

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER 2020

	Present
Parish Councillors:	J Asquith; S Cross; C Gill; J Kennedy; I Marr; N Pocklington;
District Councillors:	C Les: M Barningham; J Noone
County Councillor:	A Wilkinson
Clerk:	S Nicholson
Apologies:	R Ryder

36)	Welcome and Apologies  The Chair thanked everyone for attendance in to this virtual meeting and noted the apologies.		
36a)	Public Session The Chair stated that he understood that Sarah Carrick was now the new Chair of the HUB and congratulated her and that she had a couple of questions.		
	Question SC:  1) I know more about our neighbouring parishes than I do of my own parish and feel that more can be done to include the residents of Aiskew and Leeming Bar. What plans have the PC got to engage and interact with the local community?		
	2) As the new Chair of LBCH, my handover from Richard Moore included the expectation of being included in the Parish Council agenda distribution list. Is there any reason the LBCH has been excluded from the last few meetings?		
	The Chair stated that the parish had not had any notices or information from the HUB concerning a new Chair. He also advised that we have only just restarted meeting on Zoom due to the Covid-19 situation. Details of the only one previous meeting had been put on the noticeboards and Website. Cllr JA also stated her feeling towards the situation and a councillor wanted to know exactly what additional media or work the parish could do to help with the communities.		
	SC stated that some parishes are now using Facebook.		
	Cllr JA stated that the parish had previously considered that medium last year but it needs someone to deal with it all the time. However, Cllrs JA and JK confirmed that they would relook at a Facebook page or media output. Cllr SC stated he thought there was enough Facebook pages within the village already perhaps one of those could be utilities.		
	Action: Clerk to clarify with SC if they wanted Councillors to attend their meetings and dates. Add to next Agenda for formal discussion on use of media.		
37)	Declarations of Interest		
	No declarations of interest received at this stage but would be declared for any relevant items.		

## 38) **Covid-19**

The Chair confirmed that the parish is to remain meeting via Zoom for the foreseeable future due to the current status of the virus.

The Clerk requested that they consider a policy documentation to cover the new Video use. The Chair confirmed that the Police Authority had also suggested this and wanted the Clerk with Cllr JA to work on policies for discussion at the next meeting.

## **Action:**

Clerk to work with Cllr JA to produce a policy and add to next agenda.

## 39) Clerk / Councillor Matters

The Chair stated that the clerk's appraisal had been completed and all except one objective had been completed which was due to the current Covid-19 situation. Proposal that the Clerk was awarded SP 26 from 25 back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 when the appraisal was due.

## Agreed unanimously

## 40) Minutes from all meetings dated 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Item 29 to read Grange Ave not Grange Road.

The minutes then accepted as a true and accurate record.

#### Resolved

## 41) Matters Arising / Action from last meeting not on this agenda.

Item Ref	Details	Person	Action Taken
23.2	Aiskew Houses Clir MB to raise Health and Safety Issue with HDC	Cllr MB	This had been completed and he understood that the site was considerable more secure at present.  Completed
28	Allotments Letter to both tenants wanting to use allotment on Grange Road for Communal access	Clerk	Letters sent 30/9/20 Completed
29	Grassing Cutting / Verges / Trees  1) Hedge near Freemans Way needs cutting. Kingfisher PA needs to be cut before it gets too high.	Clerk	Email to AD 22/9/20 requesting the hedge is cut asap. Completed

## 42) External Sector Reports

## 1. Police Report

A report had been circulated before the meeting to all councillors. PC HL gave a verbal account of the highlighted items.

Question Cllr SC: Are you still operating scheme "Op Bright" like last year when you were looking and giving advice to households in the area that appeared dark and empty?

PCHL stated she wasn't aware of it but would speak to Sarah Norman about it.

## 2. District Council Report

Cllr MB reported on the following:

a) The Unitary changes continue.

Schedule Process – Initial documents 1/11/20

- Final paperwork 9/12/20

Implementation date will vary dependant on which scheme the Government Minister decides on and could be 2021 if one authority or 2022 if the two schemes proposal from the Districts are chosen.

Question Chair: If the role of the Parish Council is likely to be effected and if we could be kept in the loop?

Cllr CL responded that they would be as much as possible.

- b) HDC are still in consultation until 30/10 for the next year's budget
- c) The Planning meeting / consultation on the 85 houses in Aiskew that was on the 15/10 has now been rescheduled for the 29/10
- d) The HDC Local Plan is being heard by the Inspectors on U-Tube that is available to screen. (Cllr MB to send Link)

## 3. County Council Report

Cllr AW gave the following verbal report:

a) NYCC is still under Tier 1 (Medium) with being subject to the rule of 6 and everyone remembering Hand Face Space. NYCC doing everything to reduce the figures in areas that are still of concern. Some areas like Ryedale is very low but Craven is still high. We are looking at the area as an average to try and remain in Tier 1.

Question Chair: The County Public Health Lead Lincoln Sargent was quoted as stating that all of Yorkshire may go into Tier 2 so because that was better for the public to understand?

Cllr CL replied that he had been quoted correctly by a journalist but it was out of context so it was incorrect.

- b) NYCC schools are attaining attendance above 90% and teachers are going above and beyond to ensure our children are being taught.
- c) A number of Testing sites are on the NYCC Website
- d) County is continuing to promote the single council.

## 43) **Burial Board**

Cllr IM stated that they had not met recently and had nothing major to report this month. The issues around the numbers of individual council members remains along with the setting of the Precept. The Clerk stated that she had received an email from the Clerk at Bedale TC who wanted to arrange a meeting concerning the JBB becoming a single authority under the umbrella of Bedale. Cllr IM stated this had not yet been decided and any inquiry regarding this should be referred via the JBB Clerk.

#### Action:

Clerk to refer the BTC Clerk to the JBB Clerk

## 44) Parish Councillors Reports

- 1) NP The following Zebra Crossing needs to be refurbished
  - 1. Bedale Road. Aiskew (Opposite old Methodist Church).
  - 2. Roundabout Sandhill Lane, Aiskew
- 2) NP Aiskew Bank

Cllr MB stated that the lamp post original situ will be used where the old Victorian post is and should be completed in the 6/8 weeks.

3) NP – Speed Matrix in Leeming Bar Highways have apologised and it should be next moved to Aiskew 4) NP - Otterbeck footpath to Love Lane **Action: Clerk to contact contractor to sort.** 5) IM – all the sign post on Sandhill Lane showing Footpaths and Bridle ways are down Action: Clerk to contact Footpath at NYCC Strategic Industrial Estate Planning by HDC 45) 1. Leeming Bar Industrial Estate Planning At present this is being heard by the Inspectors. 2. Aiskew Housing No Objections Bedale Hall 46) The Clerk stated that a recent meeting it was decided that a new lease was the way forward. Cllr MB – stated that there were a number of leases from 1967 to 2010 and the way forward was to combine all the changes into a new lease. Question Cllr JA: Does this include the new land for parking outside the nursey? Answer: Yes but it is not going to be used for parking. 47) **Planning** 1. 20/00497/FUL 85 House in Aiskew – **Committee meeting 29/10/20** Cllr MB stated that a number of observations and proposal sent in from the parish has been incorporated into the new plans. There was a discussion around the number of affordable houses and the lack of community facilities Cllr MB stated that there would be some ClL money and if we wanted to look at a bigger project then we should it on the HDC Infrastructure Proposal List. 2. 19/01085/REM 13 Houses off Northallerton Rd, Leeming Bar (Granted) Part of the Hambleton local Plan 3. 20/02112/ADV McDonalds new signs and screens – **DD** No Observations 4. 20/01801/FUL Mr P Smith 35 Bedale Rd Aiskew change of use to A1 and overclad asbestos with modern material - DD No Observations **Playgrounds** 48) 1. Mattison Play Area The Clerk stated that she had forwarded a quotation from Streetscape regarding the way forward with this project. However, the main issue is the boundary fencing and who actually owns that fence. Letters had been sent but no response had been received. Cllr JA stated she was happy to work with the clerk to try and get this sorted. Action: Clerk to arrange meeting with Cllr JA to try and locate who is the owner of the boundary fence and then send letters again.

## 2. Freeman's Way

The Clerk stated that at present the area was under water and flooded and questioned the way forward with keeping equipment on that area. However, there may be issues in getting equipment transferred from Freemans to Leeming Bar. Agreed working Group: SC / JK / Clerk

## **Action:**

Arrange meeting with councillors and Streetscape at Freemans and Leeming Play areas.

## 49) Grassing Cutting / Verges / Trees

#### 1) Planters

There was a discussion about the way forward with the planters for next year. The parish had been made aware that the HUB was going to refurbish all the planters.

Agreed that the HUB should be responsible for all five planters with the parish ensuring that the grass is trimmed round the plant boxes by the contractors.

## 50) Highways

## 1. Aiskew Bank Lighting

(See item 44.1)

#### 2. Roughly Bank

Cllr AW had sent an email stating that Highways are aware again have it down to be down on their work schedule.

## 3. Potential yellow lines on Leases Road near Vale of Mowbray

Cllr AW had forwarded an email stating:

As I understand, both residents and Leeming Bar Parish Council have concerns over a parked recovery vehicle on Leases Road outside Vale of Mowbray. Given the alignment and width of Leases Road at this location (7.1m), it is not considered that there is a safety issue here. I would also point out that parked vehicles are considered to be a contributory factor to helping keep speeds low as parked vehicles act as natural traffic calming. The introduction of double yellow lines is subject to a consultation process and given the residents and businesses this would affect, it is likely such a proposal would receive objection and consequently such a scheme may not progress. It is also important to note that the introduction of a parking restriction only moves the existing situation on to another less desirable location and as a result, I am unable to consider a parking restriction at this location. Thank you for pointing out the issues regarding parking during the Polar Express Event. Up to this stage, I haven't received any complaints about parking as a result of the event. As I was led to believe, it was well managed event with a park and ride system at Leeming Bar Motel. I have not yet received any details from the event organiser as to whether it is going ahead this year. However if it is, I will ensure the organiser applies for a temporary parking restriction (at their cost) to be put in place along Leases Road to prevent any further inconsiderate parking throughout the event duration.

## 4. VAS Sign

Agreed a 50 / 50 split with Exelby Leeming and Londonderry. The only issue is around getting a volunteer to move the VAS.

The Clerk suggested getting a quote from Alasdair to see if he would complete the work.

Action: Clerk to progress on going work

	<ol> <li>7.5 tonne weight restriction in Leeming Bar and signage.</li> <li>Cllr AW sent the following answer:</li> </ol>
	Despite the proposed advanced signage not yet being in place on the A684, HGVs should not be using the section of Leases Road covered by the weight limit unless they are visiting a property or premises within the extents of the weight limit. If it is considered the restriction is being breached, I encourage the Parish Council or residents to contact the North Yorkshire Police via 101 to undertake enforcement as previously advised on 06/10/20. Unfortunately the Local Highway Authority does not have powers to enforce this issue.
	With regard to the road condition, our Highway Officer has assessed it and does not consider there to be any actionable defects. As far as I am aware, there does not appear to be any funding highlighted for Leases Road at this.
	Cllr SC stated that there had been some more issues around trucks from the Industrial Estate still coming from Northallerton and using Northallerton Road and Leases Road. Could the signs be completed asap? Councillors discussed sending a letter to business on the Industrial estate reminding them to ensure vehicles coming to them use the bypass not the village.  A Councillor suggested the Business Forum Manager was a better way forward.
	Action: Clerk to forward letter / email to Judith Turner HDC Head of Business Forum
51)	Financial Matters - To consider and make payments on the following:
	<ol> <li>Monthly Details         Current balance in the account is £80835.35 this includes this month's £14K precept payment.     </li> </ol>
	2. Payments Due Clerks Wages + Backdate £512.27 HMRC £128
	<ol> <li>Budget         The clerk has sent the budget to try and get the Precept sorted next month.         Action: Cllr JA requested possible donation to British Legion – clerk speak to M Lowe from the RBL.         Clerk to resend Budget again and add to agenda     </li> </ol>
	S106 money     Working group for Playgrounds to make recommendation on use of funds
52)	Correspondence / Information / Other Business All correspondence received is being sent out immediately for action.
	Meeting Closed at 8.30pm
Signed:	Dated: