



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 24th April 2023 at 7pm

At Leeming Village Hall, Leeming

Present

Parish Councillors: Cllr M Curry; Cllr A Bowes; Cllr O Robinson; Cllr K Temple
County Councillor: Cllr J Weighell
Clerk / Others: S Nicholson (Clerk); 2 Resident

Item Ref

Detail

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1)

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened this meeting and welcomed everyone.

Apologies accepted from:

- Cllr C Capel

2)

Public Session

A resident stated that she had been speaking to a Neil Jackson from NYC about the street light on Sycamore Lane. The light had been removed by Northern Grid and she was originally informed it would not be replaced but has been assured from NYC that it will.

3)

Declarations of Interest

Nothing was declared.

4)

Minutes

Consideration of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th March 2023.

Minutes Proposed – Cllr A Bowes

Seconded – Cllr O Robinson

Approved and Agreed

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

5)

Councillors / Clerk Matters

Vacancies

The Chair reminded everyone that there were still two vacancies for Parish Councillors. The Clerk confirmed that posters had been put on all the noticeboards.

6)

External Sector Reports

1. Police Report

Unfortunately, the police were unable to attend this meeting.

The Clerk read out the report sent to the parish that had very little information.

2. County Council

Cllr JW stated the current status with the new authority is that a lot of systems are still being organised. The meeting was advised that he hoped the parish would look slightly differently and would report outstanding or problems to him rather than he simple report NYC items.

The Chair questioned Cllr JW about his statement regarding information as she felt all information should be a two way system.

Cllr. JW stated that he did not think the parish would want to hear about

everything that is happening within NYC, and gave some examples like proportional representation. The Chair stated it was important that the parish was informed about those changes so the parish could respond to any relevant questions from the public.

The Chair also stated it was obvious that NYC is still not organised as the parish had only just had information about the new Parish Consultation Charter with NYC which actually closed two weeks ago. Cllr. JW stated if the parish wanted to provide input into the consultation he would ensure that the information was considered by the relevant section.

7) 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. **On-Going**

2. Emergency Exit parking on Dere Street

The Clerk stated that she had been informed by NYC Highways that they only covered Dere Street and that the reservation would be the responsibility of Highways England. Therefore they are unable to assist with the parking issue.

The Councillors discussed the way forward and the opinion was still that this was an Emergency Exit that is not being kept clear.

Action: Clerk to contact Highways England for advice from them.

3. Noticeboard Exelby

The Clerk stated that she had been informed by a resident that perhaps the budget from the parish for the coming year may include a new Noticeboard for village use rather than just parish documents. The Clerk had looked into this and had three quotes all in the region of £400.

However Cllr. KT stated that she wasn't sure the majority of residents wanted another Noticeboard. In view of further discussions between Councillors the decision was that this would be deferred until Cllr KT had assessed this more fully with village residents.

4. Street lighting

The Clerk stated she had had the street light on Water Lane report as not working. This had been reported to NYC and an email confirming it would be replaced within 7days.

5. Meeting Date Change

The Chair stated that the next meeting was due on Monday 29th May, which was a Bank holiday. Therefore the proposal was to move the meeting to the 22nd May. **Agreed unanimously**

8) Policies

The Clerk stated that there were 4 policies due to be reviewed:

- **Publication Policy**
- **Complaints Policy**
- **Contract of Employment**
- **Disciplinary & Grievance Policy**

The Chair requested that they look over them during the coming month and are put on the next Agenda for approval.

Action: Clerk to send above policies to Councillors

9) **Planning**

1. Housing Proposal – Leeming
 - Update - no Planning Application yet received by the Parish.
2. **22/02625/FUL**
Demolition of Existing Agricultural Buildings and Construction of New Dwelling in Replacement of Consented Class Q Conversion (21/00187/MBN).
Land And Buildings South Of Melgoats Exelby North Yorkshire
APPLICANT: Mr P Marley
Granted.
3. **23/00369/FUL**
Alterations to first floor of garage to create additional residential use associated with the bungalow
The Bungalow 20 Roman Road Leeming Northallerton
Mr Gill
Granted
4. **23/00342/OUT**
Outline application with some matters reserved (considering access) for the construction of 3no. dwellings to include a two house, dormer bungalow and bungalow.
LOCATION: Land To The North Of Westfield House Londonderry North Yorkshire
Mr And Mrs Dyson
Delegated Decision
The following observations / Comments were raised at the parish meeting: 1. Access to these dwellings may cause access to the field behind and thereby cause problems with the number of access points within that small area. 2. We understand that there is a Noise Contour regulation for this area from RAF Leeming
5. **ZB23/00902/FUL**
Construction of 3no. 20m high flood light mast
Telecommunications Mast RAF Leeming
MOD
No observations or Objections to be recorded.

10) **Grass Cutting**

The Clerk stated that she had at the very end of March been informed by their Grass Cutting Contractor that he would no longer be able to fulfil his obligation to cut the grass for the parish.

The meeting was advised that due to the time scale in getting a Grass Cutting Contractor at the time when most contractors were already committed for the year it was not feasible to put out a Tender. However, a new contractor had been found and the fee would be £160 per cut. This was slightly higher than in the budget but was acceptable. This is for one year with a Tender being arranged for next year. The chair asked Councillors to approve of this proposal.

Agreed

11) **Highways**

1. Exelby (VAS)
The Clerk confirmed that everything is in place and should be completed very soon.

2. Exelby 30mph

The Clerk asked Cllr. JW if she should be reminding NYC Highways that there was a new 30mph section within Exelby and if this is to be paid as part of the Grassing Cutting schedule payment from them.

Cllr. JW confirmed that the parish should remind Highways in the change of speeding limit which may affect payment to the parish.

Action: Clerk to contact Highways

12) **Playground Inspection**

1. Repairs / New Equipment

The Chair stated that she had been in consultation with Cllr. CC about the equipment for the Leeming Play Area, concerning a tree that needed to be felled.

Councillors were informed about the dead tree needing to be felled and for various other reasons she was now recommending that they considered the original proposal, Option 1, from Streetscape and a Grant to be applied for the children's area rather than the Exercise equipment. Councillors had a short discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal.

Agreed to Option 1 + a Grant Application.

Action: Clerk to applied for Grant and if successful request Streetscape to go ahead with Option 1

Clerk to arrange meeting with Ken Smith on tree for some time during w/c 1st May

13) **Financial Matters**

1. Payments

Agreed

2. Online Banking

**Councillors are still waiting Card Readers and Bank Cards
On-going**

14) **Correspondence / Urgent Matters**

A letter has been received requesting a donation from Leeming Parish Church towards the up keep for grass cutting. The Councillors discussed why it was important that they offer assistance in keeping the appearance of the village tidy band well kept.

A donation of £50 was proposed.

Agreed

Action: Clerk to raise a cheque on next month's payment schedule.

Meeting closed at 8pm

Signed by Chair:

Dated:.....