

Minutes of the Amotherby Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th June 2025 at 7.00 pm

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

In attendance: The Clerk and CCllr Steve Mason

1. Apologies were received from Cllr. Welch and the reason approved.
2. 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 May 2025 were confirmed as true and correct records and signed by the Chairman.
4. To receive information on any ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:-
 - 4.1. Parish Council representative to the Parish Hall Management Committee - deferred.
 - 4.2. VAS sign – see point 7.1.
5. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:-
 - 5.1. ZE25/00647/FUL – Installation of 80 ground mounted solar panels & remove blast wall & fencing at Malton Foods site (now Amotherby Business Park) – no objections. Planning to be notified of this and asked if there will be any benefit to the community.
6. To receive any planning decisions/information:-
 - 6.1. ZE25/00346/House – 11 Seven Wells - decision notice received, approved.
 - 6.2. ZE25/00005/LBC – Newsham Bridge repairs - decision notice received, approved.
7. Matters requested by councillors and other business.

Cllr. Steve Mason provided updates on matters that as a NY Cllr he is working on and other information:-

National Landscape Management Plan – he is helping AONB manager with this.

Home to School Transport Plan – he is working with Malton School to find a solution for those who wish to attend Malton School.

NY Development Plan – the Draft Plan is forming, keep an eye on developments and feed any information back to Cllr. Mason.

HGVs travelling along B1257 – problems in Hovingham.

Boundaries Commission – Amotherby could end up being renamed Howardian Ward, losing Ampleforth but gaining areas in Howardian Hills area. No decision yet, due in September.

Paths for Everyone – focus is on the Hovingham area at the moment. Cllr Mason keen to develop the route from Amotherby to Malton. This would enable safe movement of pupils to school, either in Amotherby or Malton among other benefits.

Sewage issues – Yorkshire Water are now objecting to the building of further houses due to lack of capacity in the infrastructure.

7.1. Speeding – NY Speed Management Strategy report was due in June, now due 25 July. Cllr. Duncan has been replaced as Head of Transport by Cllr. Malcolm Taylor. Report also due on Safety Partnerships which may provide some good news regarding the regulation of speed along the B1257. Hopefully the speed limits will be regularised so that there are not so many different ones. One of the National Landscape Management Plans objectives is to reduce speeding in the area. Cllr. Mason needs to know what villages are prepared to put in place to help with speed control (VAS signs, street furniture?). He considers a VAS sign would be a good idea to share between the villages but the cost is prohibitive, estimated £5,000 to £10,000. Locality Budget has not been allocated this year so some could be put towards this.

7.2. Replacement Councillor – no applications received by closing date. Email to be sent to residents regarding the vacancy, extension of deadline to apply to end of July.

7.3. Feedback from YLCA Branch and NY Area Committee meetings –
YLCA had a presentation from Paths 4 Everyone, they will be looking at the section between Swinton and Amotherby soon.

YLCA Officer reported that the Practitioners Guide 2026 states all councillors should have gov.uk email addresses. There will be a question in next year's audit form – to be looked into.
NY Area Committee – There is some legislation on contour ploughing. Several villages have same problem as Amotherby with surface water/land drainage and combined sewers
Complaints were made about emails to NYC not being answered, seems to depend on which Dept. Can go through the Liaison Team to get to correct one for the issue. Cllr Mason advised to copy him in to correspondence.

7.4. To discuss any item raised at the meeting – none raised.

8. Financial matters

8.1. To approve the following accounts for payment:-

8.1.1. Chairman for items purchased for flower tubs – **approved** (£39.96, chq.980).

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

8.3. To note any payments received:- none received

8.4. To receive a current bank reconciliation - £10266.65.

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

9.1. YLCA:- White Rose Updates, Training courses, Law & Governance Bulletins, general info – all sent to Cllrs, noted.

9.2. Late correspondence from YLCA – no money available for new Neighbourhood Plans; new 2025 edition of Local Councils Explained from NALC available on YLCA website.

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

Parish Council representative to the Parish Hall Management Committee.

11. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 11th August.