



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 27th September 2021 at 7.00pm

At Leeming Village Hall, Leeming

Present

Parish Councillors: Cllr Curry (Chair); Cllr Capel; Cllr Bowes;; Cllr Robinson; Cllr K Temple;

District Councillors: Cllr C Les; Cllr M Barningham; Cllr J Noone

County Councillor: Cllr A Wilkinson

Clerk / Others: S Nicholson (Clerk); Police: Residents

- | Item Ref | Detail |
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| 21/22 | |
| 40) | Welcome and Apologies
The Chair open this meeting with apologies from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr A Marshall |
| 41) | Public Session
The Chair reminded everyone that the public session would be no more than 15 mins and individual questions no more than 5 mins each and questions must be related to agenda items.

Q1: A resident wanted to know why the Dog Bin in Exelby had moved because the original site was much better

Q2: A number of residents wanted to know what the parish was doing about the smell coming from the Digester plant.

The Chair stated that both these items were on the agenda for discussion and to try and find an urgent solution. |
| 42) | Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest declared. |
| 43) | Minutes – consideration of 26th July 2021
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 26 th July 2021 had been circulated to all members.
<p style="text-align: center;">Minutes Proposed – Cllr A Bowes
Seconded – Cllr C Capel
RESOLVED and Approved by all Parish Councillors present</p> |
| 44) | Parish Councillor / Clerk Issues <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Vacancy</u>
The Chair stated that the parish was still actively looking for another councillor and requested from a residents who may be considering this to speak to either herself or the Clerk. |
| 45) | External Sector Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Police Report</u>
A Police Report had been circulated prior to the meeting and copies were available. The Officer attending gave a brief verbal account of the crime statics and also advised about the security tips with the nights becoming darker. |

2. District Council Report.

Cllr MB reported on the following:

- Bedale Football Club is looking for a pitch and premises. HDC have allocated £250K towards this project and the Club is also seeking funds from the Football Association. A feasibility study costing £10K is being arranged.
- The Parish Liaison meetings with HDC are to restart in the near future.
- Bedale Leisure centre has been refurbished and decarbonised
- The liaison work has started between the Districts and the new authority.

3. County Council Report

Cllr CL reported the following:

• **Northallerton Registration Office**

Please note that the Northallerton Registration Office moved location on 10 September. It has moved out of its old offices near the County Hall entrance to the Old Courthouse. The new address is: Northallerton Registration Office, The Old Courthouse, and 3 Racecourse Lane, Northallerton, DL7 8QZ. Telephone numbers and emails remain the same as before.

Registrara.Northallerton@northyorks.gov.uk (01609 535132/535138)

• **A684 SAFER ROADS FUND – CRAKEHALL RESURFACING WORKS**

Hanson Contracting on behalf of North Yorkshire County Council will be undertaking resurfacing of the carriageway of the A684 throughout Crakehall. The works include replacement of the full width of the road surface on the A684 through the extents of the 30mph speed limit, please see attached plan for further detail. These works are currently programmed to commence on Monday 11th October 2021 and are expected to last for up to 2 and a half weeks. Please note that during the construction of the scheme it will be necessary to close the A684 in both directions through Crakehall to enable the surfacing work to be carried out safely. To minimise the disruption this closure may cause the works will be restricted to off peak hours, 09.30-15.30 each day.

• **BILSDALE Arqiva**

The company is committed to providing a solution for households that are still impacted and who cannot receive any service following the completion of the temporary mast at Bilsdale and which do not have access to any other means of watching TV. Arqiva will look to prioritise supporting the most vulnerable as soon as possible within the solution being developed. Further updates on the work to restore service and the support scheme will follow. The latest information on the situation can be found on Arqiva's [website](#) and further advice is also available from Freeview at 0800 121 4828 or <https://www.freeview.co.uk/bilsdale>.

ACTION: Clerk to put notice about how residents can get help.

• **Celebrating two months of YorBus**

The on demand bus service. Residents, commuters and local businesses have sung the praises of North Yorkshire's pilot on-demand bus service which has been running for over two months. The YorBus pilot was launched on July 1 and is running in the Ripon, Bedale and Masham

area. “The app is useful as it means you can book without having to ring up. You can also track how long the bus takes to get to you. It’s a very reliable service which I would definitely promote to others who would benefit from good public transport links.”

Since launching on July 1, there has been 1327 accounts created, with an average ride rating of 4.9 stars out of 5. Of the passengers, 63% are repeat users. In July, 500 passengers were welcomed on-board, rising steadily to over 900 passengers in August. August 31 was the busiest day so far, seeing 78 passengers use the service.

The service allows passengers to book a ride through a dedicated app created by Via, the leader in TransitTech. It runs from 6.55am to 6pm on weekdays and 9am to 6pm on Saturdays. There is a flat fare for using the service; £1.20 for adults and 65p for children between the ages of 5-17. Customers can choose to pay with card or cash on the bus. Children under 5 can travel for free and concessionary bus passes can be used on the service, subject to existing Terms and Conditions. YorBus is fully accessible, with low floor access and a ramp access for users of wheelchairs, pushchairs and those with mobility difficulties.

For more information on YorBus, visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/yorbus

- **NYHighways make £2.2m investment to prepare for winter.**
NYHighways welcome 18 new, hi-spec gritters to the fleet. The £2.2m investment confirms the County Council’s commitment to maintaining its winter maintenance under NYHighways and ensures our vast rural road network will keep moving through the worst of the winter weather. Read more here: www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/politics/investment-in-winter-gritters-to-cover-yorkshires-biggest-county-amid-warnings-over-instances-of-severe-weather-3354606
- North Yorkshire resettles Afghan families.
North Yorkshire is offering safe homes to Afghan workers (qualifying under the government’s Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP), who have supported the UK in Afghanistan. So far, the councils in North Yorkshire have resettled eight families (42 people). We are currently in discussions with district council colleagues to resettle an additional 20-25 people, to bring us up to a ‘fair share’ of the anticipated national total of 6300 people arriving in the UK under the ARAP scheme. The people we are welcoming to North Yorkshire have shown great courage in supporting British troops and other personnel in the face of high personal risk.
- **Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Plan consultation.** Have your say on policing, fire and rescue and victims’ services across North Yorkshire and York. North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Philip Allott is asking you to share your views on how to keep communities safe. Visit www.tellphilip.co.uk to give your feedback.
- **Schools return for autumn term.**
As schools prepare to welcome students back to the classroom, we would like to thank Head teachers, teachers and support staff for all their hard work in getting us to this point. The vast majority of schools in North

Yorkshire reopen to pupils on Tuesday. Anyone under the age of 18 will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone with the virus, but will be strongly advised to take a PCR test.

- **North Yorkshire communities urged to plant a tree for the Jubilee.**
North Yorkshire is joining communities from across the UK in a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The North Yorkshire Lieutenancy is backing the Queen's Green Canopy initiative, which encourages people to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee", thereby providing a legacy for future generations to enjoy whilst helping to tackle climate change.

Individuals, schools, parishes, community groups, villages, towns, cities and businesses will be encouraged to plant trees from this October, when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022.

Support is available to anyone who would like to take part, from help and advice about tree planting to tangible support such as over three million free saplings being made available to schools and community groups. For more information please visit the QGC website at www.queensgreencanopy.org Communities can also order a commemorative plaque to mark this tribute to Her Majesty. Anybody who is interested in doing so should email clerklny@camphill.co.uk

- **LGR.**

As you know, the government decision will see the current seven district or borough councils and the county council become a new single unitary organisation, delivering all our current public services – and this new structure will launch on April 1, 2023.

- **Bypass dig reveals how much has changed – and how much hasn't**

As part of the project five years ago to provide a relief road for Bedale, Aiskew and Leeming Bar, archaeologists and other heritage specialists surveyed the length of the road's site for archaeological remains and conducted excavations along the line of the route. Now their findings have been published in a booklet, Before Bedale. The volume details the work, which resulted in the uncovering of an Iron Age ditched enclosure at Bedale and the unexpected discovery of a Roman villa at Aiskew.

Copies of Before Bedale can be picked up from libraries in Bedale, Northallerton, Catterick, Ripon and Leyburn as well as County Hall and the County record Office in Northallerton, Bedale Hall and Kiplin Hall. It can also be downloaded at www.northyorks.gov.uk/archaeology under the "current research and recent discoveries" heading.

46) Projects

1. Londonderry Triangle Project

The Clerk informed the parish that after last month's decision by them not to take this project any further she had contacted both NYCC Highways and the Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) informing them of the decision. An invoice from the PCC has been received for the return of the £5600.

The Chair gave a short outline about the project and the decision made last month as to why it could not move forward.

2. Defibrillators

This has been installed at the Exelby Green Dragon and a meeting is arranged for the 28th September for volunteers to attend. We are still awaiting an invoice from Rod Winter for the equipment.

The Chair reiterated that the parish had agreed to pay for the equipment but the maintenance would lay with the Exelby Community as previously agreed.

47) **Parish Council Reports**

1. Footpath out of Leeming – Dog Stiles

The Clerk stated that she had been informed that the path had now been cleared and therefore the stile could now move forward. The Chair stated that Cllr AM had offered to liaise with a resident about replacing the current stile with a dog friendly stile and will seek to get a quote, similar to ones already in that area.

Agreed

2. Bench

A number of benches had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. A short discussion with the clerk advising that option one was the bench ordered for another parish.

Councillors agreed that the clerk should order the bench from Realise Futures

Action: Clerk to order bench.

3. Road Edges Leeming

A councillor reported that some of the edges along Roman Road had not been done by Highways. The other issue was the cutting of the edge along the RAF base which was done and a lot of debris let on the footpath.

**Action: Clerk to contact Highways to advice of edges.
Clerk to contact RAF Leeming about them cutting the hedge but leaving debris.**

4. Crow Wood

The work has now been completed. However, it was suggested that either trees or scrubs were planted to help anchor and secure the soil to avoid erosion.

Action: Clerk to seek advice from Mr Stapley about this. Clerk to send letters of thanks.

5. Pigeons

The Chair stated that last year a complaint had been received about pigeon droppings. This had been reported to Environmental Health. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had been advised by HDC that because the complainant had not provided any evidence this the complaint had been closed.

A resident was invited to speak and informed the parish that pigeons had been flown in the village for 50 years and had received approval from RAF Leeming. No further action required.

6. Digester Plant

The Chair stated that although she had not smelt anything from the Digester she had received numerous complaints about smells coming from the plant.

Residents had been invited to speak in the public session and they all stated that a pungent sulphuric smells were coming from the plant both early mornings, evenings and during the night.

A short discussion was had with the following outcome being that HDC Environmental Health are made aware. Cllr CL also requested we ask them to scale the complaint to the Environmental Agency, urgently.

Action: Clerk to report to HDC Environmental Health and request it is relayed to the Environment Agency on an urgent bases.

48) Policy Updates

1. Publication Policy

A draft for a new Publication Policy had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chair stated that she wanted to ensure the parish was forward thinking not reactive. In this respect the Chair suggested a working meeting for councillors to discuss the paper and to put forward a draft for the October meeting. The other issue was getting the majority of information on the Website rather than this having to be the responsibility of the clerk.

Action: Chair to organise a suitable meeting date

49) Planning

The Chair stated she was disappointed that Planning Department at HDC had requested this back by the 25th August when Parish Councils did not meet until September and wanted the planning department to be made aware of this. However, in this case there would have probably been no Observations recorded.

1. **21/01871/FUL**

Rear extension to single storey dwelling to form 2 new bedrooms and a bathroom.

17 Millfield Close Leeming Northallerton North Yorkshire

Granted

50) Highways

1. Tree on Lower Exelby Green

The Clerk stated that the parish had established that the area in question was the responsibility of NYCC and they had stated the tree would be dealt with.

2. Dog Bin

The Clerk stated that she had been made aware of the bin being moved and had liaised with both HDC and NYCC who had stated it had been moved due to the following reasons:

- A complaint had been received
- The hedge could not be cut where it was original placed.

Cllr AW stated that she had asked a Highways Officer to look at the placement of the bin and he had moved the bin without consulting anyone.

Parish Councillors discussed this with input from a number of residents who were requesting the bin to be returned to its original site. The Chair requested the clerk and Cllr KT to liaise on this to get it resolved.

Action : Clerk & Cllr KT to try and resolved asap

3. Road Edges

Completed

4. Reduction off Road Speed through Exelby to 30mph

The Clerk stated that she had completed the online speed form as requested at a previous meeting.

Cllr AW stated that she thought we would need to get a new speed survey completed and also engage with Jon Hunter.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Cllr AW , Highways and Jon Hunter

51) Playground

The Clerk stated that the ROSPA Inspection had been completed with only a few minor things needing to be completed. However, we have been made aware that we should be monitoring a number of items.

The Chair requested a hard copy is sent to Cllr CC to forward to our playground inspector for monthly inspections.

Councillors also wanted prices for the work required doing.

Action: Clerk to take this forward to action.

52) Financial Matters

A copy of the full accounts had been made available to councillor prior to the meeting. The clerk advised of this month's payments and these were approved unanimously.

The Chair also stated that the parish councillors need to discuss the precept for next year as this will be required by the end of the year. The Chair suggested that it is done at the working group meeting to be arranged.

51) AOB / Correspondence

1. Colin Brown

A letter had been received from Colin requested we advise him by March if we want him to do the work on Contract 1 so that he can organise this work into his time schedule.

Action: Clerk to organise Tenders Documents for Dec/ Jan

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed by Chair:

Dated:.....