



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 17th November 2025 at Leeming Village Hall, Leeming

Parish Councillors: Cllr M Curry; Cllr F Stead; Cllr O Robinson; Cllr A Bowes;
Cllr W Withington; Cllr K Temple; Cllr C Capel

County Councillor:

Clerk / Others: S Nicholson (Clerk); 2 Residents.

Meeting Chaired by: Cllr Curry

Item ref 25/26	Item Details	Issues	Action
65)	Welcome & Apologies	The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The following apologies were recorded: 1. Police	Resolved
66)	Public Session	<p>The Chair requested questions on the agenda.</p> <p><i>Q1: A resident raised the item on 71.4 an issue regarding people walking their dogs off the lead along the public footpath on her land and the owners are sometimes not in control of their dogs.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. She has had dogs killing her sheep in a field next to the path.</i> <i>2. She recently had a lady who had two dogs off the leads, and she did have an altercation regarding the laws to keep dogs on a lead whilst on a public footpath.</i> <i>3. She has reclaimed 71 balls thrown in her fields for dogs to retrieve.</i> <i>4. I confirm that most people are considerate and abide by the law, but a few people completely disregard the rules, and I have had to speak to them.</i> <i>5. She also declared that when she moves her sheep, she must close the path as a temporary measure but is always there to explain why and removes the barriers once the sheep have been moved to another field.</i> <p><i>Answer: The chair stated this would be addressed in item 71.4</i></p>	Resolved
67)	Declarations of Interest	1. Cllr W Withington and Cllr F Stead declared that they both 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

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		2. Cllr K Temple declared that she had an interest in the Solar Farm Planning Application.	
68)	Minutes & Matters Arising	<p>To receive and discuss:</p> <p>1. <u>Minutes from meetings dated 20th October 2025.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed by: Cllr KT • Seconded by: Cllr AB <p>Matters Arising Cllr KT raised item Ref 25/26 Item 54 should read that she had a declaration with the Solar Farm not the three houses planning application. Amended and Agreed change to minutes.</p>	<p>Agreed & Signed Resolved</p> <p>Agreed & Signed Resolved</p>
69)	Councillor or Clerk issues	<p>1. <u>YLCA Training</u> A Councillor gave a short briefing about the recent training that was attended by herself and three councillors. Everyone agreed that the training was exceptionally good. The Chair requested the clerk to check if the YLCA still do Zoom Chair meetings and the dates if they do.</p> <p>2. <u>Reader for Carol Service 17th Dec</u> Cllr WW agreed to do the reading.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>Action: Clerk to contact YLCA for information</p> <p>Resolved</p>
70)	External Reports	<p>To receive and discuss reports:</p> <p>1. <u>Police Report</u> Report received for October which had had the following crimes within the parish had been reported to the police.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Theft • 1 Fraud <p>2. <u>North Yorkshire Council Report</u> No report received.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p>
71)	Parish Councillors Concerns	<p>To consider and discuss the following items raised:</p> <p>1. <u>Facebook Page</u> A councillor stated that the social media page is now set up. The Chair stated that we really need to have a policy on this including what items would be published automatically and those that needed more confirmation from at least two other councillors.</p> <p>Automatic: Agenda Minutes Police Report Financial Summary Sheet</p>	

		<p>Needing Approval: Road works RAF Flying Information New Policies Link Special Church Services (Christmas / Easter/ Harvest etc) School request</p>	
		<p>2. <u>Speeding Leeming</u> The Clerk stated that she had contacted again Jon Hunter from the Police and Darren Griffith at NYC Highways. They both stated that there was little they could do and the cost of putting 30mph signs would not stop people racing along Roman Road. This is a straight road and unless accidents are recorded no further action could be accomplished.</p> <p>The councillors were disappointed but felt that they had done everything possible on this subject and if the parish was challenged, we had reported and completed above and beyond the parish statutory requirements.</p>	<p>Agreed to this item being resolved.</p>
		<p>3. <u>Crow Wood</u> The Chair stated that the wood is once again being used as a BMX track. A resident was allowed the floor who stated the wood had originally been taken over by the parish from then Hambleton District Council on a 99yr lease to be used as a BMX track. The Chair stated that she was not aware of that, but times and regulations change, and part of the wood is being dug up and is dangerous. After a lengthy discussion on the way forward the Chair summarised:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The dangerous section is to be filled in by a contracted arranged by Cllr AB. 2) The Clerk to speak to our Insurers about putting signs up declaring they use the wood at their own risk. 3) If Insurers agreed arrange for signs to be made. 	<p>Actions: See actions requested.</p>
		<p>4. <u>Public Footpath through Mill Farm</u> The Clerk stated a complaint had been raised which she read out to the parish meeting concerning an incident on the above footpath. A response was required by the parish.</p> <p>A councillor stated that this was a public footpath and there was already legislation that stipulates all dogs must always be on a lead and under control near livestock.</p>	

		<p>Councillors discussed further markings to make it clear exactly where the footpath is. The owner did not feel that this would be possible but would welcome any new public footpath markers being put in place by NYC Paths.</p> <p>A Councillor also suggested a notice be added to the new Social Media page outlining the legal requirements whilst walking on a public footpath.</p>	<p>Clerk to formulate info and get it approved by two Councillors before it is published.</p>
72)	Policies	<p><u>Standing Orders</u> Completed and signed by the Chair.</p>	Resolved
73)	Planning	<p>To consider, discuss and respond:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ZB23/00923/FUL Still Awaiting Decision ZB24/00589/FUL Still Awaiting Decision ZB25/01246/FUL Solar farm Application Response by Parish Council Still Awaiting Decision <p>Cllr KT requested that the clerk email to planning is forwarded to her concerning the EIA.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ZB25/01662/OUT Outline planning permission with some matters reserved (Considering Access) for the construction of two dwellings. Field Comprising 430402 487343 Londonderry North Yorkshire - George Smith <p>The above planning application was discussed at length with the following observations being raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plans do not fit in with the surrounding area and that from the rear elevation of the houses they will look into the bungalows. The noise report does not include the night flying noise from RAF Leeming that is becoming more frequently. The proposed site is within the RAF noise contour and several other planning application in both Londonderry and Leeming have been refused on this issue. In 1.2.4 the noise from the A1(M) will be constant as it is only 40mtrs from the house. <p>The Parish Council are not supporting the application on the above grounds.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>On going.</p> <p>Clerk to forward planning email to Cllr KT</p> <p>Clerk to forward Objections to Planning</p>

74)	Highways	<p>To consider and discuss:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Parking at Bus Stop – Leeming</u> The Clerk stated that she had emailed again to Passenger Transport and Highways regarding getting the Bus Stop marking put in place as this was a safety issue with no response. To continue to forward emails to above and our County Councillor requesting action. <u>Exelby Village Signs</u> The Clerk reported this to Highways who confirmed that it was the Parish responsibility, but they should only use the approved contractor. The Clerk had contacted the contractor and forwarded details prior to the meeting with cost of £700 to replace the signs. <p>Agreed to the spend as part of the Exelby yearly community spend.</p>	<p>Clerk to send email to relevant depts in NYC.</p> <p>Clerk to organise</p>
75)	Financial Matters	<p>Matters - to consider and discuss:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>End of Month Accounts October 2025</u> <u>Payments for November 2025</u> <u>Precept</u> The clerk provided a comprehensive Budget for 2026/27. The Clerk recommended that the current precept of £17K, requested from NYC, did not need to be increased. Councillors considered each individual item on the budget. Agreed to a Precept of £17K. <u>Village spend request.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeming (Picnic Table) Previously Agreed Exelby see item 74.2. Londonderry (Book Shed) The Chair and Cllr AB to confer and get the required measurements for shed to fit the area and get a costing for the January meeting. 	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>On Going</p>
76)	AOB	<p>For next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defoliators on village Hall 	

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Next meeting is on Monday 19th January 2026 in Leeming Village Hall

Signed by Chair:

Dated:

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