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

PresentCouncillors Toynbee (Chairman), Lane, Raynar, Shepherd & Moreton.Also PresentL Pink (Clerk) & 1 member of the public.

1. Apologises

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.

- Email received from a resident regarding Ampleforth quarry and the possibly of using the land to practice off road biking. After discussion the Parish Council advised that they would be unable to agree to this request due to the insurance implications.
- Letter received from North Yorkshire County Council regarding the Winter Service Grit Bins and Heaps review. The letter advised that the all bins and heaps in the village maintained by the County Council have been assessed and will now only be provided if the scoring criteria is met. This has resulted in some bins and heaps being identified for removal. If the Parish Council wish to retain a bin or heap that has been identified for removal the cost to do so would be £75.00 per bin. This cost would include a preseason fill and one mid-season or after a significant snow fall. A list of revised bins/heaps was provided to the Parish Council. However, after discussion it was agreed that the information provided by NYCC was not sufficient to allow the Parish Council to make a decision at this stage. Clerk to request further information from Sharon Fox @ NYCC and also to enquire about the cost of a heap, rather than a bin.
- Letter received from North Yorkshire County Council regarding the proposed reductions to the bus service subsidy for the service 31X. The letter spoke about a consultation document that has identified a number of services as 'Fleet Operations Proposal' where they plan to identify the amount of funding they have available and invite operators to submit a timetable proposal. This has now been extended to the 31X and 72 service. NYCC are currently in the process of putting tenders out for these contracts and have enquired as to whether the Parish Council would like to nominate an elected representative to assist in the quality evaluation of the tenders. It was agreed that Councillor Shepherd would take on this role.

Clerk's Report

Nothing noted.

6. Planning

a) Due to no Parish Council meeting being held in August and the return date being before the September meeting, the following applications were fully reviewed by all Parish Council members via email. No objections received for any of the applications.

NYM/2015/0442/FL Studford Farm, Main Street, Ampleforth Construction of building for storage purposes and to house biomass boiler together with re-routing of access track. North Yorks Moors Decision – No Objection.

15/00828/HOUSE4 Geldgate, Mill Lane, AmpleforthErection of conservatory to front elevation.Ryedale District CouncilDecision – No Objection

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 – No Objection.

b) To consider the following applications -

NYM/2015/0590/FL Wardfall House, West End, Ampleforth Change of use of and extensions to study/granny flat to form 1 no. holiday letting cottage. North Yorks Moors Decision – No Objection. Ampleforth To reviews revised parking layout. Ryedale District Council Decision – No Objection.

15/00482/73A

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

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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
200201	Julii Dawsuli	Glass Culling	2100.00

7.3 The following income was noted –

02.07.15	North Yorkshire County	/ Council	Grass Cutting Rebate	£376.80
02.07.10				2010.00

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