Minutes of the Ampleforth Parish Council Meeting held via Zoom on Thursday 1st April 2021 at 7.00pm

Present Councillors Shepherd, Moreton, Grant, Carter & Nicholls.

Also Present Louise Pink – Clerk.

1. Apologises

None.

2. Code of Conduct and the Ethical Framework

Nothing declared.

3. Minutes

The council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th March 2021 were agreed.

4. Reports from County and District Councillors

Not present at the meeting.

5. Exchange of information

Documents Circulated

- White Rose Update February Edition.
- YLCA Training bulletins Various.

Correspondence

- (a) The email received from a resident regarding a request for lighting and mirrors in the snicket on Birdforth Way/ St Benedict's Close was discussed. After discussion, it was agreed for the clerk to contact NYCC Highways to enquire as to whether this would be possible and what the costs associated with this would be.
- (b) The clerk advised that she has now received the signed tenancy agreements for common share plots 3 and 5.

Clerk's Report

Nothing noted.

6. Planning

a) The following new planning application was received and discussed:-

NYM/2020/1004/FL Glenwood, Main Street, Ampleforth

Application for alterations and construction of replacement part two storey/part single storey rear extension.

Decision – No Objection.

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

20/01150/HOUSE Newlands, Station Road, Ampleforth

Erection of single storey wraparound extension following removal of existing garden buildings. Revised Plans.

APPROVED.

c) Notes – Nothing noted.

7. Finance. Audit and Governance

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

| L Pink | Clerks salary | £512.23 |
|-------------------------|---|---------|
| L Pink | Expenses | £26.50 |
| YLCA | Membership subscription 1 Apr 21-31 Mar 22 | £317.00 |
| Gerard Thompson | Replacement of gate in the Millennium Green | £295.00 |
| Autela Payroll Services | Payroll services | £41.76 |

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:-

| Gerard Thompson | Pruning of trees | £45.00 | BACS |
|-------------------------|------------------|---------|------|
| Steve's Garden Services | Grass cutting | £495.00 | BACS |
| Ampleforth Village Hall | Donation | £500.00 | BACS |

8.4. The following income was received:-

| Graham Wood | Common Share rental payment | £140.00 | BACS |
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| Simon Lathlean | Common Share rental payment | £160.00 | BACS |
| Lupton Fawcett Solicitors | Common Share payment | £3,139.50 | BACS |
| JV Thompson Funeral Directors | Cemetery Fees | £906.00 | BACS |

- 8.5. Any other urgent request submitted to the meeting:
 - a) The funding application form received from Ampleforth Village Hall was discussed and after discussion, it was agreed for the parish council to make a donation of £500.00.
 - b) The funding application received from Lucy Saggers Photography was discussed. It was agreed that sadly after discussion, the decision was that the parish council feel that unfortunately, they are unable to support this application as it is a commercial business venture and this is not something the parish council are able to use funds for.

8. Matters Arising

(a) An update on the common shares was provided by the Chair which advised of the following:-

Plot 1 – Currently with the solicitors.

Plot 2 – Sale now complete.

Plot 4 – Still awaiting payment for the annual rent.

Plots 3 & 5 – Signed tenancy agreements and the annual rental payments received.

Plot 8 – Currently with the solicitor.

- (b) The closure of Sutton Bank was discussed. It was agreed for the clerk to contact both Coxwold PC and Byland & Wass parish councils to enquire as to whether they would be interested in attending a pre meeting with Ampleforth Parish Council so that the 3 parish councils can discuss their concerns prior to the Highways meeting (date unknown).
- (c) The issues surrounding speeding vehicles in the village were again discussed, especially on West End. It was agreed for the clerk to contact Darren Griffiths @ NYCC Highways to enquire about the possibility of the parish council purchasing and installing a mobile speed matrix sign. Clerk to also contact the NYP 95Alive scheme to express our concerns.

Update:- A meeting has been arranged with the members of the PC and Darrren Griffiths at 9.30am on the 10th May to discuss the identified location.

9. Exceptional Items

Cllr Nicholls expressed a concern regarding overhanging trees in St Hilda's churchyard and advised that this becomes an issue during the carrying of coffins.

The clerk was requested to contact NYCC Highways to ask for a Highways officer to attend a future PC meeting. Update:- Andrew Santon, Highways Customer Communications Officer will be attending the May PC meeting.

It was reported that, to date, no work has been done on the water leak on Station Road/Field View Close. Clerk to chase this with NYCC Highways/Graham Ward. Update:- The leak has now been fixed.

Clerk to chase RDC about the PC's request to relocate the dog bin on Station Road as despite chasing previously, no update has yet been provided.

Clerk to speak to Rachel Speight-McGregor to enquire as to whether she is planning to carry out a village litter pick this year. Update:- Rachel advised that they are planning on another litter pick but not until restrictions are hopefully lifted after the 17th May. She advised that she will keep the PC informed.

Cllr Nicholls enquired as to whether she was able to take forward the issues surrounding Back Lane. After discussion, it was agreed that the PC support Cllr Nicholls in this.

10. Items for Next Agenda

Sutton Bank Closure. Traffic calming.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was fixed as Thursday 6th May 2021, starting @ 6.45pm with the Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council.

Action List:-

Clerk to contact NYCC Highways to enquire about the costs associated with installing lighting and mirrors in the snicket on Birdforth Way/ St Benedict's Close.

Clerk to contact both Coxwold PC and Byland & Wass parish councils to enquire as to whether they would be interested in attending a pre meeting with Ampleforth PC regarding the issues experienced during the closure of Sutton Bank.

Clerk to contact Darren Griffiths @ NYCC Highways regarding the mobile speed matrix sign.

Clerk to contact the NYP 95Alive scheme regarding speeding concerns on West End.

Clerk to contact NYCC Highways to ask for a Highways officer to attend a future PC meeting.

Clerk to chase RDC about the PC's request to relocate the dog bin on Station Road.

Clerk to speak to Rachel Speight-McGregor regarding a future littler pick.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Chair Date