



**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026**  
**at Leeming Village Hall, Leeming**

**Attendees**

Parish Councillors: Cllr M Curry; Cllr F Stead; Cllr O Robinson; Cllr A Bowes.  
Cllr W Withington; Cllr C Capel  
County Councillor: Did not attend  
Clerk / Others: S Nicholson (Clerk); 2 Residents.

**Meeting Chaired by: Cllr Curry**

Item ref 25/26	Item Details	Issues	Action
77)	<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies</b>	<p>a) The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The following apologies were recorded:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Police</li> <li>2. Cllr K Temple</li> </ol> <p>b) Apologies received were accepted.</p> <p>Cllr J Weighell did not attend or send in his apologies</p>	<b>Resolved</b>
78)	<b>Public Session</b>	<p>The Chair requested questions on the agenda.</p> <p><i>Q1: A resident raised the item on 82.4 an issue regarding parking of motor homes on pavements and the legality and the consideration to other residents.</i></p> <p><i>Answer: This will be discussed by Councillors at the appropriate time.</i></p> <p><i>Q2: A resident raised an issue on the Nov 2025 minutes item 71.4 that appeared to have been removed, or no action taken regarding the signage discussed.</i></p> <p><i>Answer: The Chair apologised and stated it had been missed.</i></p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p><i>Clerk to reinstate this issue and investigate the possible use of signage. On Going</i></p>
79)	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	<p>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.</p>	<b>Resolved</b>
80)	<b>Minutes &amp; Matters Arising</b>		

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To confirm and approve of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025 as a true record.</li> <li>2. There were no matters to consider that were not already on the agenda any matters arising from the minutes that are not already on the agenda.</li> <li>3. These minutes will be available to view online at Exelby Leeming and Londonderry Parish Council: Recent Minutes, Agenda and Meeting Dates (exlebyleemingandlondonderry-pc.gov.uk)</li> </ol>	<p><b>Agreed &amp; signed</b> minutes from 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> the minutes made available where possible on Noticeboards, Website and Parish Facebook Page.</p>
81)	<b>External Reports</b>	<p>To receive and consider external reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b><u>Police Report</u></b> Report received for November &amp; December 2025 which had had the following crimes within the parish had been reported to the police. Nov - 3 reports of Antisocial Behaviour Dec – 1 report of Criminal Damage</li> <li>2. <b><u>North Yorkshire Council Report</u></b> No report received.</li> </ol>	<p>The report was accepted but considered by a councillor not really of any use. <b>Resolved</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p>
82)	<b>Parish Councillors Concerns</b>	<p>Matters raised by Councillors for discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b><u>Crow Wood</u></b> A councillor stated that the contractor was having problems when trying to resolve the digging of soil in the area by youths leaving rubbish and trying to dig out the soil that he was replacing. The Chair raised the issue about Insurance and if we are liable for any accidents due to usage of the wood when we try to make it safe? A request was also made that we inform locals via the Facebook page that the contractor would be working in the area and to avoid using it at that time.</li> <li>2. <b><u>Exelby Defibs</u></b> The clerk raised an issue for approval that she contacts Exelby Village contact who agreed to maintain the Defibs and check the equipment has been serviced and new pads fitted.</li> <li>3. <b><u>Gift from Resident</u></b> The clerk stated that after the last meeting a small gift had been received from Nigel and Crystal Foster (Lord's Farm).</li> </ol>	<p>The Clerk was requested to seek advice from insurers on the following: a) liability should an accident occur. b) Would our liability be covered if we put up signage advising this is not a BMX area. <b>On Going</b></p> <p><b>Agreed - Clerk to contact the Exelby to ensure the Defibs have been serviced.</b></p> <p>Clerk to return the gifts and advise the residents that</p>

		<p>Councillors agreed this could not be accepted and a Registration Declaration Form completed as such was done and sent to the Monitoring Officer at NYC.</p> <p>4. <u>Motor Home Parking in Leeming</u> See item 87.1.</p>	<p>Parish Councils are unable to accept gifts. <b>Resolved</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>On Going</b></p>
83)	<b>Policies</b>	<p>To consider and approve the policies listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complaint Policy and Procedure</li> <li>2. Disciplinary &amp; Grievance Policy</li> <li>3. Privacy Notice</li> <li>4. Social Media</li> </ol> <p>After a brief discussion, the decision was made that two councillors (Cllrs MC and CC) would consider the changes and requested the policies are listed on the next agenda for approval.</p>	<p><b>On Going</b></p>
84)	<b>Planning</b>	<p>To consider, discuss and comment on applications received this month.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No new application had been received at the time the agenda was approved.</li> <li>2. ZB26/00031/FUL Application for a proposed extension to create a garage and multi-generational space. LOCATION: Field House Farm Exelby Close Exelby Bedale APPLICANT: P Laycock This application was received and the return date is the 4 February 2026.  Councillors requested that this was deferred until the next Parish meeting.</li> <li>3. Older Applications for monitoring: ZB23/00923/FUL - Awaiting Decision ZB24/00589/FUL - Awaiting Decision ZB25/01246/FUL - Awaiting Decision</li> </ol>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <hr/> <p>Clerk to request extension from the Planning Dept 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 to 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026</p> <p><b>On Going</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Monitor - On Going</b></p>
85)	<b>Highways</b>	<p>To consider and discuss:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Parking at Bus Stop – Leeming</u> A discussion was held about the possibility of the Parish getting two Bus Stop Signs and having those located at the relevant places. Councillors stated we should get approval from NYC. The other issue of yellow signs should also be raised as it is two years since NYC agreed it would be done when money was available.</li> </ol>	<p>Clerk requested to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check with NYC about the parish putting up our own signs.</li> <li>2. Continue to raise the yellow road signage with Highways.</li> </ol> <p><b>On Going</b></p>

		<p>2. <u>Exelby Village Signs</u> The Clerk stated she expected the new signs to be in place within the next month.</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b> <b>but Clerk to monitor</b></p>
86)	<b>Grass Cutting</b>	<p>Clerk informed Councillors that the Parish had received a letter from North Yorkshire Council offering an amount of £185.80 towards the cost of this year's grass cutting.</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p>
87)	<b>Financial Matters</b>	<p>1. <u>Village Funds</u> To confirm position of funds allocated to each village:</p> <p>I. Exelby Village name sign – parish is awaiting completion.</p> <p>II. Leeming The chair stated she had been approached by a resident about Leeming having a Book Shed like Londonderry. Cllr discussed the following options:</p> <p>a) Picnic Bench b) Book Shed</p> <p>Councillors discussed both options and agreed that Option b) was good but they needed clarification on where it should be located and if NYC would agree. The discussion was around the Book shed could be placed. It was decided unanimously that a Book Shed would be of greater benefit and if it could be located outside on the pavement near to the Church entrance. We would ensure it did not block the entrance or access to the bin already in that area.</p> <p>III. Londonderry A quote for the Book Shed had been received at a cost of £1100. This included delivery, building, mounting and laser sign on the shed. A Cllr wanted to be assured that a plinth was included for it to sit on.</p> <p>2. The parish received finalised accounts for the month November 2025.</p> <p>3. To receive and agree the Retrospective agreement on payments for December 2025</p> <p>4. Salaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To note that the salaries, and PAYE for December 2025 and January 2026 have been paid in accordance with the employees' contract of employment.</li> </ul>	<p>I. Signs have been paid just waiting installation.</p> <p>II. Clerk to seek advice from NYC about location. Also reduced cost if two book Shed orders placed with the contractor.</p> <p>III. Clerk to check any outstanding details and arrange for the project to be completed asap.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> and signed off.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> and signed off.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p>

		<p>5. The parish received finalised accounts for the month December 2025.</p> <hr/> <p>6. To receive and agree payments for January 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GCH £144.00</li> <li>• TP Jones £58.50</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>7. To advise councillors of the possible implementation of charges by Barclays bank and to discuss the possible change of bank.</p> <hr/> <p>8. Bank Account Balances. Parish to receive the current bank balances at 31/12/2025.</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b> and signed off.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Agreed</b> and signed off by two Parish members.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Resolved</b> and clerk to monitor.</p> <hr/> <p>Current £12918.81 Deposit £10655.44 Canadian £ 3034.42</p>
88)	<b>Clerks Report</b>	Nothing to report except what has been discussed	<b>Resolved</b>
89)	<b>Next meeting Date &amp; location</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 at Leeming Village Hall	<b>Agreed</b>
90)	<b>AOB for the next meeting</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Footpath signage</li> <li>2. Moles in Londonderry</li> <li>3. Repeater 30mph sign on Roman Road</li> <li>4. Parking at new Garage on Roman Road</li> <li>5. 2 Roman Way parking</li> </ol>	<b>Agreed</b>

**Meeting closed at 8.10pm**

**Signed by Chair:**

**Dated:**