



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 30th January 2023 at 7pm

At Leeming Village Hall, Leeming

Present

Parish Councillors: Cllr M Curry; Cllr A Bowes; Cllr O Robinson;
District Councillors: Cllr M Barningham; Cllr C Les
County Councillor:
Clerk / Others: S Nicholson (Clerk); 4 Resident

Item Ref 22/23

Detail

62) Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened this meeting and welcomed everyone.

Apologies accepted from:

- Cllr C Capel (Vice Chair);
- Cllr K Temple
- Cllr J Weighell
- Cllr J Noone
- Police

63) Public Session

Q1: *I am concerned about the parking outside the Chapel because it is causing serious problems for wheelchair users and a Mum with a double pushchair both are having to use the road because they cannot get passed the car that is being parked on the pavement?*

Answer: *The Chair stated that this was on the agenda because it has also caused her some concern?*

See item 68.3

Q2: *I am here because I want to know what is happening with the dog stil.*

Answer: *The Chair requested if the resident wanted to express her concerns.*

Response: *Not until I hear what you are doing with it.*

Answer: *The chair stated that she may not be able to speak at that point.*

Response: *I do not want to say any more at this point.*

See item 68.1

64) Declarations of Interest

Nothing was declared.

65) Minutes

Consideration of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th November 2022 had been circulated to all members.

Minutes Proposed – Cllr A Bowes

Seconded – Cllr O Robinson

RESOLVED and Approved

No matters arising from completed work. Any ongoing work is on the agenda.

66) Councillors / Clerk Matters

1. Clerks Appraisal

Cllr AB reported: The Clerk's Appraisal had been completed with two items needed to be recorded.

- I. It became apparent from the clerk that at times she may be working in excess of the hours we pay for, this had become obvious with recent planning work. We are recommending that an additional 5 hours may be requested by the Clerk when she is experiencing additional work like the recent Planning Project. This will be agreed prior to work being done.
- II. In respect of the clerks objectives set last year she had completed them or due to ongoing NYC situation transferred to this year's objectives.

The recommendation is that both item be approved and the Clerk is awarded a one increment increase that takes her to the top of her pay band at Pt 28.

Recommendations Agreed

67) External Sector Reports

1. Police Report

Unfortunately, the police were unable to attend this meeting.

2. District Council Report.

Cllr MB reported the following:

- HDC are supporting the Prime Time activity. Prime Time allows everyone to participate, it is for the young, more senior residents and, people with disabilities. The Charge for this is £4per session.
- A new NYC Parish Charter consultation paper is just out and is for a 12 week period.
The Clerk stated she had got the information via her role with Aiskew Leeming Bar Parish and will distribute to Councillors.

**Action: Send information to Councillors
Advise Democratic Services at NYCC of the clerks email
address**

3. County Council Report

- No report provided

68) Parish Council Reports

1. Dog Stiles / Bridle path

Cllr CC had provided details that this was still on going.

Action: Add to next agenda

2. Royal Mail (MB)

Cllr MB is still trying to resolve this matter which remains on-going but is hopeful he will get a response before the next parish meeting.

Action: Add to next agenda

3. Parking outside the Methodist Church, Leeming

The Chair stated that she had noticed cars being parked on the pavement causing pedestrians some difficulty passing. On checking the original planning application it clearly stated that the Application had been granted on the grounds of off-road parking to be adhered to. The Chair also stated that Highways had also recommended that this Application could only go ahead on the grounds that parking was within the property's boundary. The clerk stated that she had received a response from Planning which was not helpful. See below:

"I have investigated the matters that you have raised and reviewed the approved plans. The approved plans for planning permission reference 21/00693/MRC - Drawing Reference:R16-2C show the image of two vehicles to the front of the old church the note beneath states 'onsite parking is contrived & suited to small cars, however we feel that the highway requirements are outweighed by the notion of preserving this attractive building'. It is clear from the officer report that it was envisaged that the front wall, gate pillars gate and railings would be removed to accommodate parking.

As such the failure to create the parking spaces on the frontage is not in accordance with the approved plans. The council could seek the removal of the front wall, gate pillars, gate and railings, in accordance with the approved plans however if this was undertaken Officers cannot require the parking spaces to be utilised, rather that the space is available to be used by cars. Given only small vehicles could fit in that area, if the vehicles parked were large they could then overhang the public footpath. As such on this occasion the Council do not intend to pursue the removal of the front boundary treatment in order that the development is in accordance with the approved plans as this would result in the loss of the wall, gate pillars, gate and railings on this non-designated heritage asset when the Council are unable to force cars to be parked in this area and given the size of the space cars may be unlikely to fit."

The Chair stated that at this point the parish would be seeking to have the Application upheld.

**Action: Send response to Cllr MB and to Cllr MC
Cllr MB stated he would contact Peter Jones at HDC.**

4. Parking next to Public Noticeboard in Leeming

The Clerk stated that she had received some complaints about the parking of a van and electric cables next to the Public Noticeboard on the side of the Bus Shelter in Leeming.

In view of this a letter was sent to the resident concerned and an apologies has been received with an undertaking that this will not happen again.

Resolved

69) **Policies**

Financial Risk Policy 2022-23

The Chair requested the Clerk send this policy out again and would be hopefully adopted at the next meeting.

Action: Send to Councillors and add to next agenda

70) **Planning**

1. **Housing Proposal – Leeming**

Nothing yet received from planning.

Action: To continue to adds as a statutory item on the Agenda

2. **22/02728/OUT**

Outline application for the construction of 4no dwellings with some matters reserved except access

Land South Of The Old Forge Exelby North Yorkshire

Mr James Knight

Delegated Decision

Observation / Comment

Parish are not in support of this application

Comments already sent in Dec

3. **22/02690/FUL**

Demolition of existing extensions and replacement with a new single storey flat roofed extension, Replacement of existing outbuilding with new garden amenity building and new oak framed frontage for garage

Beechwood Exelby Bedale North Yorkshire

Mr And Mrs Hill

Delegated Decision

Observation / Comment

None

71) **Highways**

1. Blubs for village planters

This has not been completed due to the weather conditions.

On-going

2. Exelby (30mph VAS)

The Clerk stated that the new 30MPH signs are now up so we can move forward with getting a VAS installed.

Action: Clerk to seek advice from D Griffith ay NYCC about getting a VAS arranged for Exelby. Money had been allocated in the budget for this item,

Action: Clerk to move this forward with D Griffith and TWM.

72) **Playground Inspection**

1. Update on Play Inspection Findings

The clerk stated that she had approached Streetscape who are happy to assist with the removal of the wooden post. However, they are also happy to assist with getting new equipment into the Play area and getting it used again by children and adults in the area.

2. Grant
The Clerk stated that the Lottery has a £10K grant scheme that we may be able to get to fund the majority of any new equipment on the grounds that we are enhancing children and adult health.

**Action: Arrange meeting with Matthew Day (Streetscape)
Clerk to put together a Grant Application.**

73) Financial Matters

1. Payments
Agreed

2. Online Banking
The clerk outlined the system for online banking and requested she started the process.
On-Going

Action: Add to next Agenda

3. TP Jones / HMRC
The Clerk stated that during her appraisal one of the items discussed was the use of the HMRC Online Payroll System rather than using TP Jones. This would be a saving of approximately £200 per year.

Action: Clerk to explore the scheme for the parish

4. Parish Spend against Budget 2023/24
On checking there is no real issues and we are on schedule to hit all our set budget targets. In respect of the coming year the only real issue may be the cost of Tractor fuel for the Grass cutting due to Red diesel no longer being used. The cost is therefore likely to rise but the Clerk stated she had added to the Grass cutting budget to off set this.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed by Chair:

Dated:.....