



## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7pm

At Leeming Village Hall, Leeming

### Present

Parish Councillors: Cllr M Curry; Cllr A Bowes; Cllr O Robinson; Cllr C Capel

District Councillors: Cllr C Les

County Councillor:

Clerk / Others: S Nicholson (Clerk); 2 Resident

### Item Ref

### Detail

22/23

#### 74) Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened this meeting and welcomed everyone.

Apologies accepted from:

- Cllr M Barningham
- Cllr J Noone
- Police
- Cllr K Temple

(Cllr K Temple had stated that due to personal health reasons she may not be available for the couple of meetings).

#### 75) Public Session

Nothing raised

#### 76) Declarations of Interest

Nothing was declared.

#### 77) Minutes

Consideration of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 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.

#### 78) Councillors / Clerk Matters

##### Vacancies

There had been no interest in the vacancies. The Clerk suggested that she again tried putting up posters to raise awareness

**Agreed**

**Action Clerk to organise Posters for Website and Noticeboards**

## 79) External Sector Reports

### 1. Police Report

Unfortunately, the police were unable to attend this meeting. The Chair read out the report sent to the parish that had very little information.

### 2. District Council Report. & County Council Report

Cllr C Les reported:

- The new Unitary Authority starts in 5 weeks
- Council Tax had been set at 2.99% +2% for Adult Social Care. The authority is aware that the cost is higher than they would like but are facing the same financial pressures as everyone else. The cost of Bitumen has risen by over 30%, this is due to the majority was originally from Russia which is obviously not available to us at this time because of the war in Ukraine. There will still be additional help to those who need assistance including Ext Household support that is continuing from the Government.
- The authority have approved a new mayoral system along with York which will unlock finances within the levelling up system for the region.

*Question: Can you confirm there will be savings from setting up the new Unitary Authority?*

*Answer: Yes there will be. However, not as much in the first year as the Districts have deemed it appropriate to offer sizeable packages to those officers leaving the authority.*

## 80) Parish Council Reports

### 1. Dog Stiles / Bridle path

Cllr CC this was still on the back burner due to the farmer actually taking off a gate.

### 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 the current position from Hambleton District Council regarding their statement of no further action.

The Chair also informed the meeting of an encounter with the new owner who had stated it was not a Second Home or available for Letting. However, a resident at the previous meeting declared that the property is actually up as a Letting on a public site. The resident had also indicated that there was no intention to remove the wall and railings for off road parking.

The Councillors had a long discussion on the use of this building and the original HDC Planning Applications requirements.

The followings observations and comments were noted:

- Buildings that are for Let are required to have it available for 140days of which 70days had to be occupied.
- Why did HDC not inform the Parish Council that the original compliance requirements had been rescinded and they had not adhered to previous Planning requirements?
- Parking restrictions has caused some problems at school arrival and leaving times.
- Can Highways assist in other areas of the village where there are a number of parking issues with residents double parking which would cause problems for Emergency Vehicles to access some areas?

**Action: Clerk to write to HDC and Highways regarding this matter**

4. Parking next to Public Noticeboard in Leeming

The Chair stated that again she had received complaints from residents not being able to access the public Notice board due the parking of the van from "" Roman Road, Leeming.

**Action: Clerk to raise with resident again**

**81) Policies**

Financial Banking Risk Assessment Policy 2022-23

Cllr Capel had seen one or two errors. These are too rectified and Policy signed off at the next meeting.

**Action: Clerk to amend ready for next meeting.**

**82) Planning**

**1. Housing Proposal – Leeming**

Nothing yet received from planning.

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

**83) Highways**

**1. Blubs for village planters**

This has not been completed due to the weather conditions.

**On-going**

**2. Exelby (30mph VAS)**

The Chair stated that she and the Clerk had met with Darren Griffith from NYCC. The only available site had been located this was a problem due to having to arrange a Solar VAS. However, this had been arranged and a Quotation from TWM received.

**Action: Chair and Clerk to arranger signature of documentation.**

**84) Playground Inspection**

Repairs / New Equipment

The Chair reported that there had been a meeting with Matthew Day from Streetscape who had put together two options for play equipment for children 7-11years. The parish had also been made aware of a possible £10K Grant.

There was a discussion on the possibility of having exercise equipment rather than children's play equipment and would that be possible with the grant and could the parish then apply in future years for children's equipment. The Councillors were advised that we could get some exercise equipment first and then apply in 18 month for play equipment if it was still available. However, due to the Football post we would need to change the football area to be width ways and possible smaller post, making a 5 a side area rather than full size.

**Action: Clerk to speak to MD and get possible options.**

**85) Financial Matters**

1. Payments  
**Agreed**

2. Online Banking

The clerk stated that the new mandate has been accepted and we can now move on-line banking forward.

**On-going**

**Meeting closed at 8pm**

**Signed by Chair:** .....

**Dated:**.....