

**Minutes of the Ampleforth Parish Council Meeting
held in the Village Hall on Thursday 3rd October 2019 at 7.30pm**

Present Councillors Shepherd, Grant, Carter & Speight-McGregor.

Also Present Louise Pink – Clerk. 6 members of the public (5 part meeting only).

1. Apologises

Councillor Moreton.

2. Code of Conduct and the Ethical Framework

None noted.

3. Minutes

The council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5th September 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

4. Public Participation

5 members of the public had attended the meeting to raise concerns over the proposed 'Approve' by Ryedale District Council relating to planning application 18/01126/MFUL- Land at OS Field 8358 Main Street Ampleforth - Knoll Hill.

The residents issued a number of concerns, including the following:-

The proposed development is on nationally protected land in an area of outstanding beauty.

It is outside the development limits of Ampleforth.

Issues surrounding the entry road.

The site would impact on the public footpath.

The landscape would be seriously defaced.

The development contravenes the national planning legislation and the Ryedale plan.

Highway markings at the access point.

Issues surrounding the siting of the planning notice.

Discussed by the Parish Council under item 7(c) – Planning.

5. Reports from County and District Councillors

None present at the meeting.

6. Exchange of information

Documents Circulated

- White Rose Update – September Edition.

Correspondence

- The letter received from the Citizen's Advice Bureau was discussed. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact the Citizen's Advice Bureau to enquire as to whether they have any data available regarding the number of residents of Ampleforth who have used the service. Once this data is obtained the item to be added to a future agenda for further discussion.

Clerk's Report

- Nothing noted.

7. Planning

(a) No new planning applications were received.

b) The following results of applications decided were received:-

19/00866/CLOUD Edgmond, 1 Birdforth Way, Ampleforth
Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed use or development in respect of erection of a single storey rear extension.
APPROVED.

19/00893/HOUSE 4 Eld Close, Ampleforth
Erection of first floor extension and single storey rear extension to garage to allow conversion to additional living accommodation.
APPROVED.

c) Notes:-

Planning decision of 'Approve' by Ryedale District Council relating to planning application 18/01126/MFUL- Land at OS Field 8358 Main Street Ampleforth - Knoll Hill.

After discussion the following was submitted to Ryedale District Council by the Parish Council:-

Response to Planning Notice regarding proposed development at Land at OS Field 8358 Main Street Ampleforth and the Committee decision of the September Planning Committee

I am responding on behalf of Ampleforth Parish Council and the residents who attended our meeting on Thursday 3rd October. As, according to your notice, the proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan for the area, we questioned why the plans were approved by your Planning Committee. Since then we have obtained a copy of the decision, based on paragraph 79, thus ignoring all other considerations and local opposition.

From our perspective, although the Committee feels that the proposal satisfies the requirements of Paragraph 79, there are other areas which need further consideration regarding the siting of the proposed property in an ANOB. We hope you will consider these carefully and set conditions on the development as appropriate.

The Entrance

Knoll Hill, the area of the site adjacent to the Main Street of Ampleforth and bordering the National Park, is a local landmark and it should be preserved.

The current proposal runs the driveway to the property over the top of the hill and this will completely spoil the area. The Parish Council has already suggested that the drive should run round the side of the hill and would like this to be included as a condition on the decision.

On the current plan the drive will add another entrance on the roadside going up the hill, which has the makings of looking very unsightly and will probably result in the felling of some trees. There are access rights to the site from an entrance below that currently proposed from the field adjacent to the development area. It would be helpful if the applicant could pursue using this entrance and avoid any disruption. This would be the most acceptable outcome for the village.

As this is an eco-development we feel that the entrance should be sympathetic to this, so propose that it should be in keeping with the rural nature of the area. We suggest no imposing gates, no lights to preserve the dark sky and no tarmac.

Public Footpath

There are also concerns about the public footpath which runs to the south of the site and this needs to be preserved.

Use of the Property in the Future

Regarding paragraph 79, our assumption is that the approval is for the proposed development only and not a blanket approval for development which could be altered at a later date.

We would also ask that a condition is that the property is for a domestic residence only. The applicant's family are in the leisure services business and this development could be viewed as having great potential in this area.

8. Finance, Audit and Governance

8.1. The following accounts were submitted for payment by BACS:-

L Pink	Clerks salary	£482.47
L Pink	Expenses	£64.29
Alec Thrower	Litter Picking	£116.00

The accounts listed for payment were accepted. Clerk to make the payments via BACS using the online banking process.

8.2. No payments were submitted for payment by cheque.

8.3. The following invoices were received after the production of the agenda and after discussion were agreed for payment:-

Richard Wedgwood	Grass Cutting	£766.00	BACS
Alan Raw Contracting	Tree Works in Churchyard	£1,000.00	BACS

8.4. No income was received.

8.5. Any other urgent request submitted to the meeting – Nothing noted.

9. Matters Arising

(a) An update on the common shares was provided by the Chair.

(b) To discuss any update on the Millennium Green – Cllr Carter confirmed that the meadow has now been cut and the pond has been cleared out. It was advised that work will now begin on the community orchard with fruit trees and Councillor Carter and the Chair have met with Rogers and are awaiting a quotation for the purchase of some trees. It was noted that some members of the gardening club have offered to volunteer to help with the community orchard project.

(c) To discuss any update on the cemetery plan – The Chair advised that following a meeting with Thompson Funeral Directors they have agreed to take over the allocation of plots within the Parish Council owned churchyard.

(d) To discuss any follow up's on the action points from the meeting with Highways at the September meeting – Clerk to chase Tim Coyne for a response on the marker posts at the edge of the quarry.

(e) To discuss the arrangements for grass cutting in 2020 – Chair and Councillor Carter to meet with Richard Wedgwood to discuss the Parish Council's grass cutting requirements for 2020. Clerk to contact St Hilda's to enquire whether they are happy with way the grass is cut at present or whether they would like to see it done in any other way.

10. Exceptional Items

Clerk to chase up Graham Ward @ NYCC regarding the trees on Station Road.

The recent Sutton Bank closure was discussed and the fact that the Parish Council or local residents were not notified like in previous years. Clerk to contact Highways to raise these concerns and to ask that ahead of the 2020 closure could a representative attend a future Parish Council meeting to discuss.

It was discussed that the dog bins outside the Millennium Green and at the bottom gate at St Hilda's are always full. Clerk to contact Ryedale District Council (RDC) to enquire about the frequency of the current collections and whether more collections or a bigger bin could be arranged.

The next newsletter was discussed with potential articles including:-
Spring litter pick (Cllr Speight-McGregor)
Millennium Green update (Cllr Carter)
Details of the 5 year maintenance plan for the trees in the village (Chair)
Highways improvements (Chair)
Common share update (Chair).

11. Items for Next Agenda

Newsletter.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was fixed as Thursday 7th November 2019 @ 7.30pm.

Action List:-

Clerk to contact the Citizen's Advice Bureau regarding obtaining data about the number of Ampleforth residents using their services.

Clerk to chase Tim Coyne for a response on the marker posts at the edge of the quarry.

Clerk to chase up Graham Ward @ NYCC regarding the trees on Station Road.

Clerk to contact Highways regarding the closure of Sutton Bank.

Chair and Cllr Carter to meet with Richard Wedgwood to discuss the cutting requirements for 2020

Clerk to contact St Hilda's to enquire about the grass cutting within the closed churchyard.

Councillors to start drafting their articles for the next newsletter.

Clerk to speak to RDC regarding the dog bins outside the Millennium Green and at the gate at St Hilda's.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Chair

Date