



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 21st September 2026
at Leeming Village Hall, Leeming

Attendees

Parish Councillors: Cllr F Stead (Vice Chair); Cllr A Swales; Cllr J Castle; Cllr O Robinson;
Cllr W Withington.

County Councillor:

Clerk / Others: S Nicholson (Clerk); 4 Residents.

Meeting Chaired by: Cllr F Stead

Ref No. 26/27	Headings	Issues
51)	Welcome & Apologies	The Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting with apologies from: Cllr K Temple (Chair) Resolved
52)	Public Session	The Chair requested questions from the resident present with no questions being raised. 1. A resident raised the issue of the Kissing Gate that had been installed along a previous open pathway near Lord's Lane. This as restricted use of the path from Wheelchair users and Mothers with prams. There a walking group that uses that path regular and it is discriminatory towards those with a disability. I understand that this is illegal and secondly no consultation has been done with residents. There is no livestock in the area. Summary: • Government standards • The Disability Act • Discriminatory to lesser Boded people • No Consultation <i>Answer: The Chair stated this would be responded to under item 57.</i> 2. A resident wanted to state that under item 56.14 there has not been any planning application for the very large conservatory or the poach. <i>Answer: The Chair stated this would be responded to under item 56.14</i> 3. A resident stated she wanted to speak about item 56.2. She had previously notified the parish about some restrictions she was having in the village because she is a wheelchair user. However, the flower beds are not a problem as that area was so uneven she would never use that path. <i>Answers: The Chair stated councillors would address that issue at the appropriate time during the meeting.</i> Resolved

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53)	Declarations of Interest	The only declaration of interest stated were Noted as previously informed: 1. Cllr Stead: Planning item ZB23/00923/FUL (Housing in Leeming) 2. Cllr J Castle: Planning item ZB25/01246/FUL (Solar Farm) Resolved
54)	Minutes & Matters Arising	1) Minutes The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20th July 2026 was agreed and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record. Action was Proposed by Cllr WW and Seconded by Cllr JC Agreed unanimously 2) Matters Arising from Minutes No outstanding items that are not on the agenda. 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.
55)	External Reports	1. <u>Police Report</u> The police report was Noted and accepted for July and August. The Police reminded the meeting of the night's drawing darker and to ensure all doors are locked. Good news that a people who had committed a burglary at the Leeming pub had been caught. The police also stated they have security kits for marking property available. 2. <u>North Yorkshire Council Report</u> No report.
56)	Parish Councillors Concerns	To consider and receive matters raised by Councillors for discussion: 1. <u>Crow Wood</u> The Clerk reported that the signs have been made and Cllr KT stated she would arrange for this to be put up when she is available. Cllr AS stated the levelling of the wood continues. 2. <u>Parking at the garage in Leeming</u> The Clerk reported the response from the Garage who are not prepared to move the Flower tubs. Councillors discussed the next response and felt that an email to Public Right of way was the next step. Action: Clerk to send email to Public Right of Way to ascertain if the Parish can resolve this matter. 3. <u>Tree on Hargill Lane</u> Completed 4. <u>Leeming Book Shed.</u> The Clerk has still been unable to contact Yorkshire Timber and is awaiting a quote from another source. Ongoing - Clerk to monitor. Move forward if the quote is below the previous one agreed from Yorkshire Timber.

		5. <u>Bus Stop Roof</u> Completed 6. <u>Wheelie bins (18B Roman Road, Leeming)</u> The Clerk stated a letter had been sent without response. Councillors requested this now moved to North Yorkshire Council Ongoing - Clerk to email NYC and send second letter to resident. 7. <u>Argle Terrace (Mill Lane)</u> The clerk stated Broadacres originally stated not their properties but then when challenged they agreed were. Broadacres to send out an Officer. Cllr WW sated she had seen the Officer that day at the properties. Ongoing - Clerk to monitor. 8. <u>Exelby Bus shelter / Bin / Sign</u> The Clerk sated the Ivy has been taken off the roof. See item 60.1 regarding signage. The need for a bin was not considered. 9. <u>30mph Speed Sign Roman Road:</u> Completed. 10. <u>Exelby Caravan park:</u> Completed. However, the issue of another private company dumping waste in a public bin was raised in the same area. Action: Clerk to send a letter requesting the company not to dispose of their waste in public bins as this is causing them to overflow and unavailable for public use. 11. <u>Paths between Leeming Bar and Londonderry:</u> No response. Action: Clerk to monitor and send a second email to Highways for an Officer to check the condition and advise when they may be repaired. 12. <u>Mill Lane Poo Bin:</u> A discussion as to if we could replace this ourselves from the CIL money. Agreed Action: Clerk to arrange a new bin to be installed 13. <u>Public Footpath Church Lane, Leeming:</u> The Clerk had received a response from Planning Enforcement who stated there was nothing they could do because it was over 10 years. However, there is still a right of way. Councillors stated that it is almost impossible not to step on the owner's land when trying to open the Kissing Gate. Action: Add to next Agenda to look for a solution.
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		14. 7 Sycamore Lane Building A Councillor stated that like the resident stated she was concern about the lack of Planning Application for a very larger conservatory building and a porch at the above property. The concern is around ensuring Building Regulations are met. Action: Clerk to email Planning Enforcement
57)	Clerk Matters	The clerk stated that due to personal reasons she needed to bring her leaving date forward to the end of December 2026. Councillor discussed agreed that the closing date for applications be changed to 30th Oct. The Clerk stated adverts for the vacancy have been done a present there are five people showing an interest. Action: Clerk to monitor Set an interview date at the next meeting.
58)	Residents' Concerns	Kissing gate near Lord's Lane, Exelby Councillors discussed the issue and felt that they needed to get Public Rights of Way involved as per the details stated by the resident. Action: Clerk to email public Right of Way for advice and Add to the next agenda.
59)	Planning	1. <u>Current Applications or Changes:</u> a. <u>26/04120/FUL</u> Retrospective application for front porch. 18B Roman Road Leeming North Yorkshire DL7 9S No Objection – but the Parish is concerned about the number of retrospective applications and their need to ensure Building Regs are complied with. 2. <u>On-going Applications</u> 1. <u>ZB25/01246/FUL</u> - Stell Solar Farm A councillor informed the meeting about a legal challenge that has been upheld from another part of the country involving a Solar Farm. The issue was around the exporting of the electricity to the national grid and the export information not being include within the Application. The document states that all parishes that are affected by the transportation of that electricity and by whatever means must be included in the Application. There is still no EIA, although the parish has requested this on a number of occasions. These panels will not be used until possible 2039 (13 years). Stell has also stated access to the site via Lord Lane will mean them producing passing areas every 50 metres but hedges will not be affected. This is impossible as there are drainage ditches either side.

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		Action: Clerk to send a letter to NYC Planning to legally request that Stell must disclose on the application how the energy produced from the panels will be exported and the parishes affected consulted. 2. ZB23/00923/FUL – Sycamore Ln, Leeming No new information still awaiting decision
60)	Highways	Highways: 1. Leeming Bus Stop The Clerk stated that a successful meeting had taken place and an agreement to include a yellow bus stop box on the road agreed. Dated to be completed not provided. Action: Clerk to monitor 2. Londonderry triangle Councillors considered requesting that the right of way was changed. However, it was felt this would only enhance the area being a longer racetrack. A suggestion was we check if it would be possible to reduce the speed from 60mph to 40moph when coming off the A6055 and all the way along Roman Road to the 30mph signs. Action: Clerk to seek advice from Darren Griffith
61)	Playgrounds	The Clerk stated she had checked that we were eligible for funding but had not had time to move this on very far. Action: Add to next agenda to discuss equipment desired and who we should get to quote. Send info to Councillors and seek a suitable date for councillors to meet with interested contractors.
62)	Financial Matters	1. The Council received the finalised accounts and bank reconciliation for the month of July and August 2026. The accounts were signed off as a true and accurate statement of accounts in accordance with the Councils standing orders and financial regulations. Resolved 2. To note that the salaries, expenses, and PAYE for 2026-27 in respect of staff have been paid in accordance with the employees' contract of employment. The current pay increase from April 2026 has recently been agreed and outstanding wages paid in accordance with regulations. Agreed 3. The Council considered a verbal report for payment to be made in September 2026. Agreed.

		4. Bank Account Balances as at 30/8/26. I. Current Account £14594.18 II. Deposit Account £10712.85 III. Canadian WM Account £3050.77
63)	Next meeting	Monday 19th October 2026 at 7pm in Leeming Village Hall
64)	AOB for the next meeting	To discuss the following items on the October agenda: • Precept • Village Spending • Transfer of Funds to savings • Bus Shelter in Londonderry Agreed all items to be put on the next Agenda for discussion.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed

Dated