at the council's December meeting and a precept of £16,500 was agreed.

The main sources of income are the precept, about £200 for common share rents, burial fees, a grant from the North York Moors National Park Authority towards the upkeep of the village and funding from NYCC towards cutting the verges.

The main expenses are general village maintenance – cutting the verges, the Millennium Green and St Hilda's Churchyard and the cemetery, looking after the Millennium Green and the trees along the main street, keeping the stream and the horse trough clear, streetlighting energy and repairs, insurance, administration (website, travel expenses, clerk's salary, training, village hall rent etc.), subscriptions, snow clearance, a contingency budget and grants. In 2011-2012 the council made the following grants.

RDC Chairman's Charities	£50	Citizens Advice Bureau	£150
St Benedict's Church	£250	Ampleforth Playing Field	£650