

**Minutes of the Ampleforth Parish Council Meeting
held in the Village Hall on Thursday 6th February 2020 at 7.30pm**

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

Also Present Louise Pink – Clerk. 1 members of the public.

1. Apologises

None.

2. Code of Conduct and the Ethical Framework

None noted.

3. Minutes

The council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th January 2020 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

4. Public Participation

One member of the public was present at the meeting to speak but did not wish to speak.

5. Reports from County and District Councillors

District Councillor Jim Bailey held a surgery prior to the Parish Council meeting.

6. Exchange of information

Documents Circulated

- White Rose Update – January Edition.
- YLCA – Yorkshire Day.
- NYMNP Consultation: Farming without BPS – farmers/land managers to have their say in what the future should look like.
- Ryedale School - Consultation report and a letter from the Chair of Governors outlining the Governing Board's decision to convert our schools to academy status and establish a new MAT, with the approval to sponsor schools subject to an academy order.
- YLCA – Ryedale Branch Meeting.
- Riponian Stages Rally Sunday 9 February 2020.
- Email from RDC regarding the next Parish Liaison to be held on 4th March 2020.

Correspondence

- The thank you letter received from the Citizen's Advice Bureau following the recent donation by the Parish Council was noted.
- The Clerk confirmed the email received from Alec Thrower advising that he will be ceasing the village litter picking from 30th April 2020.
- The email received from Tim Coyne from NYCC regarding the 31X bus service in the village was discussed. The email advised that NYCC have received complaints from the Reliance Bus Service regarding parking opposite the junction of Station Road meaning that bus vehicles are often being damaged. The email advised that the options available are:
 - (i) To line and enforce the highway to prevent parking in the red area.
 - (ii) To withdraw the bus service to Fairfax Close.
 - (iii) To reduce the service to Fairfax Close to reduce trips making the turn.After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council feel that the bus service is vital to many residents of the village and therefore, if parking restrictions are the only option to continue to facilitate the current service then the Parish Council would support the decision. Clerk to advise Tim Coyne.
- The Chair advised that she had received a response from the Church advising that they are

happy for the Parish Council to go ahead and purchase a new plaque.

Clerk's Report

- The letter received from Ryedale Community Transport regarding 'Demand Responsive Transport for Ryedale was discussed. It was agreed for the Clerk to invite a representative to the Annual Parish meeting in May.
- The email received from Ryedale Foodbank was discussed but after discussion it was felt that a food bank in the village is not required. The local church already has a very active food bank donation scheme in place. Clerk to advise the requestor.
- The letter received from Howardian Hills regarding the 'Restoration of Traditional Village Name Signs' in Ampleforth was discussed. After discussion, it was felt that for the amount the signs cost the Parish Council do not feel there is any need to replace the signs within Ampleforth. Clerk to advise the requestor.

7. Planning

(a) The following new planning applications were received: -

NYM/2020/0013/FL The Old School House, Main Street, Ampleforth
Variation of condition 3 of planning approval NYM/2019/0375/FL to allow the occupation of the annexe accommodation by friends and family of the family of The Old School.
North Yorks Moors.

Decision – No Objection but a comment to be added that the Parish Council would like to see a condition added to state that the accommodation cannot be used for commercial purposes.

19/01366/HOUSE Low Profile Cottage, Main Street, Ampleforth
Erection of two storey extension and single storey garden room extension following removal of existing conservatory.
Decision - Despite the revised plans Ampleforth Parish Council still strongly OBJECT to this planning application. Therefore, the below objection still remains:-
Ampleforth Parish Council OBJECT to planning application 19/01366/HOUSE - Low Profile Cottage, Main Street, Ampleforth, on the following grounds:-

The proposed property is too large and not in-keeping with the local area and character of other local properties.

The extension will have a detrimental impact on neighbours, including loss of privacy and loss of amenities.

If the development was to go ahead, the Parish Council have very strong concerns regarding the construction activity and access. The logistics of installing skips and delivery lorries accessing the site would be virtually impossible due to the access road. Neighbours already experience issues with parking in this area.

The Parish Council feel that the only option is for this planning application, in its current state, to be rejected.

c) Notes – Noting noted.

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	£53.60
Alec Thrower	Litter Picking	£116.00
Lupton Fawcett Solicitors	Professional Advice	£1,134.00

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 invoice was received after the production of the agenda and after discussion was agreed for payment:-

Signs Express	Signs	£333.60	BACS
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8.4. No income was received.

8.5. Any other urgent request submitted to the meeting:-

(a) It was resolved for the Parish Council to proceed with the purchase of a new plague for the churchyard at a cost of £70.40. Chair to order.

9. Matters Arising

(a) An update on the common shares, including to discuss the template tenancy agreement provided by Lupton Fawcett Solicitors was discussed.

(b) An update on the Millennium Green was given by Cllr Carter.

(c) The village grass cutting contract for 2020 was discussed. The Chair to finalise the advert and specification. Clerk to contact local parishes to see if their grass cutter would be interested in tendering for the contract. A closing date of mid-March to be advised.

10. Exceptional Items

Cllr Speight-McGregor advised that she is still waiting for the local farmer to make contact. She was requested to chase this with the College Estates department.

The village tidy day on the 14th March was discussed. Cllr Speight-McGregor advised that she has been provided with binbags and litter pickers by RDC. It was agreed that the Chair would provide refreshments in the village hall.

Cllr Speight-McGregor advised that the 30mph speed limit sign opposite the doctor's surgery has been knocked down. Clerk to report.

It was discussed that a property on Back Lane opposite the doctor's surgery is in a very bad condition and complaints have been received regarding rats. Cllr Speight-McGregor to send photos to the Clerk so the location can be reported.

Clerk to contact Northern Powergrid to advise that the area around the sub station on Station Road needs attention as it is overgrown.

11. Items for Next Agenda

Grass Cutting.

Common Share update.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was fixed as Thursday 5th March 2020 @ 7.30pm.

Action List:-

Clerk to advise Tim Coyne @ NYCC about the Parish Council's decision regarding the proposed parking restrictions.

Clerk to invite a representative from the Ryedale Community Transport to the Annual Parish meeting in May.

Clerk to advise the requestor that a food bank in Ampleforth is not required.

Clerk to advise the representative at Howardian Hills that the Parish Council do not feel there is any need to replace the signs within Ampleforth.

Chair to order the new plague for the churchyard.

Chair to finalise the grass cutting advert and specification.

Clerk to contact local parishes to see if their grass cutter would be interested in tendering for the grass cutting contract.

Cllr Speight-McGregor to chase the College Estates department.

Clerk to report the damaged 30mph speed limit sign opposite the doctor's surgery that has been knocked down.

Clerk to report to RDC the property on Back Lane opposite the doctor's surgery that is in a very bad condition.

Clerk to contact Northern Powergrid to advise that the area around the substation on Station Road needs attention as it is overgrown.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Chair

Date