



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
At Temple Fun, Leeming Bar @ 7pm

**Present**

Parish Councillors: N Pocklington (Chair); P Edworthy; J Proctor

District Councillors: M Barningham;

County Councillor: J Weighell; A Wilkinson

Clerk / Others: S Nicholson (Clerk);

**Apologies:** C Les; J Noone; J Kennedy; S Cross: C Gill; I Marr

**Ref:**  
**2021/22**

**Details**

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**Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone and noted the apologies from councillors listed above.

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**Public Session**

No residents attended this meeting

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**Declarations of Interest**

None noted

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**Councillor / Clerk issues**

Elections

The clerk received nomination forms from 4 councillors, and these will be delivered by hand to Hambleton District Council Offices to be checked and registered.

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**Minutes**

1. Minutes 2022.

The District Councillor requested the heading for item 100) was changed to read Hambleton District Local Plan. There were no objections and that was amended.

The minutes were then proposed.

**Unanimous agreed**

**Resolved**

2. Matters Arising

All items were either completed or on this agenda for discussion

**Resolved**

121) **External Sector Reports**

1. Police Report

<b>Aiskew / Leeming /Scruton and Fleetham</b>		
Anti-social Behaviour	<u>4</u>	
Auto Crime	<u>0</u>	
Burglary	<u>Commercial :0</u>	<u>Residential: 1</u>
Criminal Damage	<u>1</u>	
Theft	<u>2</u>	
Violence Against the person	<u>7</u>	
Other Crimes	<u>2</u>	
<b>Total for period</b>	<b>17</b>	

2. District Council Report.

Cllr MB reported on the following:

1. HDC are continuing to upgrade the leisure centres. Bedale decarbonisation is to be installed and there may be some disruption. Question: Will the new Council continue with the work of the centres? Answer: Cllr. MB stated that is for the new Council to answer. Cllr JW stated North Yorkshire would be taking forward all the policies from Districts - certain within the early stages, with very few changes being implemented in the early / medium change over.

2. PSPO – The Order is to be implemented without any further periods of grace for drivers so anyone who contravenes the Order will be fined immediately. The Environmental Health have stated that they have not had any recent complaints about noise within the area.

*Question: Does this cover the area between Roughly Bank and the roundabout because that section of land is being used to park vehicles and the verge is really getting damaged.*

*Answer: I believe so. However, drivers can park in that area is they are not sleeping overnight in their cabs.*

Cllr AW requested this was reported to Highways.

**Action: Clerk to inform Highways**

3. County Council Report

Cllr AW reported:

1. Ukraine support.

To directly help people either still in the Ukraine or fleeing from it please visit the [Disaster Emergency Committee's Ukraine Appeal](#) website or the UN Refugee Agency UNHCR, UNICEF and Red Cross. They are seeking cash because it a much more efficient, effective and quicker way to get help from the UK. The UK Government will also match donations from the public to the DEC Appeal on a pound-for-pound basis. You can find out further information about North Yorkshire's standing alongside the Ukraine on the following: <http://nyccintranet.northyorks.gov.uk/news/north-yorkshire-stands-ukraine>

2. **National Day of Reflection**

This month charity Marie Curie are hosting a National Day of Reflection. On 23 March, there will be a day of reflection to support the many people bereaved during the pandemic and to remember loved ones we have lost. To join the day, North Yorkshire County Council will be asking residents to support the day by displaying daffodils in their windows. If you would like to take part, please send pictures of your spring flowers, children’s drawings, arts and crafts or the daffodils in your garden to [socialmedia@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:socialmedia@northyorks.gov.uk) – these images may be used on social media to encourage others to take part. For more information on the day visit [Join the National Day of Reflection](http://Join the National Day of Reflection) ([mariecurie.org.uk](http://mariecurie.org.uk))

3. **Queen’s Platinum Jubilee**

Communities across North Yorkshire can apply for road closures free of charge for celebrations marking the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

The nation will mark the Jubilee with a four-day bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June 2022.

To help communities mark the occasion North Yorkshire County Council is waiving standard street closure fees for the long weekend, which will apply to residential streets.

“There will be a host of events taking place in North Yorkshire which we will announce in due course and we have already pledged our support for the Queen’s Green Canopy tree-planting initiative.”

Anybody wishing to host a street party must apply before April 29, 2022. For more information and to apply please visit [www.northyorks.gov.uk/streetparties](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/streetparties)

4. **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.

5. **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.

6. "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."
7. 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. **Extended pothole repairs programme in March**  
A pothole repairs programme will take place across many North Yorkshire neighbourhoods during March, after a repair system called 'spray injection patching' was made available following a successful trial. The process is completed quickly, reducing disruption for road users and is cost effective, allowing for increased numbers of repairs to be carried out compared to traditional methods. Local communities will be informed of locations and anticipated dates for the work very shortly. Read more at: [www.northyorks.gov.uk/news/article/march-pothole-repair-bonus-north-yorkshire-communities](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/news/article/march-pothole-repair-bonus-north-yorkshire-communities)

Cllr JW reported:

1. Elected members to the implementation board of the new North Yorkshire Council met this morning for the first time which is a big step forward.

122) **Local External Committee Reports**

1. **Burial Board**

Nothing really to report. We had a discussion on a part of the grounds towards the |Scout hut but nothing was decided.

123) **Hambleton District Local Plan**

1. **Aiskew Moor – Development**

The Chair requested from the District Councillor is any further developments had taken place since the last meeting.

Cllr MB stated

- that he was aware that Cllr JK had requested when a community consultation who be held but there is no time scale for this yet.
- The inspector had stated that consultation with the local community had to be in the plan along with various other items like landscaping / lighting.

The Chair wanted confirmation of the area that was in question and Cllr MB stated it was from Leases Road almost to the railway line. The Inspector had taken out of the scheme about 10 Hectares.

124) **Neighbourhood Planning**  
This is to be put on hold until after the elections due to the amount of other work needing to be completed.

125) **Parish Councillors Reports**  
1. Number of Defibrillators  
On going

2. Boundary Commission - implications for Aiskew and Leeming Bar

Cllr JW stated that he was due to speak to the commission on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March. However, in his opinion it was very unlikely that Bedale would stay within the Richmond boundary because it had approx. 84K constituents and it needed to be reduced to 72K. There are several proposals on the table, but nothing has been confirmed.

126) **Planning Applications and Decision**

1. Blind Lane development

A discussion was had about the development and in particular the continued problem to access to the site. Councillors still believed that Blind Lane should be the natural access and that NYCC should be considering adopting Blind Lane.

The County Councillors both stated that perhaps an email to Richard Christon about the 3 concrete strips on the Westside may be useful as it appears this is the only sections of land that are in dispute.

The Chair thought that perhaps a meeting with the developer again may be useful and he would try and arrange that.

**Action: Clerk to email; Richard Christon about Blind Lane**

2. Street Names – Aiskew site

Councillors previously agreed on three names

- Chaffinch Drive
- Bullfinch Avenue
- Greenfinch Way

3. 22/00518/FUL

Demolition of existing rear extension and creation of new rear extension with internal modifications to suit.

5 Harkness Drive Leeming Bar Northallerton North Yorkshire

**Delegated Decision**

**No Observations**

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## Playgrounds

### 1. Kingfisher

#### I. Project / Quotation

The Clerk stated that Streetscape had been contacted an Order placed with them. Completion roughly 6/8 weeks.

#### II. Damaged Bench

The Chair stated that the benches are really beyond repair, and we should look towards getting some quotations to have them replaced.

Action: Clerk to obtain quotes for new benches.

#### III. Moles Kingfisher + (Sand Hill Lane)

The Clerk had requested a Mole catcher to investigate this  
**On Going**

### 2. Leeming Bar

The Clerk has requested the swings be replaced asap. Streetscape stated they will do this at the same time when the new equipment is being installed.

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## Highways

### 1. Potland Trees

Cllr AW stated this is still ongoing with legal

### 2. Parking Opposite Alpha Dentist

The Clerk stated again nothing but felt this was now in the hands of North Yorkshire Council.

### 3. Crossing – Bedale Road / Jubilee Rd Aiskew

Cllr MB stated that P Jones had requested a meeting with the developers, Highways and planning as this was in the originally plans.

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## Allotments

The Clerk confirmed that most tenants had sent in their fees without many complaints.

**Action: Clerk to ensure all fees are collected by end of March.**

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## Financial Matters

### 1. Payments and monthly summary

The summary had been sent to Councillors and was also verbal confirmed by the Clerk.

**AGREED**

### 2. Clerk's Equipment

Invoice from WJPS for £1177.30 had just been received. JP will be installing on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March.

### 3. Online banking

Almost there and ready for April 2022 start.

Clerk will produce procedure notes to ensure all councillors are aware of the spends and how it will work.

131) AOB

- Donation request Bedale TC towards the Queen's Jubilee celebrations  
Agreed in principle to £1000 towards the festival but all councillors to be made aware.

**Meeting Closed at 8.30pm**

Signed:.....

Dated:.....