

Minutes of the Amotherby Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th October 2024 at 7.00 pm

Members Present: Cllr. Nigella Ballard
Cllr. P Simpson
Cllr. D Skilbeck
Cllr. R Brown

In attendance: The Clerk.

1. Apologies received from Cllr. R Welch, accepted and reason 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 12th August 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 – the footpath between Amotherby and Swinton has been widened and the hedge has been cut back. Highways have confirmed that this meets the minimum required standards. An order has been raised to widen the footpath between Amotherby and Appleton.
 - 4.2. Highways – flood clean-up - an email from the Highway Maintenance Manager was received after the most recent heavy rain on 26th September. A roadsweeper and gully machine had attended to assist with the clean up. The pipe discharging onto the Highway near the field entrance near the reservoir could constitute a 'nuisance' under the Highways Act 1980. Highways have exchanged emails with the landowner to see what further prevention measures can be considered. A response to be sent to Highways asking them to clarify what measures have been taken/are planned and to keep us informed of any updates, also to ask should the Environment Agency be involved as chemicals sprayed on the field end up in a land drain and eventually the river.
 - 4.3. Gov.uk email addresses – Vision ICT to be contacted to arrange gov.uk email addresses for Chair, Vice-Chair, Cemetery as agreed in August.
5. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:- none received.
6. To receive any planning decisions/information:-
 - 6.1. ZE24/00332/73M Variation of conditions to allow removal of cycle path from approved development plans for 21/01530/MFUL – approval notice has been received.
7. Matters requested by councillors and other business.
 - 7.1. To discuss any item raised at the meeting – email from a resident regarding traffic in the village and the placement of the yellow lines saying that these cause cars to park as far back as opposite Church Street resulting in vehicles coming from the crossroads not being able to see oncoming cars as a blind bend is created. Council view is that the lines have made an improvement and the situation is better than it was although there are other problems. It is an experimental scheme that will be re-evaluated in January 2025. A member of NY Transport team was present today reviewing the situation and was not happy with what he had seen. He would discuss with Highways and H & S team.
 - 7.2. To discuss replacement of flower tubs by bench – the existing tubs are old and falling to bits. Two options for replacement were viewed. The larger tubs, about the size of the existing, cost £199 plus VAT each. **Agreed** to purchase two of these.
 - 7.3. To discuss possible donation to Parish Hall re-roofing fund – agreed this was premature at present, to re-visit at a suitable time.
 - 7.4. To discuss purchase of Poppy Wreath and possible donation – **agreed** to the purchase of wreath and £30 donation.
 - 7.5. To receive reports from YLCA branch meeting – there had been an address by NY Parish Liaison department. Any problems the Parish Council are having can be sent to them and

they will forward to the relevant department. YLCA considering amalgamating more areas into one bigger group, future meetings could be held at Scarborough.

Free online seminar on Sickness Management training attended by the Chair.

8. Financial matters

8.1. To approve the following accounts for payment:- none due.

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

8.2.1. NYC Street-light electric for 2023-24 - £347.87 (chq 958)

8.2.2. Clerk Salary for Q2 - (chq 959)

8.2.3. HMRC for Q2 - (chq 960)

8.3. To note any payments received:-

8.3.1. Clear Councils, refund on insurance payment.

8.3.2. Parish Precept Q2 - £2750.00

8.4. To receive a current bank reconciliation - £11,682.71 as of 30 September.

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, Branch meeting info – forwarded to Cllrs and all noted.

9.2. NYC:- update on NY Local Plan in view of consultation on changes to NPPF, Community MAPS presentation, Sept Standards Bulletin, Thirsk & Malton Area Committee, letter re. Precept for 2025/26.

9.3. NY Community Messaging – Ask the Experts, Sept Neighbourhood Newsletter, Parking Fine scam warning.

9.4. Any late correspondence – the wall by the steps and Winifred Cottage entrance has been hit and coping stones dislodged. To report to Highways.

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

10.1. Budget and precept

10.2. Traffic speed

11. The date of the next meeting confirmed as Monday 9th December 2024.