

Minutes of the Ampleforth Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on Thursday 2nd July 2015 at 8.40pm, following the open
meeting with Richard Owens at NYCC.

Present Councillors Toynbee (Chairman), Lane, Raynar, Shepherd & Moreton.
Also Present L Pink (Clerk).

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 4th June 2015 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation

Public participation took place during the open meeting with Richard Owens, Assistant Director @ NYCC to discuss the bus subsidy reductions prior to the Parish Council meeting. See separate minutes.

5. Exchange of information

Documents Circulated

- White Rose Update – June Edition.
- Health & Wellbeing Newsletter.
- North Yorkshire Moors Parish Appointments 2015.
- May Crime Statistics and newsletter.
- Email from Sutton under Whitestonecliffe Parish Council regarding a Traffic Regulation Order relating to HGV's using Sutton Bank.

Correspondence

- Email from a resident regarding the overhanging trees/bushes and rubbish growing through the fence on the left side of the footpath leading from St Benedict's Close to Birdforth Way. It was noted that this was already an area highlighted for the Community Payback Team to do when they re-visit the village. Clerk to try and establish when this might be.
- Letter from Jane Holloway, PCC Secretary enquiring as to when the annual topple test will be carried out. Clerk advised that the topple test in the new graveyard was carried out on Thursday 25th June.
- Information and poster received from Colin Huby @ Ryedale District Council regarding the affordable housing open event in the village on the 16th July 2015. Information added to the website and poster displayed in the notice board.
- Email received from Andrew Lea, Estate Operations Manager @ Ampleforth Abbey & College regarding the work to replace the water main that runs from the college through the village. Work to start in June 2015. Information placed on the website.
- Email from a resident regarding tree boughs that have fallen across a bridge over Holbeck on the public footpath running south of Carr Lodge. The resident advised that he has reported this to NYCC. Clerk advised that she has also reported this, obtaining reference number 2953113.

Clerk's Report

Nothing noted.

6. Planning

a) To consider the following applications –

15/00482/73A The Granary, Main Street, Ampleforth
Variation of Condition 23 to state ' No part of the development shall be brought into use until the approved vehicle access, parking, manoeuvring and turning areas have been constructed in accordance with the submitted drawing'. Planning amendments received including increased turning head, relocated communal bin area the provision of 3 parking spaces for each of the dwellings on plots 3 & 4.

Ryedale District Council

Decision – The Parish Council wish to stand by its original OBJECTION to this application, on the following grounds:-

Objection over the garages being removed.

Objection to the landscaping areas. The Parish Council would like to see this area used for parking rather than landscaping, as there is insufficient parking allocated to each property, with only one visitor space allocated.

This area already suffers badly with a lack of parking and the plans will make this issue significantly worse.

NYM/2015/0216/FL The Old Post Office, Ampleforth

Conversion of an extension to outbuilding to form 1 no. dwelling together with erection of detached timber garden room.

North York Moors National Park

Decision – The Parish Council wish to OBJECT to this application, on the following grounds:-

The Parish Council feel that the new dwelling would create too much congestion.

There are already parking issues in this area and this planning application would only add to this current issue.

NYM/2015/0366/FL White Horse Cottage, Main Street, Ampleforth

Alterations and construction of first floor and single storey rear extensions to dwelling together with alterations and extension to detached outbuilding to form residential annexe accommodation.

North York Moors National Park

Decision – No Objection.

MRA/2089 Sycamore Cottage, Ampleforth

Request to carry out work to two Cherry trees.

North York Moors National Park

Decision – No Objection.

b) To hear results of applications decided –

NYM/2015/0180/FL Prospect House, Main Street, Ampleforth

Change of use of home office to dwelling with re-location of flue pipe and additional soil vent pipe, associated parking and amenity space together with erection of fencing and shed (part retrospective).

North York Moors National Park

Decision – APPROVED.

7. Finance, Audit and Governance

7.1 Below payments agreed and cheques signed:-

200244	L Pink	Clerks Salary (Net) - June	£437.02
200245	L Pink	Clerks Salary (Net) – July	£437.02
200246	L Pink	Expenses	£77.59

200247	HMRC	Tax & NI Apr-June	£228.40
200248	D Moore	Payroll Services – June	£12.00
200249	D Moore	Payroll Services – July	£12.00
200250	Alec Thrower	Litter Picking – June	£96.00
200251	Alec Thrower	Litter Picking – July	£96.00
		TOTAL	£1,396.03

Note: Some payments entered twice to cover the August payments when no meeting takes place. Cheques post dated to the 6th August 2015

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

200252	John Dawson	Grass Cutting - June	£168.00
200253	John Dawson	Grass Cutting - July	£168.00

7.3 The following income was noted –

22.06.15	HMRC	Vat Reclaim	£964.05
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7.4 Any other urgent request submitted prior to the meeting:-

To discuss and agree costs relating to the storage unit

Clerk advised that due to the large number of documents and files that need to be retained she is running out of available space at home and enquired as to whether the Parish Council would be willing to take on an external storage unit to house all documents and that the costs associated with this would be shared between the 3 Parish Councils she looks after. It was resolved that the Parish Council would be happy to do so. Clerk to arrange a unit with Stadium Self-Storage as they provided the most competitive quotation and offered a discount for Parish Councils.

NYCC Grass Cutting

Letter from NYCC confirming that the Parish Council will undertake urban highway grass cutting within the Parish and that the payment to the Parish for doing so in 2015/16 will be £376.80. Clerk to return the invoice with an order number, as requested so that payment can be made by NYCC.

8. Matters Arising

Nothing noted.

9. Exceptional Items

It was advised that the streetlight on pole number 27 on East Lane is still not working. Clerk advised that this has been an on-going issue and has been advised twice by NYCC that an engineer has been out to the light. Clerk to escalate the issue.

10. Items for Next Agenda

Discussion of possible open meeting to discuss a village photo book and/or oral history account of the history of Ampleforth.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was fixed as 7.30pm on Thursday 3rd September.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Chairman

Date