



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 24th January 2022 at 7.00pm

At Leeming Village Hall, Leeming

Present

Parish Councillors: Cllr Curry (Chair); Cllr Bowes; Cllr Robinson; Cllr Capel; Cllr K Temple
District Councillors:
County Councillor:
Clerk / Others: S Nicholson (Clerk); Police: Residents

Item Ref

Detail

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84) **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair open this meeting with apologies from:

- Cllr M Barningham
- Cllr C Les
- Cllr J Noone
- Cllr A Wilkinson
- Cllr A Marshall

A register of attendees was taken as a Covid requirement.

85) **Public Session**

The Chair requested questions from the public.

Q1: I am concerned over the lighting on Roman Road that has not been working since the middle of December. What is being done about it?

Q2: I have information and requested concerning the request for a Community Noticeboards that are being requested by Exelby.

The Chair stated she took both questions on board and these would be addressed during the meeting at the appropriate time.

86) **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr KT stated she had to declare an interest in one of the planning applications.

87) **Minutes**

Consideration of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th December 2021 had been circulated to all members.

Minutes Proposed – Cllr A Bowes

Seconded – Cllr O Robinson

RESOLVED and Approved by all Parish Councillors present

88) **Parish Councillor / Clerk Issues**

Nothing to report

89) External Sector Reports

1. Police Report

A verbal Police Report was given and noted. No questions.

The clerk requested confirmation that the parish councillors and the police were happy for the Police Report to be put in the Noticeboards and on the Website.

Agreed

2. District Council Report.

None of the District Councillor were not available for this meeting.

3. County Council Report

Cllr AW was unable to attend but sent in the following report:

- We are still dealing with the pandemic, a range of staffing issues some of which are linked to Covid-19, service pressures in many areas.
- NY Local Resilience Fund - Richard Flinton; workforce on an emergency footing. Vital to ensure our partners in the NHS can function, enabling patients to be discharged from hospital into care settings as needed and freeing up beds for people waiting to be admitted. These emergency plans will only be used if needed but will hopefully provide sufficient volunteers to get us through the Omicron wave which may see as much as a 40% reduction in available care staff due to illness or self-isolation." (The council is providing training and support as needed and will match new duties to normal working patterns.)
- The NHS is redoubling its effort to remind people that vaccination is an evergreen offer. (See the links below.)
The vaccination remains available to everyone over 12. Boosters are available to people aged 18 and over and 16 and 17-year-olds who are at high risk from COVID-19, together with frontline health and care workers, three months on from their second vaccine dose. Both walk-in and bookable booster vaccines are available and local information can be found at: <https://northyorkshireccg.nhs.uk/covid-19/getting-your-covid-booster-jab-in-north-yorkshire/> People aged 16 to 18 can have the second dose of their vaccination from 12 weeks after their first dose and can attend the vaccination session as advertised here; [Getting your COVID booster jab in North Yorkshire - NHS North Yorkshire CCG](#)
The National Booking Service is also available at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/and> The national picture on walk-in availability is at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site/> Please remember that the vaccination is an evergreen offer, so if you have changed your mind about being vaccinated you can come forward at any time. Details of vaccination are here: [Getting your COVID booster jab in North Yorkshire - NHS North Yorkshire CCG](#) or <https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/campaigns/book-your-covid-19-vaccine-and-booster-appointment/>

- This will be the **last full year of the County Council** as we move towards the implantation of a new unitary council in April 2023.
- **Local government reorganisation.** The early preparation work has gone well, all of the work streams that we need to have in place as part of this enormous project are up and running, the timescales are short with a large amount of work to do.
- **Reboot North Yorkshire – recycling your unwanted devices**
Reboot North Yorkshire is a collaborative project involving a wide range of partners working together across the county. It provides recycled IT equipment and internet access to help residents stay connected. The scheme takes laptops, smart phone, tablets and iPads no longer needed by their owners and refurbishes them before they're distributed to those in need. These devices can support people to access vital services, help children do their school work and make sure people of all ages can stay in touch with friends and family. If you got a technology upgrade for Christmas and have a device that can be donated to Reboot North Yorkshire, you can find your nearest drop off point and more information about the scheme at www.rebootny.co.uk
- **Budget**
Unprecedented range of risks – the continuing impact of Covid-19, harsh winters and climate change, the need for interventions to prop up social care, the escalating costs of transport for special educational needs students. The County Council has been consulting the public about its budget, including council tax for next year. Under Government rules, the authority can raise council tax by up to 1.99% from April, plus up to a further 2.49% for the adult social care precept. Members face the prospect of having to draw on reserves between £6m and £11m depending on their decision on the level of council tax for the county. These continue to be turbulent times. We are responding to increased pressures that the pandemic has placed on our communities and the county's economy. At the same time, long-term challenges grow, for example the massive pressures in social care. This means we face further tough choices as we budget for the future." Budget proposals will be considered by the council's Executive on 25 January and by the full council in February.
- **Your services, your say: give your views.**
This month, NYCC are looking at how we deliver **sexual health services** in our county. Read about it and tell us what you think about the proposed agreement by filling in the online survey at www.northyorks.gov.uk/sexualhealth before 3 February 2022. From Monday 10 Jan, we are also asking for feedback on proposals in our **Bus Service Improvement Plan**. Buses play a vital role in supporting rural communities and helping residents to remain independent. Efficient bus services also enable and encourage us to leave our cars at home in favour of more sustainable transport, which reduces congestion, improves air quality, and helps us to keep fit. Take part in the consultation at www.northyorks.gov.uk/bsip

- **Make Care Matter – we need your help!**
Do you know someone who could work as a care professional? No direct experience required – anybody with empathy, who enjoys solving problems for people and getting things done to help people lead as fulfilling lives as possible, will thrive in this role. Never has the need for people to work in care been so great. Jobs in adult social care can offer great flexibility to fit into your life, varied hours, locations and contract types. These can change and flex as your life changes too. In addition to an hourly pay rate, there are other allowances such as shift allowances, expenses, company pensions and enhanced annual leave. Make a difference on your doorstep - applying is easy, just visit www.makecarematter.co.uk for more information.
- **Avian Influenza – “Stop The Spread” Defra webinars**
Due to the current avian influenza (‘Bird Flu’) outbreak, maintaining effective biosecurity has never been more critical. If you keep birds, find out what you can do to keep them free of the disease by attending one Defra’s webinars. For further information including dates and times visit:
<http://nyccintranet.northyorks.gov.uk/news/avian-influenza-stop-spread-webinars>
- **Check out our new weather station cameras before you travel**
NYCC new weather station cameras are now available to view on the NYCC website: www.northyorks.gov.uk/road-cameras-and-weather-conditions . This allows those who live, work or travel across North Yorkshire’s highway network to make informed travel choices by viewing the cameras as part of their journey planning, supplemented by the additional information available on our gritting page: www.northyorks.gov.uk/road-gritting .
North Yorkshire’s gritting fleet. NYCC used about 50,000 tonnes of salt last year, and all of it came from Boulby Mine, one mile west of Staithes on the east coast. Last year 10,200 treatments of the highway network in North Yorkshire, enough miles to travel around the world 22 times. NY Highways - the company’s first winter. A strong team of drivers and a young fleet of 80 vehicles, including 18 new replacement gritters added ahead of this winter. NYCC spends between £6m and £10m each winter on gritting, depending on the severity of the weather. The fleet is on call 24 hours a day and is complemented by more than 100 farm contractors, who can be called in to help to clear roads. In addition, there are about 8,000 grit heaps and bins around the county.
Information about when and where gritting takes place, grit bins can be found at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/winter-service>

90) Parish Council Reports

1. Footpath out of Leeming – Dog Stile

The Dog stile has been completed and the Chair produced an invoice for the work that had been sent to her.

Action: Clerk to arrange payment

2. NYCC Jubilee Plant a Tree

The Chair stated that after some research it appeared that the parish had to purchase the trees. In view of this the Chair opened the item for discussion to see if all the councillors felt that they still wanted the trees especially taking into account the need for the parish to maintain them. At present one tree is costing approx. £500 a year so this will hit the budget and residents.

After a short discussion it was decided that each village would think about a small tree that would be easily managed, where it should be planted and a small plaque stating that it was planted towards the Queens Green Canopy.

Action: Add to next Agenda

3. Digester Plant

The Clerk stated she had not received any complaints about smell coming from the plant. A councillor stated that she had smelt the plant at times. However, we had received details of parking issues again

Action: Add Parking issue to the next Agenda

4. VAS

The Clerk had approached Aiskew Leeming Bar about them purchasing the parish portion of the VAS. Aiskew Leeming Bar were more than happy to agree and requested an invoice at the stated amount of £1500. The Councillors discussed the VAS for use in Exelby. The Chair stated that a solar powered VAS and post was required in Exelby because there were no electric post in the correct position. Councillors decided that a VAS for Leeming was completed now and the way forward for Exelby would be to wait the outcome of the decision on the 40mph speed being reduction request so that the correct VAS could be installed for them. The Clerk stated that she would ring fence Income for the Exelby VAS so that it could be installed once the Highway decision on speeding was completed.

Resolved

5. Community Notice Board Exelby

An Exelby resident was invited to explain about why the Community Noticeboards are being requested and how they could be installed. The Councillors where happy in principal for this to go ahead but just wanted guarantees that the hanging of a second board below the current Parish Noticeboard would not compromise that structure. This would be done for the next meeting

Action: Add to next Agenda

6. Lighting issues

The Clerk stated she had been in contact with Lee at HDC who had stated they are aware of the issue but they needed two new post and it would be about 4 to 8 weeks before it was repaired, due to HDC waiting for the post. The clerk had also made HDC aware of the lighting issue on the flyover near Londonderry.

Action Add to next Agenda

91) **Policy Updates**

The clerk requested which Policy the parish wanted to review next.

After a short discussion the Retention Policy was decided to be the next policy they would update.

Action: Clerk to send Retention policy to Councillors

92) **Planning**

1. 21/02415/TPO

Works to trees subject to a tree preservation order 19/00001/TPO2

LOCATION: Green Dragon Inn High Row Exelby

APPLICANT: Mr George Howie

GRANTED

2. **22/00028/FUL**

Retrospective application for single storey extension to rear of existing bungalow.

Tanglewood Russell Terrace Londonderry Northallerton

Ms. Lauren Proctor

Delegated Decision

Support No Observation

3. **22/00037/REM**

(Cllr KT retired for this item)

Revised application for reserved matters for previously approved application 20/02373/OUT: (a) the layout, scale and appearance of each building, including a schedule of external materials to be used; (b) the means of access to the site; (c) the landscaping of the site.

The Old Forge Exelby Bedale North Yorkshire

Mr & Mrs Lenton

Planning Committee Decision

Support No Observations

93) **Highways**

1. Trees Exelby

The Chair stated that Mr Stapley had looked at the trees with the following recommendations:

- The Sycamore needs the crown and the base removing.
- The second tree needs the branches removing because they are across the road and it needs a good prune for safety reasons.

The Chair stated that Mr Stapley wanted to be present if possible when the trees being done.

Action: Clerk to seek 3 quotation from Tree Surgeons

The Chair mentioned that the parish had not been advised that Exelby wanted to put a tree on the village green. This had happened the previous year and the parish had requested and minuted that any trees needed to be advised to the parish for safety and insurance reasons.

Cllr KT stated she was not aware of that action as she was not on the parish council then. She acknowledged the request for future events.

94) **Financial Matters**

1. Payments

The clerk outlined all the payments for this month.

Payments Agreed

2. CIL / Budget Money

The Chair stated that she wanted it noted that any donations provided by the parish under S137 would not amount to over £100.

3. Defibs
Still awaiting invoice.
4. Tablet & Wifi
The Chair stated that she had Provided Cllr OR with the laptop.
However, Cllr OR had decided she would prefer to continue with paper rather than an electronic device.
Resolved

95) **AOB / Correspondence**

1. Moles in Londonderry
Moles have been reported on the same piece of land in Londonderry as previous.

Action: Clerk to request the Mole catcher to action.

2. Dog Fouling
A Cllr reported the amount of dog excrement of the footpaths.

**Action: Add to next Agenda
Clerk to contact Dog warden**

The Chair also informed the meeting that a letter from Ex- cllr Herbert had been received thanking everyone for his tree. This was from donations from the Councillors not parish funds.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed by Chair:

Dated:.....