



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
At Temple Fun, Leeming Bar

**Present**

Parish Councillors: J Kennedy; N Pocklington (Chair); Carol Gill; S Cross; I Marr  
District Councillors: J Noone;  
County Councillor: A Wilkinson  
Clerk / Others: S Nicholson (Clerk);  
**Apologies:** J Weighell; M Barningham; C Les; Police

Ref: 2021/22	Details
45)	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b> The Chair thanked everyone for attendance in to the meeting and noted the apologies.</p>
45a)	<p><b>Public Session</b> <i>Q1) A resident highlighted that he and all the residents on Northallerton Road, Leeming Bar, had been sent some building plans about the construction of houses including an artist view of the plan and this has caused some concern? A copy of the plan was available for everyone to see.</i></p> <p>A1) The Chair and Clerk stated that they had not received any information recently from planning. However the parish was aware of the development in that area. A District Councillor stated that the project was still under review and full planning was not out to consultation yet.</p> <p>The Chair suggested that the resident speak separately to the District Councillor at the end of the meeting. Which did take place.</p>
46)	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> None declared</p>
47)	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="323 1496 1139 1597">1. <u>Minutes 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021</u> The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record. <b>Resolved</b></li> <li data-bbox="323 1630 1422 1765">2. <u>Minutes 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021</u> The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record. All matters arising where either completed or on this month's agenda to discuss. <b>Resolved</b></li> </ol> <p>The Chair pointed out that there was a survey currently being under taken by the Police Commissioners regarding the use of camera vans to help with the crime rate. A link is on the NYCC site and also in the County Council notes see item 49.3</p>

48)	<p><b>Parish Councillor / Clerk Issues</b></p> <p>1. <u>Vacancy for Parish Councillor</u>  The Chair stated that he was pleased to announce that we had two candidates for the vacant parish councillor posts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ James Proctor (Aiskew Ward)</li> <li>▪ Paul Edworthy (Leeming Bar Ward)</li> </ul> <p>The Chair requested a formal proposer for them both:  <b>Proposed by Cllr. Ian Marr</b>  <b>Seconded by Cllr. Jackie Kennedy.</b>  <b>Unanimously agreed.</b></p> <p>The Chair then formally welcomed both new councillors.</p> <p><b>Action: Clerk to organise relevant paperwork and emails.</b></p>
49)	<p><b>External Sector Reports</b></p> <p>1. <u>Police Report</u>  Nothing presented or sent.</p> <p>1. <u>District Council Report.</u>  Cllr JN reported on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Unfortunately the swimming pool at Bedale has had to be closed due to the pool requiring to be cleaned after a sickness bout in the pool.</li> <li>2) Hambleton Staff are now returning to the offices on a regular basis after working from home so enquires should now be dealt with quicker.</li> <li>3) HDC are aware that some of the land owned by the Four &amp; Twenty Group that is in the middle of the housing development site in Aiskew is to be donated for a community building. He was pleased that HDC are aware of the lack of facilities in Aiskew and have allocated £100k towards this project.</li> </ol> <p>The councillors discussed the possible implications with enthusiasm and also the basic principal of this project. The parish was advised that a dedicated officer would be available to assist once the project was up and running.</p> <p>2. <u>County Council Report</u>  Cllr AW reported the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Final phases of Scarborough’s Wi-Fi rollout hailed a success.</b>  Scarborough’s town centre and shopping area has joined the seafront in offering free, reliable Wi-Fi for students, residents and visitors as the digital roll out continues across many of our market towns. Working in partnership with NYCC wholly owned company, NYNET, the scheme is supporting the recovery and growth for communities and businesses. Aiming to draw people back into our towns following the Covid-19 pandemic.</li> <li>2) <b>Celebrating two months of YorBus – the on demand bus service.</b>  YorBus has celebrated two full months of serving Masham, Bedale, Ripon and surrounding rural areas. Since launching on July 1st, there has been 1,278 downloads of the app, with an average ride rating of 4.8 stars out of 5. In July, a total of 500 passengers were welcomed on-</li> </ol>

board, rising steadily to over 900 passengers in August. August 31st was the busiest day to date, transporting 78 passengers in a single day. (The demand responsive travel bus service aims to connect these parts of North Yorkshire, providing residents with an opportunity to access flexible transport that can be booked as and when it's required

[www.northyorks.gov.uk/yorbus](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/yorbus) The service runs from 6.55am to 6pm on weekdays and 9am to 6pm on Saturdays. There is a flat fare for using the service; £1.20 for adults and 65p for children between the ages of 5-17. Customers can choose to pay with card or cash on the bus. Children under 5 can travel for free and concessionary bus passes can be used on the service, subject to existing Terms and Conditions. YorBus is fully accessible, with low floor access and a ramp access for users of wheelchairs, pushchairs and those with mobility difficulties. For more information about the YorBus service please visit [www.northyorks.gov.uk/yorbus-connecting-north-yorkshire](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/yorbus-connecting-north-yorkshire))

- 3) **NYHighways make £2.2m investment to prepare for winter.** NYHighways welcome 18 new, hi-spec gritters to the fleet. The £2.2m investment confirms the County Council's commitment to maintaining its winter maintenance under NYHighways and ensures our vast rural road network will keep moving through the worst of the winter weather. Read more here: [www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/politics/investment-in-winter-gritters-to-cover-yorkshires-biggest-county-amid-warnings-over-instances-of-severe-weather-3354606](http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/politics/investment-in-winter-gritters-to-cover-yorkshires-biggest-county-amid-warnings-over-instances-of-severe-weather-3354606)
- 4) **North Yorkshire resettles Afghan families.** North Yorkshire is offering safe homes to Afghan workers (qualifying under the government's Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP), who have supported the UK in Afghanistan. So far, the councils in North Yorkshire have resettled eight families (42 people). We are currently in discussions with district council colleagues to resettle an additional 20-25 people, to bring us up to a 'fair share' of the anticipated national total of 6300 people arriving in the UK under the ARAP scheme. The people we are welcoming to North Yorkshire have shown great courage in supporting British troops and other personnel in the face of high personal risk.
- 5) **Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Plan consultation.** Have your say on policing, fire and rescue and victims' services across North Yorkshire and York. North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Philip Allott is asking you to share your views on how to keep communities safe. Visit [www.tellphilip.co.uk](http://www.tellphilip.co.uk) to give your feedback.
- 6) **Schools return for autumn term.** As schools prepare to welcome students back to the classroom, we would like to thank Head teachers, teachers and support staff for all their hard work in getting us to this point. The vast majority of schools in North Yorkshire reopen to pupils on Tuesday. Anyone under the age of 18 will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone with the virus, but will be strongly advised to take a PCR test.
- 7) **North Yorkshire libraries extend free computer access.** North Yorkshire's library members are being encouraged to take advantage of longer computer sessions free of charge. From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, customers will be able to use the computers for up to an hour a day, and anyone who needs additional time can pay a small fee or choose from a range of subscriptions to have a longer session. This will give people the

	<p>opportunity to browse the Internet, check emails, complete online learning and use free resources available to library members including Ancestry and Find My Past.</p> <p>a. There are over 300 computers available in North Yorkshire libraries, all with webcams, touchscreens, printing capabilities and a wide range of software. Anyone filling in complex forms, such as job applications, will still be able to request additional time free of charge. Some libraries are now re-introducing computer support sessions; please ask at your local library for more details. Please check library opening days and times at <a href="http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries">www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries</a></p> <p>8) <b>North Yorkshire communities urged to plant a tree for the Jubilee.</b> North Yorkshire is joining communities from across the UK in a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The North Yorkshire Lieutenancy is backing the Queen’s Green Canopy initiative, which encourages people to “Plant a Tree for the Jubilee”, thereby providing a legacy for future generations to enjoy whilst helping to tackle climate change.</p> <p>a. Individuals, schools, parishes, community groups, villages, towns, cities and businesses will be encouraged to plant trees from this October, when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022.</p> <p>b. Support is available to anyone who would like to take part, from help and advice about tree planting to tangible support such as over three million free saplings being made available to schools and community groups. For more information please visit the QGC website at <a href="http://www.queensgreencanopy.org">www.queensgreencanopy.org</a> Communities can also order a commemorative plaque to mark this tribute to Her Majesty. Anybody who is interested in doing so should email <a href="mailto:clerklny@camphill.co.uk">clerklny@camphill.co.uk</a></p> <p>9) <b>LGR.</b> As you know, the government decision will see the current seven district or borough councils and the county council become a new single unitary organisation, delivering all our current public services – and this new structure will launch on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.</p>
50)	<p><b>Local External Committee Reports</b></p> <p>1. <u>Burial Board</u>  The Chair reported that a meeting at the beginning of August had taken place between at the JBA parishes to discuss and put forward a draft proposal on the new governance requirements.  The meeting was very successful with the following being the main agreed suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acceptance of a new representation which reflected the number of residents within each parish. ALB(3); Bedale (3) Burrill (1)</li> <li>• Agreed that the contributions should also be propitiate to residents</li> <li>• Bedale TC would be the host but would not have any additional governing rights than other parishes.</li> </ul> <p>2. <u>Local Business Plan</u>  Nothing to report</p>

51)	<p><b>Parish Councillors Reports</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Leech House Bench</u> The Clerk stated that she was hopeful that Cllr. MB would have been present to discuss the way forward with this possible joint project with HDC. A discussion took place on the aspirations about a bench and picnic tables in the Leech House area to commemorate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. Cllr. JN stated he would take this up and try to move it forward.</li> <li>2. <u>One Council</u> The Chair highlighted the information that is available on the NYCC Website about the new One Authority Council. Cllr JN advised that NYCC would be shadowing all departments during the next year to ensure a smooth handover of responsibilities.</li> <li>3. <u>Wensleydale Railway</u> The Chair advised that the parish had received an invitation from Wensleydale Railway to go and see the work and renovations being done.  <b>Action: Clerk to arrange a meeting (early evening)</b></li> <li>4. <u>Heron Close</u> The Chair stated due to planning application he had requested the clerk to try and confirm who owns the small piece of land that the residents in 6 Heron Close are requesting to build on. The building also appears to overlap a foot path.  The Clerk stated that Highways had advised to contact Land Register which had been completed but it did not include that piece of land as on the registry for 6 Heron Close. The Chair did not want a president being set with small pieces of public ground being claimed by resident.  <b>Action: Clerk to again approach Highways for clarification and to include Cllr JW; D Flowers: Footpaths.</b></li> <li>5. <u>Wilbert Farm Site</u> The Chair stated that this does seem to be resolved as heavy plants vehicles had been seen entering the site to demolish the old buildings.</li> <li>6. <u>Number of Defibrillators</u> From James Hall. Cllr C Gill stated she would try and resolve this issue.</li> </ol>
52)	<p><b>Planning Applications and Decisions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Application from last month 21/01224/FUL Completed</b></li> <li>2. <b>20/02808/LBC Granted</b></li> <li>3. <b>21/01312/LBC GRANTED</b></li> <li>4. <b>21/01224/FUL DD No Observations</b></li> </ol>

	<p>5. 21/01941/FUL DD No Observations</p> <p>6. 21/01796/FUL GRANTED</p> <p>7. 21/01746/FUL DD No Observations</p> <p>8. 21/01932 DD No Observations</p> <p>9. 21/01978/FUL The resident's objections had been noted. However, after a discussion a councillor stated he would look at the application and report to the parish. To be concluded via email</p> <p>10. 21/02124/FUL DD No Observations</p>
53)	<p><b>Playgrounds</b></p> <p>1. <u>Monthly Inspection</u> Completed by MacVenture and a copy of their report has been forwarded. The only issue is the old multi-play on Leeming Bar that is broken and needs to be replaced. Q): A councillor asked if the equipment had been made safe. A): The clerk stated she wanted approval at this meeting to allow the equipment to be taken out due to the cost. Agreed to take out the old equipment and to continue to look at a replacement.</p> <p><b>Action: Clerk to contact Streetscape to remove.</b></p> <p>2. <u>Kingfisher – Slide</u> A discussion took place on the possible installation of a new piece of equipment on the park. The consensus was that they wanted a larger challenging piece of equipment.</p> <p><b>Action: Clerk to continue to look for quotations</b></p> <p>3. <u>Leeming Bar Play Area</u> See item 1. The request from parents was a train or similar item to that in Morton On Swale park.</p> <p><b>Action: Clerk to continue to look for quotations</b></p> <p>4. Ascough Wynd The Clerk stated that a resident had been cutting the hedge but needed to dispose of the cuttings as he did not have a HDC Green Licence. The clerk had requested collection by our garden contractor GCH Gardening</p>

54)	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Potland Trees</u> The Clerk stated that Highways had advised that they did not have a budget to help with trees they were happy for the parish to adopt the trees and plant new ones in that area.  A councillor stated that the trees need to have fencing both at the front and back to stop further damage. This would entail about 100m of fencing. A suggestion was for a Highways engineer to look at this area.  Cllr AW stated funds were available under Jubilee trees scheme  <b>Action: Clerk to contact Highways and request an Engineer to look at the site and suggest trees being replaced from the Queensa Green Canopy. (Include Cllr AW)</b></li> <li>2. <u>Footpath near to Bedale bus stop Leeming Bar</u> No funds available from NYCC and just not viable Completed</li> <li>3. <u>Planting on grass verge + wire Leeming Bar</u> The clerk stated that the Highway Officer advised that he has visited this site again and the wire has now been removed however, the hedging is still in place. They are currently in the process of sending a formal letter to the property to request they remove the hedging.</li> </ol>
55)	<p><b>Allotments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The clerk stated that they had had some problems with both plot 6 &amp; 7. The issues around plot 6 had been resolved.</li> <li>• Plot 7 is to be offered to the next person on the waiting list.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: Clerk to offer Plot 7</b></p>
56)	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Monthly Summary including Payments</u> The Clerk provided a breakdown of all payments.</li> <li>2. <u>Online banking / Mandate</u> The Clerk stated the confirmation of the Mandate had been received yesterday. A short discussion on if we continue with online banking which was unanimously agreed.  <b>Action: Clerk to seek information to set this up</b></li> <li>3. <u>External audit</u> Accounts now completed and concluded as satisfactory</li> <li>4. <u>Remembrance Wreath</u> The clerk had ordered a wreath for the parish as previously requested. The cost is minimal about £25</li> <li>5. <u>Donations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bedale Bonfire £1000 - Agreed</li> <li>• Christmas Festival - Agreed</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

57)	<p><b>AOB / Correspondence</b></p> <p>1. <b>Citizens Advise</b> Correspondence received from Mid-Yorkshire Citizens Advice Service wanting us to put information in our Noticeboards regarding debt advice. <b>AGREED</b></p> <p>2. <b>Aiskew Bank</b> The Chair stated he was concerned and had received a number of complaints about vehicles parking illegally on Aiskew Bank. The clerk had contacted Highways with regards to the parking and also the cobbles that are being destroyed, they stated that it was nothing to do with them.</p> <p>No one appears to own the cobbled area which is being destroyed along with the safety issue of parking on the pavement so pedestrians have to walk on the road. A short discussion on the way forward was had.</p> <p><b>Action: Contact Highways again regarding cobbles and possible double yellow lines and include Cllr JW, Parking and the Police</b></p>
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**Meeting Closed at 8.30pm**

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