

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ampleforth Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 4 April 2013 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors M Raynar (Chairman), R Lane, T Pite and C Smith.

Also Present: Three members of the public and Ms V Ellis (Clerk).

1. Apologies

Apologies from Councillor Toynbee were received and approved.

2. Code of Conduct and the Ethical Framework

Councillor Raynar declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6a as she is a second cousin of Mr Thompson, one of the applicants.

3. Minutes

The council resolved to agree and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 7 March 2013 and the Additional Meeting (planning) on the 18th March 2013.

4. Public Participation

Members of the public gave the council information from planning consultants about 12/00618/MFUL - land east of Station Road, due to be reconsidered by Ryedale District Council on the 9th April. Requests for future Ampleforth Parish Council agenda items were made.

5. Exchange of information and items for next agenda

Included the chairman's report and the clerk's report.

Documents Circulated

- Ryedale Safer Neighbourhood statistics
- Letter from resident about refusal of planning permission
- Emails from resident and others about Station Road planning application

Other information

- APC - Annual Parish Meeting was arranged for the 2nd May at 6.30pm.
- APC - Website working group. Second training session held.
- APC - Community Governance Review – petition signatures requested on newsletter, collection boxes at the Village Shop and Ample Hamper.
- RDC - CIF Grant £1229 awarded to APC. RDC installed 1 dog waste and 2 litter bins on the 27 March. Noticeboard research underway by clerk.
- RDC - parish councillor registers of interest forms on RDC website – not done yet.
- RDC - East End Garage, RDC and the developer are negotiating the S106 for the development. Conditions requested from RDC, not received (various emails).
- RDC - Litter signs meeting to be arranged in spring-John Brown(RDC), Cllr Pite and the Clerk.
- NYCC – inspector looked at the field near the water trough, there was no water coming out of the field as such, it was coming out of the bank which is probably due to the high level of the water table. Sending a rip brush sweeper to sweep the bank which should uncover the kerb that the water should run down.
- NYCC - large sycamore tree on Back Lane is in the line of the old hedge so it will belong to the landowner.
- NYCC - steps by the shop, the grass is not marked on NYCC maps as highway - is it village green?
- NYCC – 3 potholes at Watergate Farm filled in.
- NYCC - footpath between Mill Farm and West End – update from ranger awaited.
- AONB - Log seat application - locations to be chosen in the spring.
- Oswaldkirk & Ampleforth Educational Charity – Governing Document requested.
- Dr Ticehurst retires in April. A leaving "do" is being arranged by the Surgery & Patient Forum, for Sat 27th April.

Additional matters raised at the meeting.

- Sign asking motorists to slow down for children has now fallen to bits.
- Obtain estimates for repairing the steps outside the village shop.
- NYCC Public right of way south of playing field – the footbridge is in disrepair. Report to ranger.

6. Planning

a) The council considered the following planning application.

Application No: 13/00364/HOUSE

Applicants: Mr D Thompson & Miss S Peckitt

Proposal: Installation of 1no. rear dormer extension with 2no. windows and extension of rear single-storey extension (revised details to refusal 12/01240/HOUSE dated 15.02.2013)

Location: 18 Fairfax Close Ampleforth Helmsley YO62 4DW

Decision: Ampleforth Parish Council strongly supports this application. It believes this sort of development should be encouraged. It will help young families to stay in the village as larger properties are unaffordable. There are similar developments adjoining, and in the vicinity of, this property.

b) The council noted the following results.

i) Application No 13/00038/HOUSE Decision Approval

Applicant Mr D Read, Ampleforth Abbey & College

Proposal Erection of two storey extension to side elevation

Location Abbeydale, East Lane, Ampleforth College, York, YO62 4HE

ii) Application No 12/00618/MFUL Applicant David Wilson Homes Ltd

Application Site Land At OS Field No 4848 Station Road Ampleforth Helmsley

Proposal Erection of 6no. five bedroom detached dwellings, 3no. four bedroom detached dwellings, 8no. four bedroom semi-detached dwellings, 2no. three bedroom detached dwellings, 3no. three bedroom terraced dwellings and 8no. two bedroom dwellings and associated garaging, parking and amenity space and formation of vehicular access

Decision Refusal

1. Scale of development harmful to the character of Ampleforth and the AONB. Contrary to N.P.P.F

2. Insufficient evidence regarding habitat for protected species. Contrary to N.P.P.F.

c) 12/00618/MFUL Station Road Application. Applicant David Wilson Homes Ltd

i) The council noted that Councillor Pite read out a statement at RDC Planning Committee on 12 March 2013 its behalf.

ii) The council agreed that all councillors would compose a statement for RDC Planning Committee on the 9 April 2013.

iii) The council appointed Councillors Pite or Raynar to read the statement on behalf of the council

7. Churchyard

a) The council received the draft agreement with RDC about liability cover for cutting the grass and the council agreed that it needed rewriting as it was for all the maintenance, not just cutting the grass.

b) The council noted that RDC is disputing who is responsible for maintenance of the churchyard (APC or RDC) and that the clerk has requested information from RDC (no reply).

c) The council noted advice from the YLCA that 'notice' had been properly given to RDC for responsibility for maintenance of the churchyard.

8. Contractor for litter picking and Millennium Green inspection

a) The council received the route map and the draft contract. It was agreed to reduce the time to 4 hours per fortnight and reduce the route.

b) The council agreed to appoint a contractor subject to agreement on terms and satisfactory references.

9. Meetings

The council appointed the following representatives to attend -

a) Howardian Hills AONB 22 April 2013 at 5:30pm. Councillor Lane and one other.

b) RDC Parish Liaison 29 May 2013 at 7pm. Councillors Raynar and Pite and the clerk.

10. Common Shares, tenancies and deeds

No information had been received from the solicitor.

11. Finance, Audit and Governance

- a) The council received *Openess and transparency on personal interests* (DCLG, March 2013)
- b) The council received the results of the Councillors Audit for Quarters 2 and 3 carried out on the 4th April 2013 which were satisfactory. The council noted that cheque stubs and vouchers were not always initialled and that this was partly due to not having signatories present at meetings. This problem will be solved from April 2013 as all the councillors can sign cheques now the account has moved to HSBC.
- c) The council resolved that the clerk could have 'view only' online access to the bank accounts.
- d) The council noted that the NYCC grass cutting rate for 2013 is 0.028/sq metre, total £1,585.92, a decrease from 0.0322 sq metre/total £1823.81.
- e) The council noted that a bursary of £34.50 for the SLCC training conference has been approved by NALC.
- f) The council received a bank reconciliation and a budget update to 31 January 2013.
- g) The council agreed the following payments and the cheques were signed.

100001	YLCA	Annual subscription	£262.00
100002	R Wedgwood	Snow ploughing	£60.00
100003	NYCC	Streetlights	£4,824.06
100004	J Dawson	Grass cutting	£54.00
100005	Duncombe Park Sawmill	Cemetery Fieldgate and fittings	£214.96
		TOTAL	£5,415.02

Chairman

Date