



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting held on Monday 19th January 2026
at Leeming Village Hall, Leeming

Attendees

Parish Councillors: Cllr F Stead; Cllr O Robinson; Cllr A Bowes. Cllr C Capel
County Councillor: Cllr J Weighell
Clerk / Others: S Nicholson (Clerk); Police; 2 Residents.

Meeting Chaired by: Cllr Curry

Item ref 25/26	Item Details	Issues	Action
91)	Welcome & Apologies	a) The Vice Chair welcomed everyone and chaired the meeting due to absence of The Paish Chair. The following apologies were recorded: 1. Cllr K Temple 2. Cllr M Curry 3. Cllr W Withington b) Apologies received were accepted.	Resolved
92)	Public Session	The Chair opened the meeting for questions on the agenda: Q1: <i>A resident raised the item on 96.6 an issue regarding parking of cars inconsiderately by service users of the new Garage on Roman Road.</i> <i>Answer: This will be discussed by Councillors at the appropriate time. See Item 96.6</i> <hr/> Q2: <i>A resident raised an issue on the agenda regarding item 99.1 regarding the signage and markings of the Bus Stops in Leeming.</i> <i>Answer: The Chair allowed Cllr JW to speak who stated he will raise the subject with the Manager of Area2 Highways NYC.</i>	Resolved Cllr JW stated he will investigate this and report back to the Parish.
93)	Declarations of Interest	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

94)	Minutes & Matters Arising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To confirm and approve of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 19th January 2026 as a true record. 2. The only matters to consider was the Exelby Defibs that were not already on the agenda. The clerk stated the pads on the Defibs had been checked and serviced. The item was completed. 3. These minutes will be available to view online at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exelby Leeming and Londonderry Parish Council (exelbyleemingandlondonderry-pc.gov.uk) • Parish Facebook Page • Hard copies are available to residents on request being made to the clerk. 	<p>Agreed & signed.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p>
95)	External Reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Police Report</u> An Officer reported the following crimes within the parish: Jan – 1 Burglary Commercial 1 Violence against a person 1 other Crimes The Officer also advised that they were aware of the door-to-door sales happening in the area and are trying to stop it before it gets starts. Residents were requested to contact the police immediately if anyone knocks on their door. 2. <u>North Yorkshire Council Report</u> Cllr JW gave the following report to parish councillors: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council Tax This year's figure has been set at 2.99% General and 2% for Adult and Family Services. 2. Boundary Changes The process is about complete but North Yorkshire Council must send the changes to a government legal team in London to be approved. This will come into effect after the next election. There are no changes that have not already been discussed previously. However, which County Council will be allocated to this parish will depend on who is elected in next local election on the 6th May 2027. 3. Local Plan This is still ongoing and is probably going to be for another few years, before it is completed. However, when the parish is consulted, please consider a response. Think Big. Think about what your parish want footpaths / bridleways / sports facilities. Seriously think 20 /30 years ahead what you want your villages to look like. 	<p>The report was considered and accepted</p> <p>Resolved</p>

96)	Parish Councillors Concerns	<p>Matters raised by Councillors for discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Crow Wood</u> The clerk stated that she had contacted our Insurers who stated they could not give advice but did offer two contacts who may be able to help. Emails had been sent and we are awaiting a response. The Chair requested this was followed up. A Councillor stated that due to the bad weather the levelling of the soil in the wood has been impossible but will be done asap. <hr/> 2. <u>Motor Home Parking in Leeming</u> A Councillor stated that it appears the situation has been resolved as there has been no parking for several weeks. <hr/> 3. <u>Footpath Signs</u> The Clerk reported that the Cost of the signs would be £86 + Vat. Councillors considered this and the Chair asked the resident present if they would be happy to install on their footpaths, which they did. <hr/> 4. <u>Moles in Londonderry</u> The Clerk confirmed that NYC stated the land in Londonderry was the parish responsibility and cost to remove the moles would be £120. A councillor felt that this was a waste of funds and we would need to do this annually. The Clerk stated that funds are already in place from the precept to pay for on going maintenance work like this. Another Councillor stated that the moles are making a complete mess and it really makes the area look untidy and unkempt. Councillors voted on this with a 3-1 agreeing to go ahead with the work. <hr/> 5. <u>Repeater Signs</u> The Clerk stated that NYC Highways had agreed to send an Officer out to assess the situation regarding replacing the 30mph Repeater sign. <hr/> 6. <u>Parking at the new garage business in Leeming</u> The parish had received a letter from a resident concerning the parking by cars from customers using the new garage in Leeming. The cars are being parked not only inconsiderately but dangerously on the road and pavements. Councillor discussed various options but decided on a letter to the new owners asking them to note the complaint and for their co-operation in asking customers to think where they are parking when using the garage 	<p>Monitor by Clerk On Going</p> <hr/> <p>Resolved</p> <hr/> <p>Clerk to purchase and advise resident when they are available</p> <hr/> <p>Clerk to request work by NYC to be completed</p> <hr/> <p>Monitor by Clerk Ongoing</p> <hr/> <p>Clerk to draft letter and send to Cllr CC for agreement.</p>
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97)	Policies	<p>The following policies considered for approval:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complaint Policy and Procedure 2. Disciplinary & Grievance Policy 3. Privacy Notice <p>All the above Agreed</p> <p>The following considered needed further changes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Social Media The policy from YLCA does not seem suitable. The Chair and the Vice Chair will revamp and forward to the Clerk prior to the next meeting for full council approval. <p>To consider and approve the policies listed below at the next meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Financial Regulations 6. Banking Risk 7. Publication Scheme 8. Records and Retentions <p>The Chair requested the clerk look again at the Publication Scheme for some amendments that were required</p>	<p>Agreed and Signed</p> <p>On Going</p> <p>Clerk to relook at Publication Scheme On Going</p>
98)	Planning	<p>To consider, discuss and comment on applications received this month.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. <hr/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Older Applications for monitoring: ZB23/00923/FUL - Awaiting Decision ZB24/00589/FUL - Awaiting Decision ZB25/01246/FUL - Awaiting Decision 	<p>Resolved No Comments or Observations made Supported</p> <hr/> <p>Monitor - On Going</p>

99)	Highways	<p>To consider and discuss:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Parking at Bus Stop – Leeming</u> A further 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 would still want yellow signs on the road to stop parking at the Bus Stop. <hr/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. <u>Exelby Village Signs</u> The Clerk stated the new signs have been installed. 	<p>CLLR JW to take this up with Highways</p> <p>On Going</p> <hr/> <p>Resolved</p>
100)	Playground	<p>The Clerk stated that Matthew Day from Streetscape had visited and completed a check at the playground and had agreed a couple of minor things needed to be done. The repairs / actions which he will instigate will be done as soon as the weather permits.</p>	<p>Resolved</p>
101)	Financial Matters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Village Funds</u> To confirm position of funds allocated to each village: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Exelby Village name sign – Completed II. Leeming To discuss at next month meeting. See info on required NYC street application forms. Decision on where the Book shed should be placed. A councillor suggested the Bus Shelter. III. Londonderry Hold until II. Finalised due to cost savings. <hr/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The parish received finalised accounts for the month January 2026. <hr/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. To receive and agree payments for January 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •WJPS Web Contract £346 •Leeming Village Hall Annual Rental £200 •Simply Graphics £86.40 <hr/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Salaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note that the salaries, and PAYE for January 2026 have been paid in accordance with the employees' contract of employment. <hr/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Bank Account Balances as at 31/1/2026. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current £12271.83 • Deposit £10655.44 • Canadian 33034.62 	<p>I. Resolved</p> <p>II. On Going</p> <p>III. On Going IV.</p> <hr/> <p>Resolved</p> <hr/> <p>Agreed</p> <hr/> <p>Resolved</p> <hr/> <p>Resolved.</p>

102)	Date & location of next meeting	Monday 16 th March 2026 at Leeming Village Hall	Agreed
103)	AOB for the next meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mirror on the grass verge - Roman Road This was stated on the planning application that this entrance would be a hazard. Has this been done by Highways? 2. Tofts Lane Potholes and services refusing to deliver because the holes are so bad. 	Agreed

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed by Chair:

Dated: