

Minutes of the Amotherby Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th August 2024 at 7.00 pm

Members Present: Cllr. Nigella Ballard
Cllr. D Skilbeck
Cllr. R Welch

In attendance: The Clerk.

1. Apologies received from Cllr.P Simpson and Cllr.R Brown, accepted and reasons approved.
2. To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – none received.
3. The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2024 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. To receive information on any ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:-
 - 4.1. Highways – footpath widening – Cllr. Simpson is liaising with Highways regarding the widening of the footpath on the B1257 which needs doing before the schools return.
 - 4.2. Highways – flood clean-up – Cllr Simpson has followed up on this with Highways; there are still piles of mud in several areas that need to be cleaned.
 - 4.3. Gov.uk email addresses – YLCA webinar gave advice that Parish Councils do not have to have these at present but Chair proposed that we purchase gov.uk email addresses for the Chairman, Vice-Chair and Cemetery. **Agreed** to proceed with these and discuss whether to get all Councillors official email addresses at the next meeting when all present.
5. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:- none received.
6. To receive any planning decisions/information:-

Cllr Simpson had emailed the Planning Dept. in June as we had not been informed that the Swinton application (22/01290/MFUL) was going to Committee in May and we had not therefore been able to speak or observe proceedings. A response was received stating that Swinton had been informed but not Amotherby as we are a neighbouring parish. Cllr Simpson argued this response as we are viewed as one settlement for Planning Policy purposes and had submitted comments which should have triggered a notification. No further communication has been received, but the application has been approved.
7. Matters requested by councillors and other business:-
 - 7.1. To discuss any item raised at the meeting –

Replacement of flower tubs:- the tubs by the bench are falling apart. Chair asked if they should be replaced. Prices of alternatives to be obtained and discussed at the next meeting. A complaint has been received from a member of the public regarding garden fires. A letter was sent to BATA in June thanking them for painting the railings.
 - 7.2. To discuss the Parish Council view on official name of Parish Hall and the way forward:-

Cllr.Ballard explained that the Parish Hall is going through the process of applying for Registered Charity status and there are several problems which need to be overcome regarding the Governing Document of the Hall, the original of which appears to be missing, in spite of extensive searches in various archives. CFY (Community First Yorkshire) have obtained solicitors advice, relevant sections of which were read out, which advises that a new Trust Deed (based on the ACRE model) can be produced. Amotherby Parish Council are the Holding/Custodian Trustees for the land and need to agree with this proposal. The Parish Hall committee have already agreed to this as the way forward. In the future the Hall may convert to a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) and if this happens the Parish Council would hand the land over to the CIO. However the current position needs to be regularised first. It was **agreed** that “To the best of our knowledge the Parish Council agrees with the advice in paragraph 23 of the solicitors note that a new Trust Deed be produced in the name of

Appleton-le-Street Parish Hall.” This should be checked with CFY and brought back to the PC for ratification.

7.3. Parking for school events:- an email complaining about cars parking anywhere at an end-of-term event and obstructing the traffic flow has been received and forwarded to school.

8. Financial matters

8.1. To approve the following accounts for payment:-

8.1.1. Repay Chair for items purchased – plants for flower tubs, paper and stamps - **approved** - £28.77 (chq 957)

8.2. To report any payments made which were previously approved or under delegated powers:-

HMRC Q1 - £98.40 (chq 954)

Clerk Salary Q1 - £394.17 (chq 955)

Autela Payroll - £49.73 (chq 956)

8.3. To note any payments received:- none received.

8.4. To receive a current bank reconciliation - Balance on 25 June £9504.08.

9. To consider the following new correspondence received and decide action where necessary:-

9.1. YLCA:- White Rose, Law & Governance Bulletins, Training information, NALC Chief Executive's Bulletins – all noted and have been sent to Cllrs.

9.2. NYC:- NYC Standards Bulletin June 2024, Local Gov. Boundary Review for N Yorks, new Liaison team info, Anti-litter campaign – all noted

9.3. NY Community Messaging – none.

9.4. Any late correspondence –

10. To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

10.1. Replacement flower tub costs

10.2. Councillors gov.uk emails

10.3. Speeding in the village

11. The date of the next meeting confirmed as Monday 14 October.