



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 25th October 2021 at 7.00pm

At Leeming Village Hall, Leeming

Present

Parish Councillors: Cllr Curry (Chair); Cllr Bowes; Cllr Robinson;; Cllr A Marshall

District Councillors: Cllr C Les; Cllr J Noone

County Councillor: Cllr A Wilkinson

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

Item Ref	Detail
21/22	
55)	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair open this meeting with apologies from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Capel• Cllr K Temple• Cllr M Barningham <p>A register of attendees was taken for Covid.</p>
56)	<p>Public Session</p> <p>The Chair requested questions from the public.</p> <p>Q1: A resident wanted to know the outcome of the questions from last month about the digester due to the continued smell.</p> <p>The Chair stated that the Digester items was on the agenda for discussion with information for the public.</p>
57)	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest declared.</p>
58)	<p>Minutes – consideration of 27th September 2021</p> <p>The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 27th September 2021 had been circulated to all members.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Minutes Proposed – Cllr A Bowes Seconded – Cllr O Robinson RESOLVED and Approved by all Parish Councillors present</p>
59)	<p>Parish Councillor / Clerk Issues</p> <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.

60) External Sector Reports

1. Police Report

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 a resurgence of a fake police office scam and also tips to keep safe.

2. District Council Report.

Cllr JN reported on the following:

- The Hambleton MASD Grant is open.

Councillors were advised of the type of grant:-

1. Driving Economic Vitality
2. Enhancing Health and Wellbeing
3. Caring for the Environment
4. Providing a Special Place to Live

3. County Council Report

I. COVID

Sadly Covid figures have risen once again. In a couple of weeks' time we will have half term and we hope that that will make an impact for the better. The rate that we currently are experiencing for Harrogate is the highest for any local authority area in Yorkshire. We have also seen an increase in hospital admissions with 149 beds occupied by Covid patients in hospitals serving North Yorkshire, 17 of these are in intensive care beds.

II. Bilsdale mast update

A temporary mast to provide a TV signal for hundreds of thousands of homes has been switched on. Most people will now be able to receive TV but will need to retune their TVs and a guide on how to do this can be found at <http://www.bilsdalemast.co.uk/retune-instructions>. Arqiva has set up a Help and Support Scheme for people who are still without a TV signal and need additional help. This will initially prioritise people over 65, the clinically vulnerable, and other vulnerable people with carers. People in these priority groups are encouraged to contact the Bilsdale Project Restore Support Line on Freephone number 0800 121 4828. If you work with or know people in the priority groups please encourage and support them to contact the Support Line. Engineers will be scheduled to visit people who need help retuning TVs or having an aerial repointed. Arqiva will be writing shortly to every household in areas that still can't receive TV, setting out how people can request a voucher that will enable them to purchase a TV streaming device to watch free to view TV via wifi and broadband.

III. Have your say

We regularly ask people living and working in North Yorkshire to tell us their views on specific issues or questions, which link to our key priorities. Anyone can take part in our engagement or consultation surveys and events - current consultations are [on our website](#). As around 80% of you are also North Yorkshire residents, we'd like to highlight opportunities to

have your say on some major proposals that will impact the future of the county and residents in different ways.

(For example, people are being invited to give their feedback on the proposed North Yorkshire Local Area SEND Strategy, which has been developed collaboratively with North Yorkshire County Council, the county's NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups and Parent Carer Voice, which represents families with children and young people with SEND.)

IV. Foster Care

If you think your family could be a fostering family, find out more and get in touch via www.northyorks.gov.uk/fostering Online chats where you can learn more and ask questions are planned for later this month and November.

V. Call for residents to cut back overgrown trees and hedges

Residents are being urged to cut back any hedges or trees on their property that could be putting pedestrians and road users at risk.

North Yorkshire County Council's highways teams have received an increasing number of reports of pavements being obstructed and road signs obscured by overgrown trees and bushes. The local authority is responsible for making sure trees and hedges don't obstruct the highway or damage property.

Landowners and occupiers have similar responsibilities for trees and hedges on their property. They must make sure these do not obscure road signs, reduce visibility for road users or prevent people using the road or pavement safely. They are also responsible for removing dead or decaying trees and other growth, removing branches that hinder high-sided vehicles or block light from a street light, and making sure roads and pavements are clear of debris from cutting work.

For more information about the maintenance of vegetation please visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/vegetation

VI. A684

Beginning on Monday (October 25), the County Council's highways teams will be resurfacing the A684 through the extent of the 30mph speed limit in the village. The work will last for up to two and a half weeks. Due to the nature of resurfacing the A684 in both directions will be closed during working hours of 9.30am to 3.30pm with a signed diversion in place.

The major A-road which runs through Patrick Brompton is set to undergo a full resurfacing in the next stage of safety improvements financed by the Department for Transport's Safer Roads Fund.

For live updates and details of the diversion please visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/roadworks-map

The County Council was awarded £7.06m to fund a series of safety improvement projects on the A684 from Leeming Bar to Junction 37 of the M6. It was one of four successful bids to the Safer Roads Fund, which is

available to local authorities to upgrade 50 A-roads identified as being the most dangerous in the country.

For more details on the Safer Roads Fund bids please visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/safer-roads-fund-bids

- VII. The North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel will meet on Thursday, 4 November, 2021, consider the appointment of an Acting Commissioner from the staff of the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. An election for the Commissioner vacancy is expected to be held on 25 November, 2021, so the Panel will be looking to appoint an Acting Commissioner to undertake the role in the intervening three weeks.

Cllr Carl Les, chair of the Panel, said: “Although the period for an interim Commissioner will only be a matter of weeks, it is important that the residents of York and North Yorkshire know that a person will be in post, holding the Chief Constable and Chief Fire Officer to account, and also being accountable to the community through the Panel.”

The live broadcast of the meeting will be available at www.northyorks.gov.uk/live-meetings

- VIII. Elections.

Agreement aiming to align the timing of town and parish council elections with the elections in May 2022 for the new unitary council. This will reduce costs and pressure on resources at a critical point.

61) **Projects**

1. Defibrillators

The Clerk stated that the Defibrillators are now installed and volunteers organised. The only outstanding issue is the invoice which has been requested from Rod Winter, Saving Hearts, Northallerton.

62) **Parish Council Reports**

1. Footpath out of Leeming – Dog Stile

Cllr AM stated that she is meeting on Thursday with another possible contractor to quote for the dog stile. Information will then be forwarded to all parish councillors and the clerk.

2. Bench

This still ongoing because of the possible application towards a MAD Grant from HDC

Action: Clerk to make application to MAD

3. Digester Plant

The Chair stated that the parish along with the assistance from Cllr AW and Cllr CL had been making enquires with regards to the smell being omitted from the plant. It appears that residents need to contact Environmental Agency, England directly. We have been advised to request everyone to contact them on a free line number 0800 80 70 60 every time that a smell occurs.

The Chair advised that an information form with the details on together with the free phone number was available to take away and distribute. Residents were encouraged to phone because without that evidence action was unlikely to go ahead.

Cllr AW also stated that Karl Battersby's from NYCC's has offered to assist.

4. Parish Plan

The Chair stated that parish councillors had meet and had a discussion on getting the parish to be more proactive rather than reactive. During the last 12 months the parish has had request for various items:-

- Bench
- Defibulators
- VAS
- Dog stiles
- Crow Wood

The parish has managed to pay for these items but we really need to put forward plans for the next three years so that we can budget correctly.

Therefore in Jan / Feb we are going to put together a leaflet to send to all residents asking them what they would like to see their money spent on. Some items we have no choice to budget for like the Grass cutting, Clerk's wages and Insurance but we want to use other money to enhance the lives of all three villages.

5. Trees

The Chair stated that the parish was interested in joining the plant a tree for the Queens Jubilee for all three villages. The parish are requesting suggestions from councillors as to where the trees would be best sited in each village.

63) **Policy Updates**

1. Publication Policy

The Chair stated that after scrutinising the new policy that the clerk had produced it had become clear that a lot of the information or request for information had to be via the clerk. It was felt that this was not a good use of the clerk's time and councillors had decided that we really needed to upgrade the website to allow a lot of that information to be readily available.

The clerk also stated that she had amended the current policy with a lot of items now being on the Website so we are in a position to approve the policy next month once councillors have had the opportunity to read it.

The Clerk also advised that our Web Team at WJPS are holding an open day on Wednesday 24th November 2-6pm. At the moment they are enhancing the Aiskew Leeming Site and our parish are being offered the same facility at very reasonable price.

The Chair confirmed that she wanted the website to be a place that residents could request items of interest happening in the villages that could be added.

64) Planning

1. 21/02165/FUL

Demolition of Existing Conservatory. Construction of house extensions and alterations

2 Church Close Leeming Northallerton North Yorkshire

Delegated Decision

No observations

2. 21/01746

Retrospective approval for construction of outbuilding

Elm Tree Farm, 5 Leeming lane, Leeming

Granted

3. 21/02415/TPO

Works to trees subject to a tree preservation order

Green Dragon Inn High Row Exelby Bedale

Delegated Decision - Councillors to comment via email once application considered only received prior to the meeting.

65) Highways

1. Dog Bin

The Clerk stated that she and Cllr KT had been and considered the best position of the bin after complaints had been received from another resident after it had been repositioned outside their gate.

After discussion with HDC and NYCC the decision was made that the only possible position for the bin would be at the start of the path in its original site. The parish and all other agencies had tried to resolve this to accommodate the majority of residents.

Action: Clerk to inform residents of all Agencies decision.

2. Reduction off Road Speed through Exelby to 30mph

The Clerk stated that she had received information that the survey had been completed with the following results from North Yorkshire Police

Further to your speed concern at the above location, we can now confirm that the speed data and information has been obtained, analysed and a decision has been made.

An automatic speed data logger was deployed at B6285, Exelby for a period of 7 days, recording 24 hours a day.

The data obtained indicated a mean (average) speed of 34/36 mph and an 85th%ile of 40/42 mph.

Based on the speed data collected and all other available relevant information, the Roads Safety Task Group decided that the location was suitable for Community Speed Watch (CSW).

Cllr AW stated requested the email to be forwarded to her and also Jon Hunter. The Chair stated that Cllr KT would be advised to see if residents in the village wanted to take up the offer of doing a CSW.

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

3. Dangerous Trees

The Chair stated that she had been made aware of three trees that were in a dangerous condition within the parish.

The clerk had reported these to Highways but had been advised they didn't feel it required action at this time.

The Chair stated that the parish did have a suitable resident who had volunteered to either prune or take the trees down if Highways agreed.

Cllr AW requested further information.

Action: Clerk to forward emails to Cllr AW

66) **Grass Cutting**

The Clerk had discovered that both contracts were actual up for renewal but they had included a clause that the contracts could be extended until 2023 if both parties were in agreement. Councillors discussed this and agreed the Clerk should seek confirmation from both contractors that they were happy to continue.

Action Clerk to write to both contractors

67) **Playground**

The Clerk had requested quotations from Playground specialists who had stated the only work really was the cleaning of the surfaces which were slippy, cutting of the ivy around the gates and other areas plus monitoring of wooden structures for rot that may need to be replaced. Cllr AM stated that the hedge surrounding the play area really needed to be cut.

The Clerk also requested that the Repeat order for 2022 ROSPA Inspection was confirmed.

Agreed

Action: Clerk to get a quotation for the hedge work.

Clerk to meet with John Arkle to discuss the fence and ivy issue.

68) **Financial Matters**

1. Payments

The clerk outlined all the payments for this month. The parish was advised that one cheque from last month appeared to have gone astray and had been cancelled with another being issued this month.

Payments Agreed

2. Precept & Parish Budget

The Chair stated that parish councillors had met to discuss the forthcoming budget requirements for 2022/23.

The Clerk had recommended the Precept remaining at £13000.

Accepted and Agreed

51) **AOB / Correspondence**

The Chair stated that the Clerk had request to change meeting date for Jan 2022 from 31st to 24th.

Agreed.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed by Chair:

Dated:.....