



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
At Temple Fun, Leeming Bar @ 7pm

**Present**

Parish Councillors: J Kennedy; N Pocklington (Chair); S Cross (Vice Chair);  
J Proctor; P Edworthy; C Gill

District Councillors: M Barningham;

County Councillor: J Weighell

Clerk / Others: S Nicholson (Clerk);

**Apologies:** I Marr; C Les; J Noone; A Wilkinson

**Ref:**  
**2021/22**  
84)

**Details**

**Public Session**

The parish had two people attend the meeting:

- Rev Hagg regarding the planning application item 94.1
- Will Burnham from Wensleydale railway

Will Burnham had been invited to give a short presentation on the work that the Heritage side of the work that Wensleydale Railway were trying to do with the local community. The presentation had been prompted after a visit to the newly refurbished Leeming Bar Station in November 2021.

Will then went to advise of the various items that they are involved with:

- Grant from Lottery 2019
- Rejuvenate the railway
- Working as a small railway
- Deciding that the heritage work was so important
- Bring the station back to life
- Working with local groups (schools and Artist)
- Digital sessions
- School sessions

The plan is to have an open day in May 2022 because due to Covid had been unable to show the local residents what had been achieved at the station.

*Q: Will the open day include running the rail stock and allowing residents to participate in that?*

*A: Yes we are hoping to run the rail stock*

*Q; How are you going to contact resident?*

*A: We are going to do letter drop to every house in Leeming Bar*

The Chair thanked Will for coming and requested his email address so that the parish was able to contact him, should the need be required.

- 85) **Welcome and Apologies**  
The Chair thanked everyone for attendance in to the meeting and apologies were noted.
- 86) **Declarations of Interest**  
None noted
- 87) **Minutes**
1. Minutes 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021.  
The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.  
**Proposed: Steve Cross**  
**Seconded: Jackie Kennedy**  
**Unanimous agreed**  
**Resolved**
  2. Matters Arising  
All items where either completed or on this agenda for discussion  
**Resolved**
- 88) **Parish Councillor / Clerk Issues**
1. Clerks Appraisal  
The Chair confirmed that they had completed the clerk's appraisal and due to Covid restrictions they realised that the clerk had not had an appraisal for over 18 months. This was not a reflection on the clerk but circumstances due to Covid.  
The Chair confirmed that the clerk had meet all the objectives set previously. Objectives had been set for the next 3 – 15 months for the clerk. The Chair advise the meeting that the clerk was on the band rate 24-28 and was presently on band 26. The proposal was to increase that by one to band 27 but back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.  
**Unanimously Agreed**
- 89) **External Sector Reports**
1. Police Report  
The police had provided a report before the meeting and gave a verbal highlights of the number of incidents.  
The meeting was also made aware of some recent scams and they wanted to urgently make residents aware of these as they included fake police action on these telephone scams.  
The police officer provided examples and wanted councillors to inform residents about this urgently.
  2. District Council Report.  
Cllr MB reported on the following:
    - PSPO – extended for a further 3 years and to go for full council approval. The issue of warning before tickets has passed and they will be issuing tickets immediately rather than for a second offence. A Councillor wanted to know if HDC was still acting on the noise element that is part of the PSPO due to the environmental issues with refrigeration units that are left running all night.

**Action: Cllr MB stated he would investigate that matter.**

    - Bedale Leisure Centre should be fully opened next week
    - Business Grants are now available from HDC
    - Hospitality grants are also available from HDC

- Blind Lane Planning – HDC continues to have concerns around the access to the site, even with Highways seeming to have no real concerns. Councillors had a full and frank discussion on the planning application and the major road issues that remain on the proposal regarding access to the site for various access points. Cllr MB stated that the builder is required to have a public consultation.
- Lighting on Aiskew Bank  
Cllr MB also stated that HDC was going to install a swan neck on the light fitting. However, it was requested that residents also keep their hedges trimmed. The clerk had already written to residents advising them of the action and the request about their hedges.

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.makecarmatter.co.uk](http://www.makecarmatter.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](http://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](http://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) **Local External Committee Reports**

Burial Board

The clerk reported that they had been advised of this year's increase in Precept request from the Burial Board

2021 £5155.76

2022 £5258.88

**Agreed**

91) **Local Business Plan**

Nothing to report

92) **Neighbourhood Planning**

The Chair advised that they had completed the first working group meeting on a Neighbourhood plan. The clerk had provided a mountain of paperwork on Neighbourhood Planning which councillors are being asked to read before the next meeting.

The group also requested the clerk to try and complete an application for funding before the 30<sup>th</sup> Jan (deadline date).

The Clerk stated that she had tried to get a blank application but there was not one available on the HDC Website. Cllr MB stated he would take that up.

The clerk also advised that she had been informed to contact a Diane Wilson who would be able to assist. (No response to date)

**Action: Next working group date to be advised / arranged**

93) **Parish Councillors Reports**

1. Number of Defibrulators

The number should be available by the next meeting.

2. PSPO

See item 89.2

3. Wensleydale Railway

The Chair stated that the fencing and rail stock had been sorted.

Cllr JK stated that there was still issues with parking on Leases Road during the Polar Express event. It was felt that the parking was from staff rather than people attending the event.

Clerk and councillors to liaise with Wensleydale Railway to try and find solution.

94) **Planning Applications and Decisions**

1. **21/02053/FUL**

Change of use of the first floor to be a residential one bedroomed accommodation

Parish Centre 12 Bedale Road Aiskew

Reverend Paul Hagg

**Delegated Decision**

Rev Hagg attended the meeting to provide details to the parish about the application and to assure them about the continued use of the ground floor for community use.

Decision: Support no Objections

**Action: Clerk to record to planning asap.**

**2. 21/02213/FUL**

Application for the retention of a temporary ambient steel building for storage purposes

Bleikers Smoke House Limited Management Conygarth Bleikers Smoke House Ltd (Mr J Heywood)

**Delegated Decision**

**No Observations**

**3. 21/02647/FUL**

Extension to stables, extension to horse arena and construction of a covered horse walker within the grounds of Leases Hall

Leases Hall Leases Road Leeming Bar Northallerton

Mr & Mrs Broadbent

**Delegated Decision**

**No Observations**

**4. 21/02648/LBC**

Listed Building Consent for extension to stables, extension to horse arena and construction of covered horse walker within the grounds of Leases Hall

Leases Hall Leases Road Leeming Bar Northallerton

Mr & Mrs Broadbent

**Delegated Decision**

**No Observations**

**5. 21/02260/OUT**

Application for outline planning permission with some matters reserved (considering access and layout) for the construction of a two bedroom bungalow with first floor room in the roof.

Land Forming Part Of The Covert Back Lane Aiskew

Mrs Fox & Mrs Mortimer.

**Site Visit**

**No Observations**

**6. 21/02156/FUL**

Application for planning approval for the construction of a single storey side extension and alteration to front door and existing porch area to create larger entrance hall.

10 Sycamore Avenue Aiskew Bedale

Mr Benjamin Wood

**GRANTED**

**7. 21/01932/FUL**

Construction of a single storey room-in-the-roof dwelling with detached double garage and creation of field access as amended by plans received by Hambleton District Council on 1 November 2021.

69 Leeming Lane Leeming Bar Northallerton North Yorkshire

Mr. and Mrs. S. Smith c/o K. Davison.

**No Objections if Highways are happy**



**8. 21/03029/FUL**

Proposed residential development of 5 No. dwellings and associated works.

Leeming Bar Grange 2A Leeming Lane Leeming Bar Northallerton  
Shadwell Developments Ltd

**Delegated Decision**

The councillors discussed this application and raised a number of observations and objections to this application

- Blend of houses
- Environmental issues on a site with a lot of wildlife
- This a site of archaeological importance with Roman remains

**Action: Clerk to send in the above details**

95)

**Playgrounds**

Kingfisher Play Ground - Quotations

The clerk raised issues concerning the favoured provider in that the previous work that was contracted to them had to be completed by another company.

The Chair stated that the parish was within its legal rights therefore to change its original decision and offer the contract to Streetscape and to work with them to produce an exciting and challenging piece of equipment for Kingfisher.

**Action: Clerk to contact Streetscape  
Cllr SC / CG and JP to work on the project**

96)

**Highways**

1 Potland Trees

The Chair again stated that the parish are trying to conserve the trees from residents that are damaging the trees when parking their vehicles. We also want other trees to be planted and not destroyed.

**Action: Cllr JW to look into this and advise**

2 Parking Opposite Alpha Dentist

The clerk stated that she had sent off details to Highways and they would do a consultation on whether double yellow lines were feasible

**Action On going**

3. Aiskew Bank

This was sent to Highways and we are awaiting their final response about signage.

4. Crossing – Bedale Road / Jubilee Rd Aiskew

We have been contacted by a resident concerning the potential crossing problems on Bedale Road at Jubilee Road, Aiskew

The Chair stated that both HDC and NYCC had confirmed that a crossing would be installed when the new houses were completed.

**Action: Clerk to email to Highways and Planning at HDC reminding them that this part of the planning application from when the house were built had not been completed and the danger to pedestrians on that piece of road.**



5. VAS  
The Chair stated that the parish had been contacted by Exelby Leeming and Londonderry about the VAS arrangement. They felt that they were not getting the full benefit of a joint arrangement and therefore wanted Aiskew Leeming Bar to consider purchasing their portion of the VAS to enable them to buy one for themselves. The proposed cost would be £1500.  
**AGREED**

- 97) **Allotments**  
There was a full discussion about the present cost of £20pa and what that should be increased to. The councillors stated that the cost should reflect the cost and maintenance of the Allotment area. The letters are due to go to tenants at the end of this month.

**Action: The Clerk stated she would look at the costing and advice.**

- 98) **Financial Matters**
1. Payments and monthly summary  
The Clerk gave a verbal account from the summary sheets of this month's payments.  
**AGREED**
  2. Online banking  
The Clerk stated the current situation and advised that a letter signed by the councillors on the mandate was required  
**On going**

- 99) **AOB**  
The Chair stated that during the clerk's appraisal it was noted that she was using her own laptop and it was of a considerable age. The Chair recommended that the parish purchased equipment for the clerk and requested Cllr JP to liaise with the clerk on the best option. Max costing £800  
**Agreed**

**Meeting Closed at 8.50pm**

Signed:.....

Dated:.....