



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Monday 23rd October 2023
At Leeming Village Hall, Leeming

Present

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

Item Ref
23/24

Detail

- 66) Welcome and Apologies
The Chair opened this meeting and welcomed everyone.
Apologies accepted from:
- Cllr C Caple
 - Cllr J Weighell
 - Police
- 67) **Public Session**
Nothing was questioned on the agenda, but a question was raised about the streetlight on Sycamore that is again not working.

The Clerk stated she was not aware of that issues but will try and resolve it.
Action: Add to the next agenda

- 68) **Declarations of Interest**
Nothing declared.

69) **Minutes**

1. Minutes
Consideration of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25th September 2023. A small typing error was found on page 4 that was amended.

Minutes Proposed – Cllr A Bowes
Seconded – Cllr O Robinson
Approved and agreed.

2. Matters Arising
Nothing that was not on the agenda or completed.

70) **Councillors / Clerk Matters**

1. Vacancies
The clerk stated that she sent the papers to Cllr FS, and she had just received them to forward to north Yorkshire Council. A new council email account has been raised. Cllr FS stated she will ensure she checks that asap.

The Chair stated that there is still one vacancy if anyone knew a resident that would be interested.

2. Meeting Dates

There was a brief discussion on meetings dates because getting a quorum for meetings. Councillors agreed that they would decide at every meeting if the last Monday of the month following would be suitable.

Action: Add this item as a statutory item for future agendas.

71) **External Sector Reports**

1. Police Report

A Police Report had been sent to the parish by PC Heather Lees prior to the meeting and the Chair read out the crime figures provided. There was concern about one issue of 10 Crimes of violence against a person.

Sergeant J P reported for the meeting:

- *Regarding your request to explain the number of violence reports I have looked at the statistics and offer a short explanation. There were ten violence reports in total stemming from two incidents. One incident involved several suspects and victims therefore under Home Office crime recording rules police must record multiple crimes to reflect each person involved even though it's the same incident. The second was a low-level report involving children which was dealt with by the school with no police involvement other than recording a crime. I hope this offers some reassurance and clarity.*

2. County Council

No report

72) **Parish Council Reports**

1. Dog Stiles / Bridle path

Unfortunately, Cllr CC is away on business in London.

On-Going

Action: Clerk to chase Cllr CC regarding this issue and to get it resolved.

2. Emergency Exit parking on Dere Street

The Clerk stated that she had not received any further responses from Highways England.

Councillors had a discussion on the continued need to press Highways England and requested that the Clerk contacted Highways England again with the parish suggestion of moveable bollards across the whole of the offending section.

Action: Clerk to email Highways England.

3. Noticeboard Exelby

The Clerk stated that unfortunately the company whom they are purchasing the board from had changed their name. Hopefully this is now resolved, and the parish is awaiting delivery to Pete Hart in Exelby who has stated he will install it.

73) Budget / Precept

The Clerk presented a recommended budget to the Parish Councillors for requesting a Precept of £14000.

The Chair stated that she thought a contingency amount of approx. £500 was not enough and requested that they increase the request to £14500 allowing for a contingency amount of £1000.

Councillors discussed both amounts and agreed that the Parish should request £14500 especially due to the increase in fuel prices that may be affect the Grass cutting Contracts.

74) Planning

1. Awaiting Decision

ZB23/00923/FUL

- No movement on this application

2. Appeal Secretary of State

APP/G2713/W/23/3320769 Land to the south of the Old Forge, Exelby Village DL8 2HD

Appeal Dismissed

Cllr KT stated that she had received a letter of thanks to the Parish regarding their support on this issue.

75) Highways

Heavy Goods Vehicles cutting through the village.

The Clerk stated that she had reported this to Highways but they have a 20-working day process and we have not had a response from them.

Cllr AB stated that Trading Standards should also be made aware of the situation.

Action: Clerk to email Area2 and Trading Standards

76) Playground Inspection

1. Leeming Play Grant

The Clerk stated that she had stopped the Grant as requested and would apply for the £20K funding in November when it becomes available.

Matthew Day from Streetscape had produced a costed quotation for the equipment we wanted on the park, so that it can be used in our application.

Action: Clerk to apply for Grant asap

2. Tree - Leeming

We are still waiting for our contractor to advise us when he will be starting the work. g.

Action: Clerk to monitor

- 77) **Financial Matters**
1. Payments
Agreed

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed by Chair:

Dated:

Yet to be Approved