



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 28th February 2022 at 7.00pm

At Leeming Village Hall, Leeming

Present

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

District Councillors: Cllr M Barningham

County Councillor:

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

Item Ref

Detail

21/22

96)

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair open this meeting with apologies from:

- Cllr C Les
- Cllr J Noone
- Cllr A Wilkinson
- Cllr Capel
- Cllr K Temple.

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Public Session

The Chair requested questions from the public.

Q1: I have managed to get the information on the Notice board for Exelby as requested from the last meeting. I presume you will want this?

A1: The Chair thanked the resident for the information and stated this would be included and reviewed at the appropriate time in the meeting.

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Declarations of Interest

No declaration declared.

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Minutes

Consideration of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 24th January 2022 had been circulated to all members.

Minutes Proposed – Cllr A Bowes

Seconded – Cllr O Robinson

RESOLVED and Approved by all Parish Councillors present

Matters Arising

Item 95) The Chair requested that both the items were chased up accordingly with the relevant people as issues are still causing concern:

- Moles
– in Londonderry
- Dog Fouling
– Various streets (St Johns Road / Sycamore Drive / Roman Road in Leeming

Action : Clerk to chase both items asap

100) Parish Councillor / Clerk Issues

Nothing to report

101) External Sector Reports

1. Police Report

A verbal Police Report was given and noted.

2. District Council Report.

Cllr MB reported on the following:

1. The Green Bin Licences are now available to purchase at £40 and the collections have re-started.

2. HDC adopted the Local Plan last week at a full Council meeting.

Q: What will happen when we move to a unitary authority and will the new council adopt this?

A: I don't really know but it will remain in place until the new authority produces their own plan. It took HDC from 2016 until now to get this plan in place so it will take a number of years before NYC collate their own plan to cover the whole of North Yorkshire.

3. HDC has successfully refurbished Bedale Leisure Centre and has started the DE-Carbon Emission program. This includes upgrading of Leisure Centre with Solar panels and LED lighting

4. The new Crematorium, Maple Park is now open and will start to operate from the end of March.

5. Work has restarted on the cinema at Treadmill in Northallerton after a new contractor was appointed.

6. Council tax 2022/23

➤ Parish £21.05

➤ HDC £119.48

➤ NYCC £1,298.82

➤ Social Care £168.53

➤ Police £281.06

➤ Fire £75.61

TOTAL £1,964.55 (Band D)

3. County Council Report

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

• **Budget**

At its quarterly meeting North Yorkshire County Council agreed a council tax increase of 3.99%, consisting of 1.99% general council tax and 2.0% of adult social care precept. This option results in a recurring shortfall of £18m and a need for reserves of £34.9m over the next three years. The County Council consulted the public about its budget, including the level of council tax. 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. The successful transition to the new unitary council arrangements will also be a significant feature of the forthcoming financial year. The County Council also has to grapple with increasing volatility in the months ahead due to rising costs associated with high inflation and uncertainty in relation to Government funding.

“Increasing council tax is never an easy option for us,” said Cllr Les. “We have always striven to be moderate in our increases.

We need to understand and balance the hardship families' face and the pressure a council tax rise might add with the need to fund essential services to support the most vulnerable in our communities and the services our communities and residents want to see delivered, none of which are without a cost."

Cllr Gareth Dadd, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Finance, said: "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."

- **Cycling returns to North Yorkshire with the Tour of Britain**

Britain's leading cycle race, the Tour of Britain, will return to North Yorkshire on Wednesday 7 September. It was last in the area in 2009, when York welcomed the opening day's finish, and before that in 2008 when Dalby Forest hosted a stage finish. North Yorkshire's communities are well known for our wholehearted embrace of major cycling events, from the Tour de France Grand Départ to the Tour de Yorkshire and UCI Road World Championships, so large crowds are anticipated for this stage. It will begin in Redcar and Cleveland and promises to be a must-watch. 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.

102) **Parish Council Reports**

1. NYCC Jubilee Plant a tree

The Chair stated that the parish had decided at the last meeting to plant three trees one in each village. It was suggested that smaller trees would be more appropriate due to ongoing cost. The Chair suggested that perhaps British trees with recommendations and purchase from Braithwaite.

- Leeming – Cllr AM to confirm site for the next meeting
- Londonderry- Cllr AB to confirm site for next meeting
- Exelby – Village Green

Action: Clerk to speak to Braithwaite and get a cost. Also cost of signs to put at the base of the trees in commemoration of the Queens Jubilee

2. Digester Parking

The Chair produced some photos for the police regarding parking at the Emergency Exit gate near to the Digester and also on Roman Road where serious obstructions of parked cars near to school. The Police officer stated they would look into both issues to see if anything could be done and she would report back next month.

Action: Clerk to add to next month agenda

3. VAS
The Clerk stated that a cheque for £1500 had been banked from, Aiskew Leeming PC.

Action: Clerk to contact Darren and sort out a new VAS purchase asap.

(Could a smile face or thankyou be lit up when cars adhere to the speed limit) - the clerk stated she would enquire

4. Community Notice Board Exelby
The Exelby community had raised £150 towards a new notice board and are awaiting for information about a grant. However, that wanted approval to place the Notice board either below the original board or at the side.

The Chair stated that unfortunately the parish budget for 2022/23 had already been set and if the village did need funds it would have to be in the 2023/24 budget plan. No funding requested at this time

Agreed in Principal to siting of the Noticeboard.

5. Lighting issues
The Clerk stated that HDC had confirmed that two new poles had been received and they are awaiting the electricity board to install them. This make take up to another 4 weeks.

6. Bench
The bench has been put at the side of the other bench that is unfortunately cemented into place. Cllr AB stated her partner may be able to assist and would get him to look into it. If the old bench can be saved a suggestion was to place it on Leeming Play area.

7. Moles
The Clerk stated that she had been contacted but she was out of the country at the time.

Action: Clerk to move this forward

103) **Policy Updates**

The Chair opened this to councillor's views. A number of changes were raised and the clerk was requested to make the changes as per stated in the copy. The Chair requested these be done and put on the next agenda for approval. The chair also requested the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders be sent to Councillors so they could be reviewed for discussion at the next meeting

**Action: Clerk to amend Retention Policy
Clerk to send out CofC and SO to councillors**

104) **Planning**

The Chair advised the meeting of the two planning issues received.

1. Tanglewood - Single Storey Ex.
Retrospective application for single storey extension to rear of existing bungalow
Tanglewood Russell Terrace Londonderry
GRANTED

2. Certificate of Registration for the Adding of Alias Name
Villa Mea
49 Roman Road
Leeming Northallerton North Yorkshire DL7 9SN
AGREED

105) Highways

1. Trees Exelby Village Green
The Clerk stated that she had requested three quotations but only one had been received for £750 + VAT.
The Councillors requested that the Clerk give Burniston another ring and Hunters Landscape.

Action: If no response in three weeks to go ahead with the work.

2. Trees in Londonderry
The Ash tree needs to be removed that is on the edge of Crow wood near to the Pumping station.

Options:

1. waiting until next year due to cost
2. arrange for the tree to come down
3. See if Ollie Logs would fell the tree free of charge in exchange for the wood.

Agreed to Option 3

Action: Clerk to contact Ollie Logs

3. Road Closure – Exelby
The Clerk stated that the parish had been notified that the road between Exelby to Westfield Lane will be closed for 6 hrs on the 17th March (9.30 – 15.30)

106) Financial Matters

1. Payments
The clerk outlined all the payments for this month.
Payments Agreed

2. Defibs
Received invoice today for payment.

107) AOB / Correspondence

No other business

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed by Chair:

Dated:.....