

**Minutes for Ampleforth Parish Council held in the Village Hall  
on Thursday 26 January 2012 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors M Raynar (Chairman), R Lane, T Pite, C Smith and F Toynbee.  
**Also Present:** Ms S Shepherd (Broadband Champion), Mr P Butler (representing Barratt Homes Yorkshire East Division & David Wilson Homes), 3 members of the public and V Ellis (Parish Clerk).

**Public Comments**

Members of the public asked about the briefing to be given by Mr P Butler.

**1. Apologies for absence**

None.

**2. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest in the agenda items.

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on the 1 December 2011 and the minutes of the Additional Ordinary Meeting (Planning) on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011 were agreed and signed.

**4. Briefing**

The following agenda item was brought forward.

Mr P Butler, Planning Manager, Barratt Homes Yorkshire East Division & David Wilson Homes Yorkshire East Division (trading names of BDW Trading Ltd) gave a briefing on Affordable Housing requirements in Ampleforth. He discussed the 2007 Strategic Housing Market Assessment, the Site Allocations in the Development Plan Document, the number of new houses to be allocated to Local Service Villages in the Ryedale Local Plan, the requirement for 10 affordable homes per annum in Ampleforth Ward (Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2011) and waiting lists. Ampleforth has been allocated 30 homes in the next 15 years, at 40% affordable that is around 11 homes. He apologised for not having the most recent figures on affordable housing and waiting lists.

Mr Butler then answered questions from the council and members of the public about the concerns of villagers in terms of local development, land supply and national policy, viability studies, infill, waiting list/tenure split, and Barratts not having a favoured social landlord. The site east of Station Road was discussed. The outlined area plan he brought along is for 30 houses. The developer contribution would be off site. A discussion was held about obtaining the views of the villagers about development on that site.

**5. Broadband Champion Report**

For information only.

Superfast Broadband Champion Ms S Shepherd gave a verbal update including that a user group had been formed.

**6. Planning, Trees and Highways applications**

**a) The outcome of the following application was noted.**

**Application No:** 11/00570/FUL **Application Site:** East End Garage, Main Street  
Proposal: Erection of 2no four bedroom dwelling, 1no four bedroom dwelling with attached single garage, 1no two bedroom dwelling, and terrace of 3no two bedroom dwellings together with change of use, alteration and extension of barn to form 1no four bedroom dwelling, 2no detached triple garages and formation of vehicular access from Back Lane. Applicant: GEM Construction & Shopfitting Ltd

**Decision:** Conditional Approval and subject to Section 106 Agreement.

**b) Trees in Conservation Area**

The council noted that the NYMNP had no objection to the removal of 3 cypress conifers at White Horse Cottage, West End for Mrs Lawford-Davies (PRH/2089).

**c) Footpath Diversion**

The council had no objection to the proposed Diversion of Ampleforth Footpath 8 at Studfold Farm Grid Reference SE 5832 8000 Postcode YO62 5EL.

## **7. Briefing Response.**

The following agenda item was brought forward.

The council thanked Mr Butler, Planning Manager, Barratt Homes, for his briefing.

## **8. Reports**

For information only.

- a) Chairman's report included, the state of Old Station Road, new year wishes from County Councillor Clare Wood, news about Jubilee celebrations being organised and speeding in the village.
- b) Clerk's report included pavement near St Benedict's Church, dog fouling on Millennium Green, November & December Crime statistics, CPRE Planning Explained booklet, press coverage of Millennium Green Planting Day, White Rose update Nov 11, Ryedale LINK Meeting 30 Jan re Malton Hospital, cancellation of Power of Well-Being training, emergency repair requested to refix seat, 'slow children' sign damaged, road closure B1257 Hovingham to Slingsby 1 to 15 Feb, NYCC delay in fixing streetlight opposite phone kiosk, cancellation of Ampleforth Parish Council Meeting on 5 January 2012 as it was not be quorate, NYMNPA vacancies for Secretary of State Members.

## **9. Churchyard and Cemetery Trees**

- a) The council noted information that the responsibility for maintenance of the churchyard is Ryedale District Council's.
- b) The council agreed to cancel the work to the trees and to take no further action in respect of work to the trees in the churchyard as they are the responsibility of RDC.
- c) The council noted that RDC acknowledged the Conservation Area application to carry out work to the hawthorn tree in the Cemetery and had not objected.

## **10. Ampleforth United Charities Trustee Vacancy**

The council noted that there had been no applications.

## **11. Oswaldkirk and Ampleforth United Charity**

The council resolved to elect Mrs J Thrower to represent Ampleforth Parish Council on the charity.

## **12. Millennium Green**

- a) The council noted that it been awarded a grant of £296 from the Howardian Hills AONB to cover the additional costs of the hedgerow planting.
- b) The council decided not to set up an Insect Hotel Working Group and discussed cancelling the project.
- c) The council received a verbal update on the Millennium Green from the Clerk.

## **13. Consultations**

- a) The council resolved not to respond to the NYMNPA Draft Housing Development Plan Document.
- b) The council completed the NYCC Highways and Transportation Survey.

## **14. Walking Policy**

The council resolved to adopt the following Walking Policy.

Ampleforth Parish Council will actively promote walking within the village and in the area surrounding the village. This would have several benefits.

1. It would encourage social interaction. People who are walking speak to each other.
2. There would be health benefits for the villagers who are walking.
3. Villagers walking would hopefully lessen the problem with parked cars at the surgery, schools and churches.

## **15. Electronic receipt of documents**

- a) The council resolved to amend Standing Orders to allow the sending of the meeting summons by email to councillors who wish to receive the summons in this way.
- b) Councillors Raynar, Smith, Pite and Toynbee wish to receive the summons by email.

- c) Councillors Raynar, Smith, Pite and Toynbee wish to receive agendas for meetings by email, possibly when no minutes are being provided such as extra planning meetings.

## 16. Public Participation

The council resolved that it would like to hold public participation sessions within the meetings and that the clerk would find a suitable policy to adapt.

## 17. Forthcoming Meetings, Training and SLCC Conference

- a) YLCA Ryedale Branch Meeting 7.00pm on 7 February at Ryedale House, Malton. It was agreed the clerk would attend and possibly Councillor Pite.
- b) NYMNPA Western Area Parish Forum at 7.15pm on 28 February at NYMNPA Headquarters at Helmsley. It was agreed that the clerk would attend.
- c) SLCC organised PAYE Training Day on 29<sup>th</sup> March at Thirsk at estimated cost of £12.50. It was agreed that the clerk would attend.
- d) SLCC Cemetery Legal Compliance training at Ferryhill on the 18 April at a cost of £95 (cost to be shared with Helmsley Town Council). It was agreed that the clerk would attend and it was noted that transport costs would be shared.
- e) SLCC Regional Conference at York on the 28<sup>th</sup> June at a cost of £65. It was agreed that the clerk and possibly Councillor Pite would attend.

## 18. Finance

- a) Grant application: The council resolved to give a grant of £250, including £200 from the council's reserves, to St Benedict's Church for churchyard maintenance which would be made under Section 137 of the LGA 1972.
- b) Grant application: It was agreed to give a grant of £50 from the council's reserves to Yorkshire Housing Association for the footpath and additional fencing on the route from Birdforth Way to St Benedict's Close.
- c) The council resolved that the clerk write to Santander requesting that the A&L Burial Account be closed, using the signatories Mrs Josie Thrower and Mrs Dinah Farley, requesting that the cheque be made out to Ampleforth Parish Council.
- d) The council noted that Councillors' Audit arranged for mid January was cancelled due to the cancellation of the YLCA Training which was to follow and that the audit will be held immediately before the meeting on 26 January.
- e) Councillors Smith and Pite undertook Councillors' Audit on the 26<sup>th</sup> January for Quarters 2 and 3 and that the result was satisfactory.
- f) The council received a financial statement.
- g) The council resolved that the payments listed below be authorised and signed, to a total of £2,475.44 inc VAT.

67	100852	G Thompson	Litterbin lid and MG bridge	190.00
68	100853	Ryedale Printing	Ink	36.96
69	100854	Vision ICT	Website 1 yr	205.80
70	100855	Ryedale CAB	Grant	150.00
71	100856	Ampl. Play'g Field	Grant	630.04
72	100858	V Ellis	Sal+Exp for Dec & Jan	1012.64
73	100859	St Benedict's Church	Grant for Cemetery Maintenance	250.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,475.44</b>

## 19. Clerk's Employment

The council resolved to increase the clerk's hours from 9 hours a week to 10 hours a week from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012.

## 20. Date of next meeting

The council noted that the date of the next meeting - Thursday 1 March at 7.30pm.

Chairman  
Date