Exelby, Leeming and Londonderry Parish Council

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 19th October 2026
at Leeming Village Hall, Leeming
Attendees

Parish Councillors: Cllr K Temple (Chair); Cllr F Stead (Vice Chair); Cllr A Swales; Cllr J Castle: Cllr O Robinson: Cllr W Withington.
County Councillor:
Clerk / Others: S Nicholson (Clerk); 3 Residents.

Meeting Chaired by: Cllr K Temple

Ref No. 26/27	Headings	Issues
66)	**Welcome & Apologies**	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting with no apologies from the Police or Cllr Weighhell having been received. **Resolved**
67)	**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 71.1 She stated that the gate had always been there and had only been taken off for a very short period when it was being repaired by the Church. The actual gate is the property of St John's Church, Leeming and neither the Parish Council nor the North Yorkshire Council (NYC) has responsibility for it. The Chair stated this would be discussed at the appropriate time during the meeting. 2. A resident the issue of item 73.2. There appears to be a drainage pipe through the boundary wall and when it rains the pavement becomes flooded. The Chair stated this would be discussed at the appropriate time during the meeting. **Resolved**
68)	**Declarations of Interest**	The only declaration of interest stated were **Noted** as previously informed: 1. Cllr K Temple: Planning item ZB25/01246/FUL (Solar Farm) 2. Cllr Stead: Planning item ZB23/00923/FUL (Housing in Leeming) 3. Cllr J Castle: Planning item ZB25/01246/FUL (Solar Farm) **Resolved**
69)	**Minutes & Matters Arising**	**1) Minutes** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20th July 2026 was agreed with the amendment item 71.3 that should read Castle Timber not Yorkshire Timber. **Action was Proposed by Cllr WW and Seconded by Cllr JC** **Agreed unanimously** **Signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.**

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		2) Matters Arising from Minutes No outstanding items that are not on the agenda. All parish minutes are 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.
70)	**External Reports**	**1. Police Report** No Police Report received. **2. North Yorkshire Council Report** No County Council Report received.
71)	**Parish Councillors Concerns**	To consider and receive matters raised by Councillors for discussion: **1. Crow Wood** Councillors stated they had taken this as far as they could. The new signs to be installed by Cllr Swales. **Resolved.** **2. Parking at the garage in Leeming** No further action at this stage. **Resolved** **3. Leeming Book Shed.** A quote had been received which was similar to Castle Timber. Councillors agreed for the work to be completed by Shane Lee Joinery because Castle Timber had still not responded. **On-going.** **Action: Check cost of installation by either Shane Lee / GCH / Steve Carver.** **4. Argle Terrace (Mill Lane)** A Councillor stated that she had seen a surveyor at the property. The Clerk confirmed no written response from Broadacres. stated Broadacres **Ongoing - Clerk to chase.** **5. Exelby Bus shelter / Bin / Sign** A Councillor stated she was happy with the cost for a new bin at the side of Exelby Bus Stop. Bus Stop signs received and will be installed asap. **Resolved** **Action: Clerk to arrange for bins asap.** **6. Bins on public Highway** No response to either the parish or NYC. **Action: Check next step with NYC.** **Send notice to NYC that Durham are using.** **On Going**

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7. **See item 4.**

8. **Paths between Leeming Bar and Londonderry:**
No response.
A Councillor stated the paths between Leeming and Leeming Bar are terrible all along that stretch and it is a real problem for prams and wheelchair users.
The Clerk stated she was waiting for a quote to get all the Weeds removed not just sprayed.
Action: Clerk to send another email to Highways and to include Cllr John Weighell.

9. **Mill Lane Poo Bin:**
The Clerk stated that NYC had stated they will not replace the bin at the end of Mill Lane because it is not on a Highway schedule. However, they will continue to collect at resent would like to replace the bin at the other end of Mill Lane.
Councillors discussed and agreed to the new location and cost.
Agreed
Action: Clerk to arrange a new bin to be installed

10. **Public Footpath Church Lane, Leeming:**
After a short discuss it was agreed that the gate was actually the responsibility of the church.
Action: Contact Rev. Moor at St John's and advise that a Wheelchair user cannot use the gate and it be changed?

11. **CFM Waste**
Resolved

12. **Londonderry Bus Stop**
After a discussion about an additional Bus Shelter, it was confirmed that most Bus stops only have one shelter.
Resolved

13. **Exelby History Book**
A request received for a donation. A suggestion of £100 was agreed.
Action: Clerk to request a formal donation request and that there is an acknowledgement placed in the book.

14. **Exelby Royal mailbox**
After a brief discussion, the Parish felt it unlikely that the Royal Mail would change the Georgian Box.
However, it was agreed that a letter requesting them investigate either changing the box or adding another larger box within the village.
Resolved
Action: Letter to Royal Mail

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72)	**Clerk Matters**	The Clerk confirmed that two applications had been received and the end date was not until the 30/10/26. Councillors agreed: • **Interview Panel – Chair / Cllr WW / The Clerk** • **Leeming Bar Grange** • **Monday 2nd November for Interviews** • **Staring at 5.30pm** **Action: Due to brief time scale Councillors agreed to the above action. Clerk to organise formal emails to applicants and offer interview on the above dates and to any other applicants if applications received by the appropriate time.**
73)	**Residents' Concerns**	**1) Kissing gate on Lord's Lane from Exelby** To inform and advise of correspondence sent / received. **Action: Clerk to follow up** **2) 8 St John's Crescent** Driveway and waste from pipe flowing onto pavement. Councillors stated they were not aware of the problem but would investigate and seek action from NYC if required. **Action: Add to next Agenda** **3) Parking opposite the school** The number of cars and the dangerous way parents are parking and / or taking children into school as these are incredibly young children is really frightening. **Action: Letter to school requesting they remind parents about safety and send a copy to the Police.**
74)	**Planning**	**1. <u>Current Applications or Changes:</u>** **a. <u>18B Roman Road</u>** Retrospective Application for front Poarch has been made has been agreed. b. **7 Sycamore Lane building (FS)** A Councillor stated that she was more concerned on this exceptionally large extension, with no planning permission whatsoever. A resident has repeatedly reported them building for months and they could have halted it in its early stages and ensured compliance, but they have left them to virtually finish all work. The land behind floods and we have no idea what foundations and drainage has been put in and whether it meets guidelines. **Action: Send info to Planning Enforcement again.**

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		2. **<u>On-going Applications</u>** 1. **ZB25/01246/FUL -** Stella Solar Farm 2. **ZB23/00923/FUL –** Sycamore Ln, Leeming The current information is still awaiting decision. **Both these are waiting decisions by NYC**
75)	**Highways**	**Highways:** 1. **Leeming Bus Stop** Completed. Cllr WW stated she would get the Bus Stop Sign installed. **Action: Clerk to monitor yellow road marking** 2. **Londonderry triangle** The Clerk stated she had not received any response from her contact at NYC yet. **Action: Clerk to seek chase and seek advice from Darren Griffith**
76)	**Playgrounds**	We have three companies willing to work and quote for work. • Streetscape • MacVenture • Sovereign Cllr WW stated she was willing to Lead on this project. **Action: Send all details to Cllr WW with contact details for her to arrange meetings.**
77)	**Financial Matters**	1. Precept required for 2027/28 **Agreed at £17000** 2. Village Spending **Add to next Agenda.** 3. Transfer of Funds from Current to Savings **Agreed Clerk to arrange suitable amount and advise.** 4. To receive end of month accounts for October 2026 **Agreed and signed.** 5. Salary and HMRC Payments To note that the salaries, expenses, and PAYE for 2026-27 have been paid in accordance with the employees' contract of employment. 6. Bank Account Balances as at 31/09/2026. I. Current Account £22106.10 II. Deposit Account £10740.89 III. Canadian WM Account £3058.76

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		7. To receive and agree opening payments due in October 2026. **Agreed.**
78)	**Next meeting**	**Monday 16th November 2026 at 7pm in Leeming Village Hall**
79)	**AOB for the next meeting**	**Nothing extra**

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed **Dated**

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