

Minutes of the Amotherby Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th August 2025 at 7.00 pm

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

In attendance: The Clerk and two members of the public

1. No apologies received from Cllrs. as all present. NYCllr. S Mason regrets he is unable to attend.
2. Declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – none declared.
3. The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th June 2025 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. An email has been received from CCllr. Mason proposing that a VAS sign and the cost of this is shared with other parishes in the area. Feedback also requested on which other speed limiting measures such as speed bumps, rumble strips etc. are more acceptable in general.
Agreed that further information is required on the cost for the parish council, and how the cost will be distributed between those involved. For various reasons, chicanes were previously in place and were unsuccessful (people speeding up to avoid waiting at them), as were rumble strips and speed bumps (residents did not want these outside their houses), but these should not be determining factors. Cameras are really the only deterrent and info of those caught speeding by the police cameras should be publicised. No decision can really be made until the NYC report on the speed limits review in the county is published (overdue) and what info on what alternatives NYC consider appropriate (eg.av.speed cameras). Response to be sent to Cllr.Mason.
5. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:-
 - 5.1. ZE25/00782/HOUSE – Bethel Cottage - alteration of 2no. existing dormer windows to include new pitched roof, 1no. existing dormer window to be reduced in size and addition of pitched roof, addition of velux roof light, removal of 2no. windows and reposition of entrance door, erection of new trellis entrance porch.
Apologies for extra digit on application number on the agenda. Plans were viewed and discussed and there were no objections. Planning to be notified.
6. To receive any planning decisions/information:-
 - 6.1. Update on Yorkshire Housing development – groundworks have begun on the site. Complaints to Lindum from some nearby residents about dust, loudness and vibrations in a property were **noted**.
7. Matters requested by councillors and other business.
 - 7.1. Replacement Councillor application – Only one application for the post has been received, from Paul Wood. He was therefore co-opted onto the Parish Council and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was completed. **Agreed** that he could attend any training sessions needed.
 - 7.2. To discuss any item raised at the meeting:
 - 7.2.1. Notification from external auditors that they have received and logged the PC Notification of Exempt status.
 - 7.2.2. Local Plan First Consultation Submission has been sent.
 - 7.2.3. Further information requested on electricity cut off next week by a resident.
 - 7.2.4. Resident raised lorries parking in Bentley's forecourt obstructing visibility. Area 4 Highways email address given so they can contact direct if this issue arises again.
8. Financial matters
 - 8.1. To approve the following accounts for payment:-
 - 8.1.1. Autela invoice 15942 for payroll services April -July – **approved** (£57.00, chq no 984)
 - 8.2. To report any payments made which were previously approved or under delegated powers:-
 - 8.2.1. Clerk's salary and HMRC tax. There was a mess up by the bank over paying in the salary cheque so it was issued twice. Second has now been refunded.

- 8.3. To note any payments received:-
 - 8.3.1. Precept payment 1 – April 2025.
 - 8.3.2. Refund from Clear Insurance - £21.09.
 - 8.3.3. Refund of overpaid salary.
- 8.4. To receive a current bank reconciliation - £9834.04.
9. To consider the following new correspondence received and decide action where necessary:-
 - 9.1. YLCA:- Local Government Pay Agreement 2025-26 – Clerk is due a pay rise, Autela to be notified;
YLCA Training Day 16 Oct at Thirsk – Chair requested approval to attend - approved;
WRU including NALC Advice Note on council email addresses, Law & Governance Bulletin & training information – all noted. NALC Advice Note to be sent to Cllrs.
 - 9.2. NYC:- Update on Call for Sites – no changes in Amotherby;
Local Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation – to be done;
Sports Facilities Survey – Chair has completed and sent.
 - 9.3. Any late correspondence – NYC letter re. Precept arrangements for 2026/27; Kevin Hollinrake MP Constituency Surgeries poster – noted.
10. To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.
11. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 13th October 2025.