



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting held on Monday 16th March 2026
at Leeming Village Hall, Leeming

Attendees

Parish Councillors: Cllr A Bowes; Cllr M Curry; Cllr O Robinson; Cllr F Stead; Cllr W Withington
County Councillor:
Clerk / Others: S Nicholson (Clerk); 10 Residents.

Meeting Chaired by: Cllr Curry

Ref No. 25/26	Item Details	Issues	Action
104)	Welcome & Apologies	a) The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. b) The following apologies were recorded: •Cllr K Temple •Cllr C Capel	Apologies received were accepted. Resolved
105)	Public Session	The Chair opened the meeting for questions on any items on the agenda: Q1: <i>A resident raised the issue of the parking and flower beds on the path near to the new Garage.</i> A1: <i>This will be addressed during item 112.1.</i> Q2: <i>The HGV being diverted through the Leeming Village late at night due to the closure of the A1?</i> A2: <i>The Clerk stated that the police had been informed at the time due to the number of emails and calls she had had. This does appear to have now stopped.</i> Q3: <i>A resident stated that she had requested the Bridleway that runs along the Play area was added to the agenda last month to discuss,</i> A3: <i>The clerk stated she had not realised that this was to be an item on this agenda and would certainly add it to the next month's agenda.</i> <i>The following questions were raised against item 111.1 by a several residents.</i> Q4: <i>A resident raised the issue of the number of additional documents on the Solar Farm Planning Application and had three points he wanted to raise.</i>	

		<p>1) <i>The issue of HGV traffic movement, numbers and safety precautions which has not been fully addressed and has also been raised by Highways with this application?</i></p> <p>2) <i>The installation of a new temporary bridge crossing and the challenge that would be considering the amount of flooding in that area.</i></p> <p>3) <i>The mitigating cost involved with this application as it currently stands.</i></p> <p><i>Q5: The information regarding the public footpath east / west is there but there is nothing about the north / south pathway. This is totally misleading on the plans.</i></p> <p><i>Q6: Also, in respect of timescale to get the number of papers together and expect a response in 14 days is just not possible. Can the parish request an extension to the 27th March?</i></p> <p><i>The Chair stated that answers to Q4, Q5 and Q6 would be addressed at the appropriate time during the meeting when councillors would discuss this.</i></p>	
106)	Declarations of Interest	To receive declaration of disposable pecuniary interest that was under discussion.	Cllr WW and Cllr FS declared that they had interests in the proposed housing development in Leeming. Resolved
107)	Minutes & Matters Arising	<p>1. To confirm and approve of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 16th February 2026 as a true record.</p> <p>2. To receive any matters arising from the above minutes.</p> <p>These minutes will be available to view online at: Exelby Leeming and Londonderry Parish Council (exelbyleemingandlondonderry-pc.gov.uk), or on the Parish Facebook Page and hard copies are available to residents on request being made to the clerk.</p>	Agreed & signed. Resolved as no items raised.
108)	External Reports	<p>1. <u>Police Report</u> The police report had been sent which recorded: Feb – 1 Theft</p> <p>2. <u>North Yorkshire Council Report</u> No report received.</p>	Resolved the report was accepted. Resolved

	<p>Parish Councillors Concerns</p>	<p>To consider and receive 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 again stated they could not give advice. The Chair stated that as the parish was responsible for this area we did have major concerns about people digging the area up to make a form of BMX track whilst other users found the area dangerous to walk. Councillors discussed the use of the area and how the best way to advertise or get residents to understand that it is a higher Council tax Precept would be needed if accidents occurred. <hr/> 2. <u>Footpath Signs</u> To receive information on the agreed signs <hr/> 3. <u>Parking at the garage in Leeming</u> To receive and update on the letter sent. A Councillor stated that there had been some improvement. However, the plants do still obstruct pedestrians walking on the footpath. <hr/> 4. <u>Parking at 2 Roman Way</u> To receive and update on the letter sent. A Councillor advised that again there has been improvement. 	<p>On-Going Cllr WW and MC agreed to draw up a draft publication that could go on the Facebook page reminding residents of the consequences of destroying the wood.</p> <hr/> <p>Resolved just given to the resident to install.</p> <hr/> <p>Clerk to monitor.</p> <hr/> <p>Clerk to monitor.</p>
110)	<p>Policies</p>	<p>The following policies were received and considered for approval:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Publication Policy <p>The following was not available:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Social Media 	<p>Agreed and Signed</p> <p>On Going and to next agenda</p>
111)	<p>Planning</p>	<p>To consider, discuss and comment on applications received this month.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ZB25/01246/FUL – Stellar Solar Farm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Information regarding Structure, access, engineering work, and landscaping. <p>To receive and discuss and comment.</p> <p>The clerk stated that although Cllr KT was not available, she had sent in her thoughts regarding the parish input being inline with NYC Highways and reiterating also that the EIA was not completed along with our other previous concerns.</p>	<p>Resolved to send an email to planning requesting additional time to consider the additional documentation and to state the view of Councillors views with those already expressed by Highways.</p>

		<p>Councillors all agreed and wanted additional time to fully read the numerous additional documents all send at the same time.</p> <hr/> <p>2. ZB26/00031/FUL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for a proposed extension to create a garage and multi-generational space. Field House Farm Exelby Close Exelby Bedale GRANTED <hr/> <p>3. Older Applications to monitor:</p> <p>I. ZB23/00923/FUL - Awaiting Decision II. ZB24/00589/FUL - Awaiting Decision</p>	<p>Noted that the application was Granted.</p> <hr/> <p>On-Going to monitor</p>
112)	Highways	<p>To receive, consider and discuss:</p> <p>1. To receive and consider information from Cllr JW on improve the safety of pedestrians at the Leeming Bus Stop on Roman Road.</p> <hr/> <p>2. <u>HGV Vehicles</u> To inform councillors of action taken on report of HGV speeding in village Speeding</p>	<p>On-Going due to Cllr JW not being available to add to next agenda.</p> <hr/> <p>Resolved</p>
113)	Financial Matters	<p>1. <u>Village Funds</u> To confirm position of funds allocated to each village and discuss:</p> <p>I. Leeming Councillors discussed where the Book shed and size of shed required. Several councillors felt that the Book shed should be in the Bus stop area whilst others felt the area outside the church was more appropriate. Councillors to meet and try to resolve before the next meeting.</p> <p>II. Londonderry Hold until II. Finalised due to cost savings.</p> <hr/> <p>2. The parish received finalised accounts for the month February 2026.</p> <hr/> <p>3. To receive and agree payments for March 2026 None except clerk's annual mileage expense.</p> <hr/> <p>4. Salaries To note that the salaries, and PAYE for February 2026 have been paid in accordance with the employees' contract of employment.</p> <hr/> <p>5. Bank Account Balances as at 31/1/2026.</p> <p>a. Current Account £11183.95 b. Deposit Account £10655.44 c. Canadian WM Account £3034.62</p>	<p>On-Going councillors to meet at Bus stop and to check size and if appropriate inside the shelter.</p> <hr/> <p>Resolved and signed off.</p> <hr/> <p>Resolved and Agreed</p> <hr/> <p>Resolved</p> <hr/> <p>Resolved.</p>

114)	Date & location of next meeting	Monday 20 th April 2026 at Leeming Village Hall	Agreed
115)	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. 3. Bridleway Leeming alongside of Leeming Play area and the state of the path / road. 4. Motor Home Parking in Leeming To discuss continued problems. 	Agreed all items to be put on the next Agenda

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed by Chair:

Dated: