



**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024**  
**At Leeming Village Hall, Leeming**

**Present**

**Parish Councillors:** Cllr M Curry (Chair); Cllr O Robinson; Cllr A Bowes;  
Cllr F Stead;

**County Councillor:** Cllr. J Weighell

**Clerk / Others:** S Nicholson (Clerk); 3 Resident.

<b>Item Ref</b>	<b>Detail</b>
<b>24/25</b>	
<b>46)</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b> The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies accepted from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cllr C Capel (Vice-Chair)</li><li>• Cllr K Temple</li></ul>
<b>47)</b>	<b>Public session</b> The Chair opened the public session for questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Question: A resident wanted to know the status on the Solar Wind Farm in planning and if the parish had any information. Answer: This will be discussed with the Planning item 53.3</li><li>2. Question: In planning do the parish consider the entrance in item 53.5 is not suitable and could be a safety issue. Answer: This will be discussed in Planning item 53.5</li></ol>
<b>48)</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Nothing declared.
<b>49)</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 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 <b>Minutes Proposed – Cllr Bowes</b> <b>Seconded – Cllr Stead</b> <b>Approved and agreed.</b></li><li>2. <u>Matters Arising</u> None.</li></ol>
<b>50)</b>	<b>Councillors / Clerk Matters</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <u>Vacancies</u> The Chair stated that she had not been able to speak to the person that she thought may be interested, yet. Everyone at the meeting was encouraged to spread the news about the vacancy opportunity on the parish.</li></ol>

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## 51) External Sector Reports

### 1. Police Report

The following reports had been forward:

- July – no incidents reported.
- August – 1 incident of Anti-Social Behaviour  
– 1 report of Burglary Commercial

### 2. County Council

Cllr Weighell reported:

- There was very little to report. However, he participating in a project involving the NYC Electoral Review – Parish Community Group Briefing.

*Question: With the new government report on building on grey land has this any bearing on the delay with the two planning applications being considered in Leeming?*

*Answer: No not at all. I am not sure what the delay is. The application was due to be done when first presented in April 2023 and I have been informed that the applications should have been finalised by Jan 2024 and then May 2024. Still nothing. I do know that the Planning Section has been having some changes with personnel. However, NYC has very little Green belts so in fact that corresponds to very few Grey belts also.*

The Chair stated that the Parish has received a number of applications that the Parish had commented on, raising concerns with the application. However, in a number of instances the application has been granted stipulating those concerns to be rectified before proceeding only then find out later these the amendments have been disregarded and then retrospectively granted. The Chair then requested that Cllr JW take the parish concerns back to the Planning section requesting that changes such as these should be referred back to the Parish for comments. Cllr Weighell agreed to refer this back to the Planning Section.

Cllr Weighell also commented that NYC was expected to have 3000 new houses built every year but had set a target themselves of 4200. Although NYC still has no county plan one is expected within the next 3-5 years. Councillors went on to discuss the noise and air pollution restrictions that are still regulated in the Leeming area.

### Precept

The clerk reminded the parish Councillors that a decision on the Precept was required by Dec2024 and therefore this had to be discussed at the next meeting. A detailed Budget had been sent out with this month's accounts for councillors to consider.

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## 52) Parish Council Report

### 1. Crow Wood Treehouse

Cllr AB stated the tree house had been removed. However, some children had once again started making some ramps and cycle jumps from planks and soil.

Cllr AB stated she would arrange for this to be cleared, asap.

### 2. Facebook

Cllr FS stated this is still on going. The clerk stated that the Clerk at Askew Leeming Bar had recently set up a Facebook page and was certain he could help getting it sorted.

**Action: Clerk / Cllr FS to sort and try and get a Facebook page sorted.**

### 3. Bridle path – Londonderry / Leeming.

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

**Action Clerk to report issues again.**

### 4. Moles

**Resolved**

### 5&6 Parking and Speeding in Leeming

The Clerk stated that after getting all the figures from the Jon Hunter and Daren at Highways it appears very little can be done except report any incidents to the police.

The cost of Chicanes is just not viable for the parish.

The Chair requested that the parking on Prospect way is terrible, and you cannot walk along the pavements due to cars and caravans being parked across the whole of the pavement.

**Action: Clerk to request the Police to investigate.**

### 7. Planter

The Clerk stated that she understood that the planter is owned by Pete Simpson who is happy to donate the planter to the parish if we contact him.

**Action: Clerk to write to Mr Simpson**

### 8. Buses to Bedale

The Clerk stated that she had referred this to Passenger transport would have confirmed they had in turn request Proctors to look at the bus timetable again.

**Resolved**

### 9. War Memorial

The Clerk had been contacted by a resident requesting the memorial was cleaned and the surrounding area made tidy.

**Action: Clerk to resolve issue**

### 10. Additional RAF Flying times.

The Clerk confirmed additional flying was expected to take place by RAF Leeming.

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53) **Planning**

**To consider and discuss:**

The Clerk started the following information on the planning applications below:

1. **ZB23/00923/FUL**

- **Awaiting Decision**

2. **ZB24/00589/FUL**

- **Awaiting Decision**

3. **Solar Farm**

- **Awaiting application Details**

The Clerk stated that the Parish had still not received any notification of an application of a wind farm. The meeting was also advised that Bedale Town Council are also monitoring the situation. Any news will be forwarded immediately to Councillors and residents.

4. **ZB24/01632/TPO**

Application for work on a TPO Tree  
Two Acres House, Roman Road, Leeming

**Parish Comment: Agreed that the crown of the tree should be lowered.**

5. **ZB24/01231/FUL**

Retrospective application for alterations and change of use of building from commercial storage to domestic garage and part re-surfacing of entrance area with tarmac.

Store At Two Acres House Roman Road Leeming

**Parish Comment: Not Supported**

**Unhappy that for a third time this applicant has had to make retrospective applications which then just gets accepted. In this case the entrance requested is unsafe and is likely to cause an accident in the future as it is on the brow of a hill and the property already have two entrances.**

6. **ZB24/01151/TPO**

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

**REFUSED**

**Parish Comment: Concerned that the tree needs to be felled, and a new tree planted as per application.**

54) **Policies**

1. Councillors Interest Log / Declaration Form
2. Publication Scheme
3. Privacy policy

The policies above need to be reviewed.

The Chair requested the policies are sent out again and changes sent to the clerk before the next meeting so that this can be approved and signed off.

**Action: Clerk to send policies again and add to next agenda.**

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**55) Highways**

**To consider and discuss:**

1. Emergency Exit parking & Crash Barrier issues – Leeming  
The Clerk stated that no email had been sent in July or August because cars had stopped parking in the emergency area because RAF Leeming had been doing work on the airfields, it was obvious the offenders were therefore RAF personnel.  
The Chair requested an email was sent this month to Highways England.

**Action: Clerk to send email.**

**56) Playground**

The Clerk stated she had attended the Playground, and several residents stated they were happy with the new equipment but was a picnic bench possible. This could be considered under next month's budgets for 2025/26.

The Inspection cost has risen this year to £162.

The Chair stated a resident had requested bird discourages were placed on the swings to stopping bird excrement being deposited on the seats. The resident would purchase and fit if agreed.

**Agreed**

**57) Financial Matters**

**To consider and discuss:**

1. Monthly Accounts / Payments  
**Agreed**
2. External Audit Completion  
**Resolved**
3. Barclays Mandate  
Cllr FS to contact them and confirm she able to authorise payments.

**58) AOB for next meeting**

- Budget for setting the Precept.
- Dog Bin Leeming

**Meeting closed at 8pm**

**Signed by Chair:**

**Dated:**

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