



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting held on Monday 20th April 2026
at Leeming Village Hall, Leeming
Attendees

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

Meeting Chaired by: Cllr Curry

Ref No. 26/27	Item Details	Issues	Action
1)	Welcome & Apologies	<p>a) The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>b) The following apologies were recorded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr W Withington <p>The Chair also stated that the Parish had received a letter of resignation from Cllr C Capel who due to personal circumstances has resigned with immediate effect.</p>	<p>Apologies received were accepted.</p> <p>Resolved</p>
2)	Public Session	<p>The Chair opened the meeting for questions on any items on the agenda:</p> <p>Q1: <i>A resident again raised the issue of the parking and flower beds on the path near to the new Garage and the parking is getting worse.</i></p> <p>A1: <i>This will be addressed during item 6.2.</i></p> <p>Q2: <i>Another resident raised the issue of parking by customers of the new garage that are parking across his drive and being constantly blocked in by them.</i></p> <p>A2: <i>This will be addressed during item 6.2.</i></p>	<p>All questioned have been noted.</p>
3)	Declarations of Interest	<p>To receive declaration of disposable pecuniary interest that was under discussion.</p>	<p>Cllr KT and Cllr FS declared that they had interests that are on the agenda within Planning.</p> <p>Resolved</p>
	Minutes & Matters Arising	<p>1. Minutes</p> <p>Discussed and approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 16th March 2026 was a true record.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Proposed by: Cllr FS Seconded by: Cllr AB</p>	<p>Agreed & signed.</p>

		<p>2. Matters Arising from Minutes There were no matters that were not already on the agenda.</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>	Resolved
5)	External Reports	<p>1. <u>Police Report</u> The Parish had two officers' attend the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC James Crawford • PSCO Charlotte Jones <p>The police report had been sent which was also verbal given to the meeting. Recorded for March 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Criminal damage • 2 Violence against a person • 1 Other crime <p>2. <u>North Yorkshire Council Report</u> No report received.</p>	<p>Resolved the report was accepted.</p> <p>Resolved</p>
	Parish Councillors Concerns	<p>To consider and receive matters raised by Councillors for discussion:</p> <p>1. <u>Crow Wood</u> The Clerk stated that she had contacted the legal people advised by our Insurers who had again not responded.</p> <p>A suggestion was made to approach North Yorkshire Council Legal department and / or YLCA for advice.</p> <p>The Chair confirmed to the meeting the reason we needed the advice and put the suggestion to the Councillors present.</p> <p>2. <u>Parking at the garage in Leeming</u> There was a long discussion regarding the parking of vehicles, deliveries and placement of the flower planters on what many still believed they were on the public path. The Chair requested further information was required to ensure residents are satisfied the parish has done everything possible:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No breaking of road regulations as it appears the flower beds are on their land. 2. Parking disputes should be sent from residents directly to Police. 3. The Police felt the garage owner was approachable and residents could speak directly to him. 	<p>Clerk to follow up the suggestions and contact the relevant people. ON-GOING</p>

		<p>The Chair asked the resident who was having problems if they had informed the Police. They stated they had not but would. They were advised to do this every time they had problems.</p> <p>The resident stated they had approached the Garage Owner, but they had been quite rude to them. The Clerk stated she would follow that up with the Police and seek further information from the Landowner (Abbots) and Highways.</p> <p>3. <u>Mirror on Roman Road</u> Removed from verge</p> <p>4. <u>Potholes on Tofts Lane</u> The Clerk stated that only half the road had been done but had noted a sign stating road works.</p> <p>5. <u>Motor Home Parking in Leeming</u> The parking appears to have resolved itself because the van is being parked at an agreed location.</p> <p>6. <u>Pest Control Londonderry</u> This is still to be completed.</p> <p>7. <u>Tree on Hargill Lane</u> Tree is on Sam Smiths land and is their responsibility. However, residents stated that they get no response from them. Suggestion was to write to Sam Smith and NYC who are responsible for safety of trees that are dead and likely to cause injury.</p> <p>8. <u>Park Benches</u> The Leeming bench has been disposed of by our Contractor. The Londonderry bench will be repaired until a new bench can replace it. To clarify this is a private bench but the parish has been given authority to look after it.</p> <p>9. <u>Book sheds</u> The Chair stated she was not convinced that the Bus Shelter was the best place for the Book Shed in Leeming but happy for the parish to continue with this. The Clerk was requested to obtain quotations and to move this matter forward.</p>	<p>Clerk to send email to Police.</p> <p>Clerk to check with Abbots Coaches and NYC Highways about land and monitor.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Cllr KT and Clerk to monitor.</p> <p>Resolved.</p> <p>Clerk to follow up.</p> <p>Clerk to write letter to owners and to NYC. Monitor responses.</p> <p>Clerk stated she is in the process of repairing the Londonderry Bench. Resolved</p> <p>Clerk to seek new quotation on sizes from Cllr WW.</p>
7)	Policies	<p>The following policies were received and considered for approval:</p> <p>1. Social media Policy</p>	Agreed and Signed

8)	Planning	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>1. ZB25/01246/FUL – Stell Solar Farm</p> <p>I. Additional Information regarding Structure, access, engineering work, and landscaping. The Clerk stated that the parish comments had been send after the last meeting.</p> <p>II. CCTV camera and fencing. The Clerk had as requested emailed Planning Enforcement and a response from them was relayed to the meeting verbally. A Councillor stated that she felt the Landowners were intimidating residents and were assuming that the application for the Solar Farm was done and dusted. Cllr KT agreed to put together a response and send it to the Clerk to forward to NYC.</p> <p>2. ZB24/00589/FUL Application has been resubmitted. Construction of Four Detached Dwellings Land Off Exelby Lane Leeming North Yorkshire FW & JA Herbert The Chair stated she had problems getting the details of the changes, but the only difference is that this application covers a bigger plot. Objections as previously expressed by the parish:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past original agreed boundary of Dunelm House • Water still a major issue with no resolve • Noise and air pollution as previously advised. <p>3. ZB23/00923/FUL Still awaiting decision.</p> <p>4. ZB 25/00259 Enforcement to look at glazing on Prospect House. There was a breach of planning control from a property. Granted retrospectively.</p> <p>5. ZB26/00031/FUL Application for a proposed extension to create a garage and multi-generational space. Field House Farm Exelby Close Exelby Bedale GRANTED</p> <p>6. Property alterations – Roman Road A Councillor stated that she was sure that the new build did not convene planning requirements as being above the increase allowed to replace a poach.</p>	<p>On-Going to send an email to planning requesting and to state the view of Councillors views with those already expressed by Highways.</p> <p>Clerk to forward objections to Planning asap.</p> <p>On-Going</p> <p>Noted as Resolved</p> <p>Noted that the application was Granted.</p> <p>Resolved</p>
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9)	Highways	To receive, consider and discuss: 1. To receive and consider information from Cllr JW on improve the safety of pedestrians at the Leeming Bus Stop on Roman Road.	On-Going due to Cllr JW not being available to add to next agenda.
10)	Financial Matters	Finance 1. Clerk provided end of month accounts for March 2026 2. Salary and HMRC Payments To note that the salaries, expenses, and PAYE for 2025-26 have been paid in accordance with the employees' contract of employment. 3. Bank Account Balances as at 31/3/2026. I. Current Account £10912.94 II. Deposit Account £10682.41 III. Canadian WM Account £3042.10 4. The clerk stated that an additional 6 hours had been done to complete the end of year accounts. 5. To receive End of Year Accounts Draft and Governance Statement for 2025/26 6. Insurance for 2026/27 – The Clerk informed the meeting that the amount due for Insurance was the same as last year. Insurers to remain. 7. The clerk had already provide councillors with a complete breakdown of payments due in April but also reiterate them verbally to residents present. 8. Bank Charges from April Clerk informed the Parish Councillors that after investigation it appeared all the Banks that was available to deal with the parish accounts are now charging at various rates. Barclays is about the lowest.	Agreed & Resolved Agreed & Resolved Agreed & Resolved Agreed & Resolved Agreed & Resolved Agreed & Resolved Agreed to remain with Barclays. Resolved
11)	Date & location of next meeting	Monday 18 th May 2026 at Leeming Village Hall	Agreed
12)	AOB for the next meeting	1. The Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Electors Meeting will to be completed. 2. Litter in Londonderry 3. Weeds on verges need to be sprayed.	Agreed all items to be put on the next Agenda

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed by Chair:

Dated: