



**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
**At Leeming Village Hall, Leeming**

**Present**

**Parish Councillors:** Cllr M Curry (Chair); Cllr C Capel (Vice-Chair); Cllr O Robinson;  
Cllr A Bowes; Cllr F Stead; Cllr K Temple

**County Councillor:** Cllr J Weighell

**Clerk / Others:** S Nicholson (Clerk); 4 Resident.

<b>Item Ref</b>	<b>Detail</b>
<b>24/25</b>	
<b>22)</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b> The Chair opened this meeting and welcomed everyone to the parish meeting. There were no apologies.
<b>23)</b>	<b>Public session</b> The Chair opened the meeting to the public to discuss items on the agenda. <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A residents raised his concerns about the traffic speeding through the village and if anything could be put in place to reduce the traffic speeding. In particular the number of heavy goods vehicles using Roman Road and if a VAS sign at the other end of the village was possible.</li><li>2. Another resident raised issue of residents parking both inconsiderately and illegally blocking footpaths making pedestrians having to walk on the road. There appears to be a number of caravans and campervans parking at various places making some safety issues when trying to get off drives or see round them at junctions.</li></ol> <p>The Chair stated both these items would be addressed by councillors at the appropriate time.</p>
<b>24)</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There was one declared and will be noted at the start of the item:
<b>25)</b>	<b>Minutes</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <u>Minutes</u> Consideration of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minutes Proposed – Cllr Temple</b> <b>Seconded – Cllr Robinson</b> <b>Approved and agreed.</b></p></li><li>2. <u>Matters Arising</u> Only outstanding matters are on the agenda.</li></ol>

Chairs initial.....

Date .....

**26) Councillors / Clerk Matters**

1. Vacancies

Councillors discussed the vacancy. A proposal was that it would be appropriate to have another councillor from Exelby. Cllr Temple to speaker to Exelby residents and raise awareness about the importance of the village having a second representative on the Parish council.

**Action: Posters to be placed in Noticeboards**

**27) External Sector Reports**

1. Police Report

A report had been received stating that there was only one incident recorded that of a burglary to a dwelling.

The Chair also advised residents to ensure their properties are locked and informed the meeting about the free NYC messaging service.

2. County Council

Cllr Weighell reported:

- That a serious incident was had been taking place in Exelby early today. Another councillor stated that the police had made people aware of a person of interest that they had been seeking had been spotted in the area.
- North Yorkshire Council (NYC) are looking at pupil transport, but this should not affect the children in the parish. However, if they do know of another affected, please contact Cllr A Wilkinson directly as she is the leader on this item.
- He also stated he was interested in the two items raised in the public session.

**28) Parish Council Reports**

1. Crow Wood Treehouse

The clerk stated that Matthew Day from Streetscape had been to look at the structure and had confirmed it did not comply with British Standards. Cllr CC stated she had an idea who erected the structure and would investigate. If this does not turn out to be the case councillors agreed that the structure should be removed asap and requested the clerk organise that immediately.

**Action: Clerk to arrange the removal of structure if Cllr CC is unable to get the resident to remove it.**

2. Maintenance of Bus Shelters

The clerk stated the work was completed.

3. Bus Stop Exelby / Leeming

Cllr Temple stated that several vehicles are still parking outside the Bus stop. A request for a letter to the new residents at the chapel to not park vehicles at the Bus stop for safety reasons when children are getting on and off the school coaches.

The Clerk stated she had spoken to Passenger transport and Highways about marking of the bus stop with yellow markings. The answer was advised that until Highways were going to do a job on that part of the road the marking would not be done because of lack of funds. Councillors were still unhappy with this because this is a safety issue in both Exelby and Leeming where passengers are getting on and off public transport unsafely which is likely to cause a major accident.

**Action: Clerk to contact Highways and Passenger Transport again**

4. Facebook

The Chair wanted the opinion from Councillors about the possibility of the parish having a Facebook page. Councillors were advised that one of them had been approached and was happy to work with the Chair to get it up and running. Obviously, certain ruling would need to be included were decisions could not be made by the admin officer of the site but discussed at meeting. Councillors agreed that the Chair and the councillor involved move this project forward.

**Action: Chair to move this project forward.**

5. Bridle path – Leeming.

The Clerk stated that this had been reported to the Paths Team as the bridle path is their responsibility.

6. Parking in Leeming causing obstruction and safety issues.

The Chair stated that this has been raised previously with the Police without any success so perhaps we need to get them to attend a meeting with councillors.

The Clerk suggested that perhaps Jon Hunter, Traffic Management Officer for North Yorkshire Police is the best person along with a Highways Officer.

**Action: Clerk to arrange meeting.**

7. Chicanes for Leeming

The Chair felt that this was probably not possible because there had been discussions with Highways about this to stop speeding traffic at the triangle in Londonderry.

Cllr Weighell stated he had arranged for chicanes in Hackforth, but they are really more dangerous than useful. Leeming was different and they may be more suitable to the road going through the village.

A councillor stated that she though the use of chicanes had been refused before due to the road being an emergency overflow road for the A1(M).

The Clerk again stated that this could be discussed with Jon Hunter as it is probably in his remit.

**Action: As Above item.**

8. Leeming VAS sign

The Chair stated that when the VAS sign was being arranged the parish was advised by Darren Griffith from North Yorkshire Highways that there are certain criteria that must be met before a VAS can be installed. To get a VAS installed coming from the Londonderry side of the road it would have to be placed roughly after Mill Lane. In effect making it of no real effect on traffic.

A Councillor also asked if a 20mph zone around the school was possible and this may be something to pursue with the Police and Highways. Cllr Weighell thought that may be possible but only for the times that the school was open.

The Clerk also confirmed that TWM has been contacted about the VAS coming into Leeming and should in touch once a date for the repair is organised.

**Action: Clerk to get advice as above and monitor repair.**

9. Bulbs on verges – Leeming

The Clerk and Cllr Robinson had met and a copy of the area for planting had been forwarded to councillors before the meeting. Councillors discussed the proposal and the possibility if the application is successful to approaching the school to see if they wanted to be involved with planting of the bulbs.

Agreed in Principle

**Action: Clerk to apply to Highways to plant bulbs on the verge nearest the road.**

29) **Planning**

**To consider and discuss:**

The Chair stated she had spoken to Planning today about item 1 and 2 on the agenda. An Officer stated they had not got the supplementary objection on noise. The clerk stated it had now been sent twice to Planning. The Chair requested it was sent directly to [ian.nesbit@northyorkshire.gov.uk](mailto:ian.nesbit@northyorkshire.gov.uk).

**Action: Clerk to send email as requested.**

1. **ZB23/00923/FUL**

- Planning has stated that they are waiting information from Highways regarding the entry and regress of the site to St John's and the Drainage system.

**Awaiting Decision**

2. **ZB24/00589/FUL**

*Cllr Weighell declared an interest in this item.*

- The Chair stated that Planning had confirmed they are still waiting for information from Environmental Health.

**Awaiting Decision**

3. **Solar Farm**

- Awaiting application Details

4. **ZB22/02365/DCN - Planning of Bungalow in Leeming**

A Councillor stated that she and several residents have some concerns about the substantial foundations diggings for what appears to be beyond what was proposed on the above application.

Councillors discussed the application and decided that it really needed an Enforcement Officer to address ensure the resident was not going beyond the granted application.

**Action: Clerk to email and seek advice from an Enforcement officer.**

**5. ZB24/01151/TPO**

Application for works to trees with a tree preservation order - Ref 1996/09. - Kimbridge Exelby Bedale North Yorkshire

Mr George Anderson

Councillors discussed the trees, and they are becoming very invasive to other residents properties. The original request was to fell the trees but that was rejected but this application this is to only work on the trees.

**Agreed no objection.**

**30) Policies**

The Clerk had forwarded the new Financial Policy to be adopted with amendments from the Yorkshire Local Council Association policy.

A Councillor raised item on page 9 that was to allow the Clerk the use of funds up to a given level. The Clerk stated this is usual practice for a small amount of funds to be available on expenses before approval of the Parish meeting. A suggestion of £200 was made.

**Agreed**

**Action: Clerk to amend the Policy and arrange for it to be signed off.**

**31) Village Spending**

**Planters**

The Clerk stated she had requested Braithwaites to plant up the village planters in Leeming and Londonderry asap along with the planter on Exelby Village Green.

**Agreed**

**Action: Clerk to monitor**

**32) Highways**

**To consider and discuss:**

1. Emergency Exit parking & Crash Barrier issues – Leeming

The Clerk informed the meeting of an email sent from Highways England apologising for not responding to our previous emails and stating that they are still actively working on these issues.

**Action: Clerk to monitor.**

2. Bridle path – Londonderry.

Councillors discussed that on more than one occasion on a Sunday there has been motorcycles using the Bridlepath at Londonderry.

**Action: Clerk to report this to the Police, Highways and Paths.**

**33) Grass Cutting**

**Village Name signs**

The Clerk also stated that the village signs are getting very overgrown and will request our Grass Cutting Contractor to tackle the job asap.

**Agreed**

**Action: Clerk to monitor and resolve issues.**

**34) Financial Matters**

1. June Payments

The Clerk informed Councillors of the June payments and that the VAT had been reclaimed for this quarter.

A councillor stated that there have been problems occasionally with authorisations because everything is now electronic with Barclays. A suggestion was made that as Cllr Robinson was not able to respond electronically that another councillor was adopted on the mandate rather than Cllr Robinson. Cllr Robinson agreed to this. The Clerk suggested that as Cllr Stead was already a Barclays customer and the transition to have her put on the mandate would be quicker.

**Agreed**

2. **Mandate**

**Meeting closed at 7.45pm**

**Signed by Chair:**

**Dated:**