

PARISH COUNCILLORS

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AUDITED ACCOUNTS 2008/09

Opening balance 1 April 2008 £30,065.00

Receipts £20,186.00

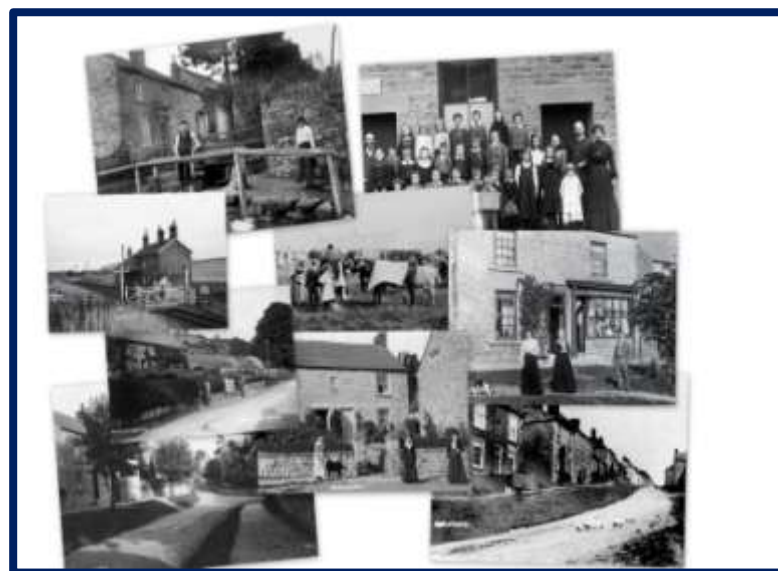
Payments £18,222.00

Closing balance 31 March 2009 £32,029.00

AMPLEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

2009



CLERK'S REPORT.

The Parish Council was very sorry to lose its Chairman, Richard Kirk in June. Carolyn Smith was elected unopposed as the fifth member of the council. Mary Raynar was elected as Chairman. It has been a very difficult year for the councillors, who have been on the receiving end of a lot of criticism for the Affordable Housing and surgery, planning application on Station Road.

The grass verges have been cut again this year by Richard Wedgewood who has again done an excellent job. He has also cut the Millennium Green. John Dawson has kept the Churchyard and Cemetery looking very tidy.

We also have to thank Carol Lead for picking up the litter and Gerard Thompson for doing numerous other jobs to keep the village looking good.

The Councillors and Clerk have attended a number of meetings this year, the Western Forum, RDC Liaison, Yorkshire Local Councils and Community Police meetings together with a number of training events for Planning, Auditing and Power of Well Being.

PLANNING

16 Planning applications have been considered this year. Of these 9 were granted, 5 refused and 1 withdrawn.

STREETLIGHTING

The Parish Council has been waiting for the electric cables to be put underground for about 14 years. This work was begun at that time but never finished. The Parish Council has been saving money to pay for new streetlights to replace those currently mounted on the electricity poles. North Yorkshire County Council has agreed to take over the new lights on the Main Street and will consider those down Station Road and Valley View, if they are in good condition. This will mean that the Parish Council will not have to pay for their upkeep or the electricity. Although at present the lights are coloured, they are going to be replaced with white lights very soon. Work will start on replacing the old concrete columns and worn out lamps in other parts of the village in due course.

THEN AND NOW

The front of this newsletter shows some of the photographs which are being published in book form showing the village as it was and is now. It will be on sale in time for Christmas and can be obtained by contacting Josie Thrower.