Aiskew & Leeming Bar Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council held on Wednesday 16th September 2026 at the Leeming Bar Community Hub at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr J Asquith (Chair), Cllr J Kennedy (Vice Chair), Cllr P Edworthy, Cllr M Chaloner, Cllr I Marr, Cllr H Robson, Cllr Utley	
Clerked by: Mr R Clare	
Cllr Apologies: Cllr N Turfrey	County Councillor: Cllr J Weighell
Cllr not present: Nil	Members of the Public: 2
No	**Item**
62	**Representations from the public.** Nil.
63	Council to receive **apologies for absence** and to consider **approval of reason for absence** given by Councillors. **RESOLVED** that the apologies received and reasons for absence given by Cllr Turfrey were received and accepted.
64	To receive **declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests**, other **registerable interests**, and **non-registerable interests** for the agenda under discussion. **None received.**
65	**Minutes.** To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 15th July 2026** are a true and correct record. **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
66	To receive and consider the updates from the **North Yorkshire Councillor.** Cllr Weighell explained that the NY Plan would be delayed. He informed that the Council would not be making any large decisions between now and the elections next year that may affect any new Council.
67	To receive and consider the **North Yorkshire Police Crime Reports** for the months of July and August 2026. **RESOLVED** that the reports received were accepted.
68	To receive and consider the following **Local External Committee Reports. RESOLVED** that the reports received to date be accepted. **Joint Burial Authority** – No meeting held. **Bedale Hall Trust CIO** – No meeting held. **Leeming Bar Charity** – No meeting held. **Bedale and Community Villages Forum** – No meeting held. **Four and Twenty** – No meeting held.
68	**Bedale Hall.** No updates.
69	**Parish Council Complaint CS15/10025.** The Parish Council received a response to our complaint about the planning process regarding planning application ZB24/02311/FUL. Our complaint was not upheld. RESOLVED that the Parish Council would not elevate the complaint to stage 2, as at this time no additional information was available that was not dealt with in the original complaint.
70	**Matters to be considered from requests by Councillors.**
70/1	Cllr Chaloner is concerned that one of the new trees (Oak) planted near the Fort in Freeman's Way park is dead and to consider replacement. The Clerk has had the tree inspected by Honey Badger Tree Services and the report says the tree is in distress but still living. The Council **RESOLVED** to give the tree a further 12 months and check its progress.
71	**Update on matters from requests by Councillors.**
71/1	**NOTED** that the bus stop seating requested by Cllr Kennedy was installed on 04/08/26.
71/2	**NOTED** that Cllr Asquith request that the path in front of Aiskew Bank be added to the 'Definitive Map' was being investigated by NYC Definitive Maps Offr (Email received 25/08/26.

72 **Planning**

72/1 **Proposal:** Application for a single story side and rear extension.
LOCATION: 8 Sparrow Way, Aiskew.
APPLICANT: Mr K Johnson 26/03314/FUL. – **NOTED** this application was **GRANTED** by NYC Planning Services on 24th August 2026.

72/2 **PROPOSAL:** Change of use to include Use Class E to the range of uses which may lawfully occupy the existing units.
LOCATION: Whitley Court, Tutin Road, Leeming Bar Industrial Estate.
APPLICANT: : Ms K Grint 26/03232/FUL **RESOLVED** to respond to the local planning authority that the Council has **no objections** to the application. (Sent via email 20/08/26).

72/3 **PROPOSAL:** Change of use of ancillary accommodation to create a self-contained dwelling, demolition of adjoining workshop and subsequent erection of extension to proposed dwelling with associated development.
LOCATION: Warren House Farm, Low Street North, Leeming Bar.
APPLICANT: JG Phillips and sons 26/03563/FUL. **RESOLVED** to respond to the local planning authority that the Council has **no objections** to the application. (Sent via email 04/09/26).

72/4 **PROPOSAL:** Application for a proposed conversion of garage to habitable accommodation with new windows.
LOCATION: 43 Robin Way, Aiskew.
APPLICANT: Mr A Beetham 26/04367/FUL. **RESOLVED** to respond to the local planning authority that the Council has **no objections** to the application.

72/5 **PROPOSAL:** Application to vary the wording on conditions 7, 14 and 19 of the Appeal Decision Notice for previously approved (on appeal APP/G2713/W/23/3315877) 21/01362/FUL Date of Decision: 27/06/2023.
LOCATION: Land At Fence Dike Lane, Scruton.
APPLICANT: Leeming Solar Farm Limited 26/04430/DVCNAJ. **RESOLVED** to respond to the local planning authority that the Council has **no objections** to the application.

73 **Audit. NOTED** that the External Audit conducted by PKF Littlejohn LLP was received on 10/08/26 and was distributed to all Councillors and the Internal Auditor; The public notice has been posted both online and on our noticeboards.

74 **Pay Award 2026/27. NOTED** that the National Association of Local Councils have accepted the NJC recommended pay award for 2025/26 of 3.3% from 1/4/26.

75 **Finance**

75/1 The Council received the **finalised accounts** and bank reconciliation for the months of **July 2026 and August 2026. RESOLVED** that the accounts were signed off by two Councillors as a true and accurate statement of accounts in accordance with the Councils standing orders and financial regulations.

75/2 The Council considered the following requests for payment and **RESOLVED** to approve all payments as listed:

Supplier	Date of Invoice	Item	Net Cost	VAT	Total
WJPS	03/08/26	Laptop	£988.00	£197.60	£1185.60
Viking Office	03/08/26	Paper	£37.38	£7.48	£44.86
Glasdon	03/08/26	2 x Seats (Bus Stop)	£826.56	£165.31	£991.87
JT Atkinson	03/08/26	PPE for Clk	£42.81	£7.34	£50.15
Parish Noticeboard Company	06/08/26	New Noticeboard Aiskew	£880.00	£176.00	£1056.00
Honey Badger	10/08/26	Tree Surgery Badger Hill Drive	£1100.00	£220.00	£1320.00
PKF	10/08/26	External Audit	£315.00	£63.00	£378.00
Streetscape	11/08/26	Wetpour repair Ascough Wynd	£445.00	£89.00	£534.00

GCH	12/08/26	Grass Cutting Jul 26	£1030.60	£206.12	£1236.72
Nortelco	12/08/25	Telephone Bill – Jul 26	£8.97	£1.79	£10.76
Morgans	18/08/26	Fitting benches and removal of noticeboard and graffiti	£535.00	£0.00	£535.00
Clerk	18/08/26	Expenses – Tools to repair playpark and fencing	£16.98	£0.00	£16.98
Saferplay	20/08/26	Playpark reporting software	£283.00	£56.60	£339.60
NY Highways	27/08/26	Fitting cost new noticeboard	£568.10	£111.62	£681.72
GCH	04/09/26	Grass Cutting Aug 26	£1030.60	£206.12	£1236.72
Clerk	26/08/26	Expenses – Magnets	£3.99	£0.00	£3.99
LBCH	16/09/26	Hall Hire	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00
RBL	16/09/26	2 x Wreaths Remembrance	£45.00	£9.00	£54.00
Nortelco	25/09/25	Telephone Bill – Aug 26	£8.97	£1.79	£10.76

75/3 **Salaries Jul/Aug. RESOLVED to note** that the salaries, working from home allowance and PAYE for July and August 2026, have been paid in accordance with the employees' contract of employment.

75/4 **VAT. RESOLVED to note that a** VAT reclaim of **£1780.77** was submitted to HMRC on 1/9/26 and received on 6/9/26.

75/5 **Bank Account Balances. RESOLVED to note** that the bank account balances were:

1. Current Account (As at 31/07/26) **£5,042.22**
2. Deposit Account (As at 31/07/26) **£66,306.00**
3. Current Account (As at 31/08/26) **£5,935.72**
4. Deposit Account (As at 31/08/26) **£56,306.00**

75/6 **Grant Requests**
Bedale Scouts. RESOLVED to refuse the grant £2000.00 towards the cost of the outdoor storage facility.
Bedale Youth Venue. RESOLVED to award the grant of £1065.00 towards the cost of running the Bedale Youth Club.

75/7 **New Laptop. RESOLVED** to note that the new laptop arrived and was setup on 03/08/26.

75/8 **New Noticeboard. RESOLVED** to note that the new Noticeboard in Aiskew was installed on 11/09/26.

76 **NYC Grass Cutting. RESOLVED** to refuse the request by NYC to add an additional area to the current Grass Cutting contract that the Parish Council cuts on behalf of NYC.

77 **Correspondence.**

77/1 Letter received on 21/07/26 from a resident complaining about the overgrown hedges on the pedestrian side of Aiskew Bank. **NOTED** that reported to NYC 21/7/26.

77/2 Letter received on 04/08/26 from a resident concerned about an unknown sticky substance on the bench near the level crossing and that the Grit Bin required repair or replacement as the lid would not close. **NOTED** that reported to NYC 21/7/26.

77/3 Letter received on 11/08/26 from a resident concerned with dangerous and anti-social driving and safety of junction on Sycamore Avenue and Bluebell Way. **NOTED** that meeting held with resident, present was Cllr Asquith, Cllr Marr, PCSO Lees and the Clk. It has been ascertained that the roads are unadopted and remain the responsibility of Linden Homes and NYC and the Parish Council have no legal powers to address until the roads are adopted.

77/4 Letter received 25/08/26 from a resident stating that the MOD owned hedge along Leeming Lane required cutting back and that the gate at the Low Street bridleway required fixing. **NOTED** that both the gates and the hedges have been rectified.

77/5	Letter received on 29/08/26 from a resident complaining about the state of repair of the waste bins in Kingfisher Park. **NOTED** that email received NYC 1/9/26 that bins would be replaced ASAP.
78	**Clerks Report.** To receive and consider the Clerks Report. **RESOLVED** that the Council accepted the Clerks Report for September 2026.
78/1	**RESOLVED** to accept the Quote from Streetscape of **£805.00 for** the required repairs within Leeming Bar park.
78/2	**RESOLVED** to accept the quote from Honey Badger Tree Services to cut and tidy the trees and hedges that have overgrown in Leeming Bar park.
79	To receive and consider any business not transacted during this meeting, to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. **RESOLVED** that Cllrs would contact the Clerk to add any items.
80	**Date of next meeting**. It was **NOTED** that in accordance with the agreed schedule, the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council would be held on **Wednesday 21st October** at the Church Hall, Aiskew 7pm.
81	There being no other business, the Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at **8.06 pm.**

Signed:

Date:

Cllr J Asquith
Chair Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council