



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 28th June 2021 at 7.00pm

At Leeming Village Hall, Leeming

Present

Parish Councillors: Cllr Curry (Chair); Cllr Capel; Cllr Bowes; Cllr Marshall; Cllr Robinson
District Councillors: Cllr J Noone; Cllr C Les; Cllr m Barningham
County Councillor: Cllr A Wilkinson
Clerk / Others: S Nicholson (Clerk); 2 Residents

Item Ref	Detail
21/22 30)	<p>Welcome and Apologies The Chair open this meeting with apologies from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Temple• Cllr Herbert
Public Session June	<p>Public Session The Chair opened the floor for questions from the public.</p> <p>Q1: A resident wanted to know who had proposed and how they had agreed where the Dog Bin would go in Exelby when we were in Lockdown?</p> <p>A1: The Chair stated that the parish had been contacted by residents from Exelby who had requested a Dog Bin was placed at the bottom of the village as there was a lot of dog bags and excrement. This matter was fully discussed and the clerk was requested to arrange with HDC where the bin could be situated taking into account that the Refuse Lorry would need to empty the bin. The decision was taken by the parish that this was a good idea and if possible with Hambleton District Council (HDC) would support this.</p> <p>At that time all meeting had to be virtually as parish councils were required to continue working but residents were able to view all of the work being done by the parish.</p> <p>Action: Request the clerk to check if any other suitable place is possible.</p> <p>Q2: It appears that a padlock has been placed on the gate along the Bridle pathway can you advise who has done this?</p> <p>A2: The Chair opened this up to the Councillors did not know who had put the lock on the gate. A Councillor suggested it may have been Highways England as they had recently been working in that area.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to investigate with Highways England as the local farmer does cut the grass but is unable to do so at present.</p> <p>Q3: This was a question that was for Cllr AW and dealt with separately.</p>

31) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest declared.

32) Minutes – consideration of 24th May 2021

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 24th May 2021 had been circulated to all members.

Minutes Proposed – Cllr A Marshall

Seconded – Cllr C Capel

RESOLVED and Approved by all parish councillors present

Matters Arising

21.4 Flood Bridge

Cllr AW stated that she had been advised that there is no specific weight limit for this bridge. It has been assessed and is capable of taking the minimum 40T requirement. Motorists are advised of the carriageway narrowing here through the removal of the white centre lines, along with being able to visually see the reduction in carriageway width. It would be down to the courtesy of the individual to give way to their fellow road user where appropriate. However, regarding the suggestion of dissuading motorists from using this road, we would not be able to implement such an order due to this being a B road connecting the different areas and communities.

25.2 Dog Fouling

The Clerk stated that she had spoken to the Dog Warden who had stated he was happy to come and clear and look into any cases of fouling. If a resident see anyone not picking up their dog excrement then if they give him call with an address he would be happy looking into it. If the parish put bags out it can cause problems with them being blown around the village and there is an issue about putting them out and payment. This was then discussed

Action The Clerk to arrange a notice for the boards indicating the Dog Wardens advice.

33) Parish Councillor / Clerk Issues

1. Vacancy

The Chair stated that she had received a formal letter of resignation from Councillor Frank Herbert due to health reasons. The Chair commented that Cllr Hebert had served for 32 years as a parish councillor with the Canadian War Memorial being one of his highlights. The Chair continued by formally thank Frank for his dedication and loyal service over the years.

Action: Clerk to inform HDC accordingly

2. Code of Conduct

The Clerk stated that she had as previously stated requested training with the following response from Laura Venn HDC:

- We are aware of the new model Code of Conduct which was published by the Local Government Association. However, the District Council, through its Audit Governance and Standards Committee, is yet to consider whether to adopt the LGA Model Code of Conduct (with or without amendments). Once the Model Code of Conduct has been considered the District Council will turn its attention to what training it may offer and, if it offers such training, it will contact all the parish councils within the district.

The Councillors considered this and decided to continue with the current document until such time that NYCC and HDC have advised that they are using the updated version.

Action: Clerk to ask HDC to contact us when training is available...

34) External Sector Reports

1. Police Report

A Police Report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Officer attending stated he was pleased to be back seeing people face to face and attending parish meetings. He gave a short verbal account of the statistics that had been provided in the report. The issue that he wanted to highlight was the amount of fraud and scams that was not only within our area but nationwide. Residents should be vigilant and step back before getting involved and stay in control. Please contact the Police if you are suspicious about an incident that may have occurred.

Question: Are the incidents reported usually from reoffenders or new ones/

Answer: Yes usually second offenders that are causing more than one incident.

2. District Council Report.

Cllr MB reported on the following:

1. The Covid picture in Hambleton is fairly low but there has been an increase in cases so we all need to continue to be vigilant.
2. There is review being undertaken of the Parliamentary Boundaries – Bedale would come under Thirsk and Malton. Views can be expressed on the HDC Website
3. The new Crematorium should be ready for use by the end of the year.
4. ICT is currently working on a disaster plan to avoid issues similar to what was caused in Redcar and Cleveland Council. They are also recruiting apprentices within IT.

3. County Council Report

Cllr AW reported the following:

1. Launch of NY Highways

From 1st June Highway Services will be provided by NY Highways, a company created by the County Council but operating as a private business. Over 200 members of staff across eight main depots successfully transferring over from external contractor Ringway.

State-of-the-art safety measures to protect the public and workforce are at the forefront as a new fleet of highways maintenance vehicles takes to North Yorkshire's network of almost 5,800 miles of roads.

2. New investment in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

NYCC have invested £723,000 to fit specialist facilities, indoor and outdoor play and sensory equipment, calm rooms and a forest school set among trees within the grounds of Mowbray School, Ripon, formerly Moorside Infant School. The new satellite special school is part of NYCC's strategic plan for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in North Yorkshire, developing more local provision for children and young people with SEND. This enables them to remain in their own communities and families don't have to travel out of the county to get the specialist education they need.

3. Vital A19 road link opened

Local residents and business owners have welcomed the reopening this week of the A19 at Chapel Haddlesey. Despite the complexity of the work and time lost in the aftermath of severe weather early this year, all the stops were pulled out to complete the rebuilding of the 1.5km stretch of road, which had been closed since storm damage in February 2020. For more information, read the

<http://nyccintranet.northyorks.gov.uk/news/opening-rebuilt-vital-a19-link-welcomed>

4. Pride Month
June marks the start of Pride Month. The rainbow flag is flying high over County Hall, Northallerton, to mark Pride Month. Lots of pride events are taking place across the County. This month is another opportunity to celebrate the diversity within our communities.
5. Businesses reassure cautious customers
Now that shops and the hospitality industry have re-opened their doors, it's important that people feel safe when they start to go out again. Barkers Department Store in Northallerton and The Magpie Café in Whitby - local economy recover from Covid. Read more NYCC website.
6. North Yorkshire's town centres benefit from WI-FI switch on
Free public access WI-FI has been switched on in Northallerton and Leyburn. Town centre WI-FI is an opportunity to draw people back to local town centres and aims to promote local shops and services, creating a different town centre experience. Part of the £3million investment awarded by the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership as part of its allocation from the government's Getting Building Fund. North Yorkshire County Council will roll-out the scheme in 16 market towns across the county, helping people to access local and national public services and economic opportunities
7. Celebrated Team North Yorkshire through volunteers' week 1-7 June
We absolutely would not be where we are now on the roadmap out of Covid restrictions without people volunteering. We thank the volunteers who have kept people safe and well during the pandemic, supported the vaccination programme and helped to keep vital council services going. If you are interested in volunteering you can find the latest opportunities on the Community First Yorkshire website www.volunteeringinnorthyorkshire.org.uk.
8. North Yorkshire County Council's Countryside Access Service relies on a dedicated team of around 100 volunteers to help maintain a network of over 6,000km of public rights of way (PROW) outside of the two National Parks. We receive over 2,000 reports every year regarding issues on the network, and volunteers have become an integral part in investigating and responding to these. "The Path Keeper scheme is another great way to harness local enthusiasm and work in collaboration with the groups. Their work helps to keep our Rights of Way network accessible for residents and tourists alike to enjoy for years to come." For more information about the Countryside Volunteers, please visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/countryside-volunteers and for Public Rights of Way visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/public-rights-way
9. North Yorkshire's adult weight management service
We continue to support residents to achieve their weight loss goals throughout the coronavirus pandemic. Providing people with tailored, specialist advice with the highest possible flexibility according to individual circumstances and needs. For more information, and to find out how you can sign up, please visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/stepup
10. Stay up to date with NY Now, NYCC's e-newsletter
NY Now is NYCC's monthly digital newsletter, containing news about council services and communities across North Yorkshire www.northyorks.gov.uk/ny-now-sign

11. Loneliness Awareness Week
 From June 14-18, a national campaign hosted by the Marmalade Trust to get people talking about loneliness. For people of all ages. Find more information about Loneliness Awareness Week and the Marmalade Trust at www.marmaladetrust.org/law
 For information about community groups and voluntary organisations in your local area to increase your social connections go to www.northyorkshireconnect.org.uk
12. YorBus – launching in Bedale, Ripon and Masha
 YorBus, a pilot of an on-demand bus service for the Bedale, Ripon and Masham area, launches on Thursday 1 July. The app which supports the service will be available to download from Monday 28 June. The demand responsive travel bus service aims to connect these parts of North Yorkshire, providing residents with an opportunity to access flexible transport that can be booked as and when it's required. For more details and to download the app from Monday, visit: www.northyorks.gov.uk/yorbus
13. Great Yorkshire Show tickets on sale!
14. The hidden disabilities sunflower lanyard scheme
 This has been extended across all libraries in North Yorkshire. The aim is to enhance the library experience for customers with hidden disabilities, such as autism, dementia, visual or hearing impairment and anxiety. Customers can pick up a free sunflower lanyard in the library. The lanyard acts as a discreet sign that they may need extra time or support when using the library. Help for veterans as North Yorkshire recognises Armed Forces Day 26.6.2021

The county has more than 12,000 people who work for the Ministry of Defence, making up four per cent of all jobs in the area, and 3,000 children from service families in schools, accounting for around five per cent of the total education population.

Catterick Garrison is the country's largest army base, with associated barracks at Dishforth, Ripon and Topcliffe. It is also home to RAF stations at Linton-on-Ouse, Leeming, Fylingdales and Menwith Hill and the Harrogate-based Army Foundation College, and the staff working at those centres also provide a boost to the county's economy.

The County Council has received the coveted Gold Employer Recognition Scheme award from in Ministry of Defence for the support provided to the armed forces. The County Council's own Living Well initiative aims to support those struggling with their personal lives and has a particular focus on ex-services staff, with a 'veterans champion' role now in place.

15. Summer activities and healthy food for free school meal eligible children
 School holidays can be pressure points for some families because of increased food and childcare costs and reduced incomes. In response, the Department for Education has given us funding to coordinate a holiday programme combining provision of healthy food and enriching activities for children. The activity sessions will be available to all children and young people in North Yorkshire, but will be free to families eligible for benefits-related free schools meals. Find out more and watch a short video about the holiday activity and food programme at <http://nyccintranet.northyorks.gov.uk/news/holiday-activity-and-food-programme>

16. Healthy Schools award scheme celebrates success
Sixteen hundred pupils from 63 North Yorkshire primary and special schools joined the first Healthy Schools online pupil voice and celebration event this month. The event celebrated the achievements of schools that have gained a Healthy Schools award. For more information. <http://nyccintranet.northyorks.gov.uk/news/healthy-schools-award-scheme-celebrates-success>
17. Covid-19 outbreak management
The Government announced that we will be remaining on step 3 of the road map, with step 4 delayed by a month. We are seeing rates rise across the country and across North Yorkshire. Our Public Health team, as well as partners and other teams across the council, are working hard to stop the spread of the virus and reduce the risk of community transmission. Our teams have been providing support by setting up mobile testing units, ensuring self-isolation support and co-ordinating communications with those affected and the wider community. To get to the next step on the roadmap everyone must stick to the basics and remember the key messages; hands, face, space and fresh air and that having two doses of the vaccination is the best defence against any variant of Covid-19.

35) Projects

1. Londonderry Triangle Project
The Clerk advised that unfortunately the NYCC employee was not available to discuss the issue. However he had previously stated information would be available for the July meeting.
2. VAS
The VAS is now up and running in Leeming Bar. The VAS should be in Leeming at the start of July. There was a discussion around the possibility of it being used in Exelby should the speed limit of 30mph be reduced as is being sort via NYCC and Secretary of State Dept. The Clerk stated that the VAS we have was only suitable for use on poles that run with electricity. Therefore to put one in Exelby it would need a pole and a new VAS that runs off Solar power. The councillors felt this should be discussed once / if the road limit was changed. Action: Clerk to chase up current situation regarding speed limit and copy in Cllr AW
3. Defibrators
The Clerk stated the delay had been due to Covid. However, after speaking to od Winter from Restarting Hearts it thought it would only be a couple of weeks. He has been given Cllr KT and Helen (volunteer) emails address to liaise directly.

Action: Clerk to get date to be installed

36) Parish Council Reports

1. Crow Wood
The Chair thanked Cllr AB and the local community in Londonderry for getting involved with sorting this issue and it was agreed ahead of the actions that they should go ahead
The current situation is :
 - A number of residents have been involved by clearing the rubbish from the hole and agreeing to supply the soil to fill the hole for free. The use of machine will be required and there may be cost for fuel to get the soil into the hole.

Action: Cllr AB will liaise with clerk for any payment due

2. Footpath out of Leeming – Dog Stiles

Cllr AM stated that she had met with a contractor who was putting cost and information together. There are two types a shutter type and a gate requested the cost for both. The only issue may be about animals pushing the gate type open. The Clerk requested that if the cost was below the initial estimates that was agreed of £200 that the work went forward.

Action: Clerk to confirm issue with contractor about the gate and to move forward if possible.

3. Moles

The Clerk had managed to get this resolved at a small cost of £60.

4. Canadian War Memorial

There had been a number of complaints about parents allowing their children to play on the War Memorial whilst waiting to collect them from school. A letter was sent to the Head teacher requesting she informed parents and children not to do this and what the memorial actual commemorated. A Councillor stated that her children had been made aware what the memorial was about. Parents had not been contacted. A suggestion was that some interaction with the school at an appropriate time was done. The parish was informed the Royal British Legion (RBL) did do that sort of work.

Action: The Clerk confirmed she was a member of the RBL and would look into that for the parish.

37) Planning

1. 21/00693/MRC – Harris Variation to conditions to Leeming Methodist Church

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2. 21/00996/FUL – Lancaster

House extension for additional living space

Rose Garth Exelby

DD - Observations from parish is that supports the application if there is no objections from the neighbours

3. 21/01377/FUL – Walker & Powell

Porch ext

Garth House Exelby

DD - No Observation

38) Playground

The Clerk stated she could not find a ROSPA inspection only inspection from the company that installed the equipment. The discussion was around if this was required and the Clerk stated that to ensure we are fully covered by our Insurance we needed an annually Inspection.

Action: Clerk to seek quotes for the next meeting

39) Financial Matters

The Clerk gave a short summary of the current accounts which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The following payments were due:

- Clerks Wages and expenses £218.63
- HMRC £47.60
- Auditor £ 50.00
- Pest Control £60

Agreed

The Chair asked if we had a report from the auditor and a copy was produced which was verbally given to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed by Chair:

Dated:.....