



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 15th September 2025 at Leeming Village Hall, Leeming

Parish Councillors: Cllr M Curry; Cllr F Stead; Cllr O Robinson; Cllr A Bowes;
Cllr W Withington; Cllr C Capel
County Councillor: Cllr J Weighell
Clerk / Others: S Nicholson (Clerk); 3 Residents.

Meeting Chaired by: Cllr Curry

Item ref 25/26	Item Details	Issues	Action
40)	Welcome & Apologies	The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The following apologies were recorded: • Cllr K Temple; • Police	Resolved
41)	Public Session	The Chair requested questions for any item other than Item 2. <i>Q1: The Bus stop has still not yet been painted with vans and cars parking in front causing problems.</i> <i>Answer: This will be discussed at the appropriate time in the meeting</i>	Resolved
42)	Declarations of Interest	Cllr W Withington declared that she had an interest in the proposed housing development near to Sycamore Lane and had registered her objection to the development prior to becoming a Parish Councillor.	Resolved
43)	Minutes & Matters Arising	To receive and discuss: - Minutes from meetings dated 28th July 2025. • Proposed by: Cllr FS • Seconded by: Cllr AB Matters Arising The Chair stated that she had given a letter to the clerk regarding - Ref 25/26 Item 31.1 - Minutes from extraordinary meetings dated 18th August 2025. • Proposed by: Cllr CC • Seconded by: Cllr WW Matters Arising None The Chair stated she had received complimentary feedback from residents attending the above meeting regarding the professionalism and how everything was conducted.	Agreed & Signed Resolved Clerk to resolve letter to Highways. Agreed & Signed Resolved

44)	Parish Matters Councillor & Clerk issues	To discuss and consider <u>Clerk</u> The clerk stated that due to a personal reason she may not be available to take the minutes from the next meeting. Councillors discussed and agreed that the clerk approaches another clerk to do the minutes should it become necessary.	Agreed. Clerk to arrange cover.
45)	External Reports	To receive and discuss reports: <u>Police Report</u> Report received for July and August. The clerk read out the reports. The August report had four incidents recorded but councillor was advised that this may have been four incidents, but it was more likely to be one crime with four incidents within the crime. <u>North Yorkshire Report</u> Cllr JW reported: <u>Boundaries - North Yorkshire Council</u> NYC are at present involved with resolving the new boundaries within the council area. This is to try and resolve the County Councillors constituents' boundaries before the next local elections due on the 6th May 2027. These are likely to involve Exelby Leeming and Londonderry Parish Council and Cllr Weighell stated he would not be standing so we will be getting a new County Councillor. These boundaries do not affect the parish boundaries, but parish boundaries are likely to be investigated later. At present there appears to be no change to our parish boundary being affected. <u>Solar Farm</u> - Personal view is I do not like these Solar Farms because they are not farms and you cannot grow anything on the grounds they are on. - They are not efficient in the northern areas of this country when solar is poor except during the summer months. - A Solar plant does not produce a lot of noise. - However, a battery farms can be extremely dangerous. - On a humanitarian ground how can a company justify enclosing a house in the middle of the Solar Farm which would destroy the value of that house and may well cause untold health issues to those having to live there. The Chair stated that the parish had lodged objections to the application on three issues and we await the outcome. An issue with Planning is they do appear to be in shambles, and we are unable to get information from them about old cases. Cllr JW stated they are having problems, but the county is trying to get them resolved.	Resolved Resolved

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46)	Parish Councillors Concerns	To consider and discuss: 1. <u>Facebook Page</u> Clerk to discuss with Richie Clare and ask him to consult with Cllr WW and Cllr FS	On going.
		2. <u>Speeding Leeming</u> The Clerk stated that she had not had any communication from Jon Hunter regarding the issues.	Clerk to chase JH.
		3. <u>Weeds along bridge verge</u> The Clerk stated the weeds on the bridge had been done but not on the verges going from the bridge towards the village. Councillors discussed and decided that the weeds would die back with winter approaching. Agreed	Resolved
		4. <u>Dog Bin</u> Roman Rd – Dog bin has been done. Mill Lane – Dog bin reported as broken and dangerous when waste being disposed in it. Cllr JW stated that the public waste including dog waste is not being collected on a regular basis due to ongoing personnel problems.	Clerk to contact NYC and get a new bin organised.
		5. <u>Flood Bridge</u> The Clerk stated she had placed a request to NYC, and the following response had been received: • The bridge is a Grade ii Listed building. • There is weight restriction.	Resolved
		6. <u>Park Noticeboard</u> Completed.	Resolved
		7. <u>Prospect House</u> A councillor stated that she had been informed that when Prospect House was built the planning regulations stated that they had to have Frosted Glass not transparent glass so that they could not see into the bungalows. Councillor wanted this clarified with the Planning Department and to confirm if this stipulation had been lifted?	Clerk to contact Planning.
		8. <u>Paths in Leeming</u> The paths in Leeming are a disgrace and not been renovated for decades. When other parts of the county have been done on a more regular basis even when those paths are not as bad as ours. • Argle Terrace • Mill Lane • Leeming Bar to Leeming	Clerk requested to contact Highways and ask for them to be put on the work to be done.

		9. <u>Commemorative Tree in Leeming</u> The Clerk will try and get one planted in November. A Rowan Tree was requested as the replacement.	Clerk Ongoing
		10. <u>Village Pub</u> The councillors discussed the Pub in Leeming. The understanding was that the owners are trying to get tenants but have not been successful yet.	Resolved
47)	Policies	1. Standing Orders The Chair and Vice Chair agreed to review the new policies amendments.	Chair / Vice to review before the next meeting
48)	Planning	To consider, discuss and respond: 1. ZB23/00923/FUL Still Awaiting Decision 2. ZB24/00589/FUL Still Awaiting Decision The Clerk stated that the response was to put in a complaint to Planning about the time scale that has been involved with the above applications. 3. ZB25/01246/FUL Solar farm Application Response by Parish Council Still Awaiting Decision 4. ZB25/00464/FUL Retrospective change of use of the southern part of the existing agricultural building to Class E g) (Uses which can be carried out in a residential area without detriment to its amenity) and B8 (general commercial storage) Building East of Hathaway Park Gatenby North Yorkshire GRANTED 5. ZB23/01304/OUT Outline planning application for the provision of 3no. dwellings including access and the change of use of adjacent land from agricultural to paddock. OS Field 6535 Tofts Lane Exelby North Yorkshire Application details sent to Councillors no objections received.	Ongoing Ongoing Complete complaint form. On going. Resolved Resolved
49.	Highways	To consider and discuss: 1. <u>Parking at Bus Stop – Leeming</u> The Chair gave the information to the Clerk to put on Parish Headed paper and to send to Highways.	Clerk to send Chairs letter to NYC

50.	Financial Matters	To consider and discuss: 1. <u>End of Month account August 2025</u> No Changes 2. <u>Opening Account September 2025</u> Clerk advised for payments. 3. <u>Budget Spends for Villages</u> The Chair requested councillors each thought on what was required for each village: • Leeming: Picnic table for the park • Londonderry: Book Swop • Exelby: Send info to Kirsty to bring to the next meeting.	Resolved Resolved Clerk to price up items for Oct.
51.	AOB		

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

**Next meeting is on Monday 20th October 2025
In Leeming Village Hall**

Signed by Chair:

Dated: