



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 16th February 2022
At Temple Fun, Leeming Bar @ 7pm

Present

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

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2021/22
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Details

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair requested apologies

- Cllr J Proctor
- Cllr J Noone
- Cllr C Les

The Chair welcomed everyone and stated he was pleased to see so many residents. If requested if this was due to items on the agenda or other items that needed to be addressed. Residents indicated that they wanted to discuss three items on the agenda:

- Local Government plan – Industrial Development in Leeming Bar
- Blind lane development
- Parking on Kingfisher Play area
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The Chair stated in view of that he intended to complete the agenda in a different order with statutory item of Minutes first, followed by the Police allowing them to get back on duty and then the above subjects.

100) **Public Session – See items**

1. Local Government Plan

– Industrial Development at Aiskew Moor Leeming Bar

- A resident stated that almost the whole the village is angry and are opposed to the development of the industrial site at the present location proposed by HDC. The site will near enough completely encompass houses?
- Another resident wanted to know what was happening in the area between Low Street and Leases Road because they had always been advised that the road would not come through that way?
- A resident stated they felt let down by their councillors and why had they not done anything?

The Chair stated that the Parish Council had been involved from the beginning and had been opposed to the development on the proposed site as where the residents. The parish had sent numerous responses to HDC and the Independent Inspector without success. It was always going to be a struggle because all industrial sites are linked along motorways junctions.

Cllr MB stated that the Bedale District Councillors had all been opposed to the present site but they were only 3 councillors out of 28. The current position is that the Local Plan is due to be ratified on Tuesday at a Full Council meeting.

Residents were advised that they could attend the meeting if they registered an interest to watch with HDC but they would only be allowed to hear the proceedings and wouldn't be allowed to speak.

A resident stated that she had contacted the local MP Rishi Sumak who had stated he would get involved. A county Councillor stated that was perhaps the best option available to residents.

A resident also advised of a number of potholes in the area. Cllr AW stated that if these were reported to the clerk or directly to NYCC Highways would look at them and put of a work schedule for the repair.

The final discussion was targeted at whether the Bedale councillors would oppose the Plan on Tuesday and Cllr MB responded by stating "No".

The Chair then summed up the discussion:

- Approval of the Local Plan would be on Tuesday by HDC Full Council
- The Parish Council and the Bedale District Councillors have always supported the residents with this cause.
- Best course of action was via the local MP
- Consultation would need to be done for any actual planning applications – residents could also forward concerns at that stage.

2. Blind Lane Development

A resident stated he had attended the recent Planning Application meeting where the application had been rejected and sent back to Highways. At the meeting it appeared that the councillors were not aware of the Care Home development or a Community Hall. The issue today was did the Parish council know any further development of this project?

Cllr MB stated that planning did not like the access routes and because of this it had been sent back to Highways. The councillors were fully aware of both projects in the area.

Cllr JW stated that he had taking this up to the highest level and he was, at the present, awaiting a response. The problem is that Blind Lane is privately owned with narrow tarmac parts. He would ensure that further developments and information was followed up and given to the parish when it was possible.

3. Kingfisher Parking

A resident raised the issue of cars parking on the grass at Kingfisher park. The only parking is a turning point and a number of residents / visitors to the park are parking on the grass.

The Chair acknowledged that some people are using the grass but there is absolutely no money available from either the parish or NYCC to make parking bays. The Chair stated the parish would speak to their Grass Contractor about what they need to access the park and the parish would then decide what they could do. However, they could arrange some signs stating "Parking was not allowed on the grass".

Action: Clerk to arrange signs

102) **Declarations of Interest**
None noted

103) **Minutes**

1. Minutes 19th January 2022.

A typing error on page one was rectified and the minutes were then accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Unanimous agreed
Resolved**

2. Matters Arising

All items where either completed or on this agenda for discussion

Resolved

104) **External Sector Reports**

1. Police Report

The police provided a report for the meeting and gave a verbal highlights of the number of incidents. The meeting was also made aware of the securing of your home information available on the NYCC website.

Question: Are the Drug incidences starting to increase?

Answer: Not really. There are issues with drugs throughout the country from the big cities to every small village, we are no different to other areas.

2. District Council Report.

Cllr MB reported on the following:

1. PSPO –The Environmental Health have stated that they have not had any recent complaints about noise within the area.

A Councillor stated that he had reported to both Environmental Health and Environmental Agency that wagons were still operating at night but neither of them wanted to take responsibility. Why are companies still being allowed to work on the public highway and abuse the PSPO?

Action Cllr MB will continue to take this up at HDC.

2. Green bins are starting to be collected from this week. New licences are available at £40 pa.
3. Bedale Leisure Centre should be fully opened next week and the decarbonisation is also about to start.
4. 24th February is the open day for the HDC Crematorium

3. County Council Report

Cllr AW reported:

1. Local government reorganisation.

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. 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.

2. 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

3. 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.makecarematter.co.uk for more information.

4. 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 . 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

North Yorkshire County Council will enable people to see in real time where gritters are on the authority’s priority routes and where they have been during the preceding ten hours.

The tracker went live today (Friday, 28 January) and can be found at www.northyorks.gov.uk/gritting

5. Highway Code changes

The Highway Code sets out the rules for the use of the country’s highways for vehicle users, riders, cyclists and pedestrians. There are changes being made to the Highway Code on Saturday 29 January. There are eight changes that you need to know about to make sure that you follow the new Code. The details can be found

here: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022?utm_source=dvsa&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=dvsa-direct

6. Fostering

Becoming a specialist foster carer is one of the most challenging roles we have, you would be supporting some of our most complex young people often exposed to traumas, and however it is incredibly rewarding to see the difference you can make. The role also comes with generous payments and allowances that can add up to the equivalent of £41,000 a year.

If you have experience of working with children with complex behavioural difficulties and think you could be a specialist carer for Fostering North Yorkshire get in touch today at www.northyorks.gov.uk/fostering

7. 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.”

8. 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.

Read <http://nyccintranet.northyorks.gov.uk/news/cycling-returns-north-yorkshire-tour-britain>

105) **Local External Committee Reports**

Nothing to report

106) **Local Business Plan**

See Public session

107) **Neighbourhood Planning**

The Chair stated that due to a misunderstanding the meeting on Monday had been cancelled as councillors did not appear to be aware of the meeting. To avoid future misunderstanding all future meeting for the Neighbourhood plan would be, via Zoom, on the Monday before the Wednesday parish Council meeting.

108) **Parish Councillors Reports**

1. Number of Defibrulators

The number should be available by the next meeting.

2. Stiles at Mill Farm
The Clerk clarified that the stiles were actually installed and owned by Exelby Leeming and Londonderry Parish Council who had after 12 months of consultation and discussions with land owners, residents and NYCC Footpaths purchased and installed the dog friendly stiles. The Clerk stated she would advise the resident who had raised the issue.

3. Deer
This has been report to Waste disposal at HDC.

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Planning Applications and Decision

1. Blind Lane development
2. **21/02213/FUL**
Application for the retention of a temporary ambient steel building for storage purposes
GRANTED
3. 21/02647/FUL
Extension to stables, extension to horse arena and construction of a covered horse walker.
Leases Hall Leases Road Leeming Bar
Mr & Mrs Broadbent.
GRANTED
4. **21/01932/FUL**
Construction of a single storey room-in-the-roof dwelling with detached double garage as amended by plans received by Hambleton District Council on 3 February 2022
69 Leeming Lane Leeming Bar Northallerton North Yorkshire
Mr. and Mrs. S. Smith c/o K. Davison
GRANTED
5. **22/00185/REM**
Application for approval of reserved matters (considering appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) following outline planning approval 20/02234/OUT for Outline application with access to be considered (all other matters reserved) for the construction of a single storey three/four bedroom dwelling, including the use of existing buildings for garaging, storage and additional residential accommodation.
The Coach House 18 Leeming Lane Leeming Bar Northallerton
Mr & Mrs B Dobson
Delegated Decision
NO Observations
6. **Certificate of Registration**
Properties
25A Northallerton Road, Leeming Bar

And

25B Northallerton Road Leeming Bar
No Comments

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Playgrounds

1. Kingfisher Play Ground

A Councillor advised of the meeting with Streetscape and a Quotation with three options had been provided for Councillors to consider;

- Option A – a very large £40K
- Option B – A large piece of equipment £26K
- Option c – Another large piece of equipment at £26K

After further discussions Councillors agreed to Option B. they also decided not to go ahead with replacing the swings but would wait to implement this from next year's allowance.

Action: Clerk to advise successful contractors and others of the parish decision.

2. Leeming Bar Play Area.

A quotation had been requested from two suppliers for the repair / replacement of the baby swings on the above park.

Streetscape had complied with a reasonable quote of £292+VAT.

Agreed

Cllr MB was asked when they could expect a response to the MAD Grant and he responded by stating it would be April.

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Highways

1. Potland Trees

Cllr AW stated that this is still being taken forward and would be in contact with any developments. A short discussion took place about whether Broadacres may also be responsible for the area and the trees.

Action: Clerk to write to Broadacres about the trees and fence.

2. Parking Opposite Alpha Dentist

Cllr JW was briefed and stated this is still under investigation.

3. Crossing – Bedale Road / Jubilee Rd Aiskew

No response from Highways or Planning
Cllr JW and Cllr MB to advice.

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Allotments

There was a full discussion about the present cost of £20pa and what that should be increased to. The clerk confirmed that actual cost would be £50 pa per Allotment holder.

The parish was reluctant to make such a large increase and decided to increase the annual fee to £30 / £15. However tenants need to be aware of the increasing cost and a parish suggestion that they could opt to cut their own grass if everyone agreed which would stop any further increases in the near future.

Action: Clerk to write to tenants advising of the parish decision on cost and options for further years.

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Financial Matters

- 1. Payments and monthly summary

The Clerk gave a verbal account from the summary sheets of this month's payments.

AGREED

- 2. IT Equipment for the Clerk

Quotation from WJPS had been received.

AGREED

- 3. Online banking

The Clerk had received two calls from Barclays and things are progressing

On going

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AOB - Confidential Item

After a short discussion councillors decided to take forward a motion of electing a small committee to be involved and move the Community Hall Project forward.

- Neil Pocklington
- James Proctor
- Ian Marr

Meeting Closed at 9pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....