

AMPLEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter December 2014



Season's Greetings from Ampleforth Parish Council

New Clerk

In April this year Louise Pink took over the role of Parish Clerk of Ampleforth from Victoria Ellis. Louise looks after two other Parish Councils in York. Louise's contact details can be found at the bottom of this newsletter. Please feel free to contact the Clerk about any issues you may have.

Community Payback

You will no doubt have seen the community payback team working in the village. So far they have carried out excellent work restoring the benches and painting the railings and gates at St Hilda's Church. The team will return to the village during the winter months to carry out some hedge cutting.



Picture showing the railings at St. Hilda's Church which were painted by the Community Payback team.

Polite Request to Residents

The Parish Council would like to request that over hanging branches and un-kept hedges are cut back as they can cause issues with paths and roads becoming un-passable and become dangerous to other residents.

Parking Issues

The Parish Council would like to request that residents avoid parking opposite the junction of Station Road as by doing so this

blocks buses and lorries from turning into or out of the junction. This is particularly problematic for Stephenson's of Easingwold buses and without your help to rectify this issue they may be forced to reroute services to avoid Fairfax.

Section 106 Money

We are currently awaiting the Section 106 money generated by the developments within the village. This money must be used on youth and adult recreation/capital expenditure only. Once the money becomes available the Parish Council plan to hold an open meeting to gather ideas and suggestions from residents as to how the money could be best used. We plan to create a committee who will take this issue through to completion.

Street Light Reduction

Sadly we have recently been advised that Ampleforth will be included in North Yorkshire County Council's Street Lighting Energy Reduction Programme. The scheme involves turning off some of the street lights within the village between the hours of midnight and 5am when road use has been shown to be at a minimum. The Council has advised us that this will generate energy savings of approx £400,000 per annum. The decision on which lights are to left on or turned off is decided on using a set of exclusion criteria, such as main traffic routes and road junctions, locations with a significant night time accident record, areas with significant records of night time crime or anti-social behavior, lights outside sheltered housing, areas with 24 hour operational emergency services or areas with potential hazards on the highway. Draft plans have been produced by North Yorkshire County Council and are available to view on request to the Clerk. The Parish Council have submitted their initial concerns and will continue to monitor the situation.

Broadband

Superfast Broadband has finally arrived in Ampleforth. The new service is available to properties connected to Cabinet 1 on the Ampleforth Exchange, which covers most of the village. Cabinet 1 is at the East End, near Rymers Mill. The service is not available to a few properties that are connected directly to the exchange.

You can check your connection to Cabinet 1 (or otherwise), and the approximate speeds, by putting your telephone number into <https://www.btwholesale.com/includes/adsl/main.html>. The speeds quoted in the 'FTTC Range B' row are likely to be more realistic, and the nearer you are to the cabinet the faster the speed. In any case, the speed is likely to be a big improvement over what was on offer before.

To obtain the new service, you will need to either contact your current service provider for an upgrade or select a new provider. The upgrade is not automatic and almost certainly involves taking out a new contract at additional cost!

Superfast broadband requires a different connection to the phone socket in your house and the associated Router, and at the moment requires an engineer's visit. There are basically two types of installation: one where the provider provides and installs the connection and the Router, the other where they provide only the connection and you have to provide/install the Router. It is worth checking the service if you are looking round for a new deal.

Chairman's Report

During the Annual Parish Meeting held in May this year the Chairman spoke about a number of issues, including the David Wilson development and how we could look to mitigate the issues associated with building such a development, the community payback that had been carried out successfully within the village, grants issued and that the main challenge in the next year would be how to spend the 106 money generated from the developments.

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Parish Council meetings are usually held on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There is a list of dates on the noticeboard and on the website. All meetings are open to the public.

If you wish the Parish Council to discuss a subject please contact the clerk.

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