



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

**Present**

Parish Councillors: N Pocklington; P Edworthy; J Kennedy; J Proctor; M Chaloner;  
J Asquith; I Marr  
District Councillors: C Les: J Noone; M Barningham  
County Councillor: J Weighell  
Clerk / Others: S Nicholson (Clerk); 3 Residents  
Apologies: P Garnett:

Ref:  
2022/23

**Details**

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**Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone and took the apologies.

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**Public Session**

*Question: I am concerned about the grass verges in various locations around Sand Hill Lane / Spruce Gill that are not being cut by the parish but are on the NYCC site as the responsibility of the Parish?*

*Answer: The Chair and various other Councillors stated that they did not think Spruce Gill had ever been on the parish list, but we would investigate that.*

*Action: Clerk to try and establish if these areas are the responsibility of Aiskew and to add to the next agenda.*

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**Declarations of Interest**

None declared

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**Councillor / Clerk Issues**

Cllr MC requested why the September meeting had been cancelled when other council at NYCC had continued to be held.

The Chair stated that the parish had been advised from YLCA that all parishes were not allowed to post a Notice of intent for a meeting within the mourning period. There is a legal requirement to post the agenda 5 days before the meeting. In this case we would still have been in the mourning period when the agenda was due to be placed.

The Clerk advised that she had informed all Councillors of the situation and had suggested an alternative date, of the 5<sup>th</sup> of Oct when a venue would be available. However, the councillors that responded did not want two meetings within such a brief time and the first date and several councillors were also unable to attend on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, the September meeting was cancelled with all items being transferred to the October meeting.

Cllr MC was still unhappy and requested all future meetings should be adhered to as cancellation of meetings can cause problems.

The Chair stated Councillor MC response would be noted.

44) a **Minutes**

1. Minutes 20th July 2022.  
Proposed – Paul Edworthy  
Seconded – James Proctor  
**Agreed Unanimously**
2. Matters Arising  
All items where either completed or on this agenda for discussion.  
**Resolved**

44) **External Sector Reports**

1. Police Report  
A copy of this month's police report had been forwarded prior to the meeting.  
  
Cllr MC stated he was unhappy with how certain items are recorded (Violence Against a Person). The Chair stated that the parish had previously requested a better recording system but had been advised that this is a standard recording system that has been approved by the Chief Constable. This allows the same recording of statistics in the whole of North Yorkshire.
2. District Council Report.  
Cllr Mb reported the following:
  - The Carbon Saving project at Bedale Leisure Centre has recently been completed. The Centre has had new LED lighting, Solar panels and lots of other fossil fuel saving devices installed.
  - The Centre is also promoting a new Actives called Prime Time. These will be inclusive activities for residents with all abilities and will be things like bowls and curling.
  - A new Domestic Extension Guidance to planning is now on the Website.
  - HDC has won a National Award from the Small Business sector for the help that the Business Section are giving to small business in the area.
3. County Council Report  
Cllr JW Reported:
  - There is lots of work going on behind the scenes with Councillors working with various groups and departments. I have been slotted into Planning and this entails NYC having to establish Planning Policy and Procedures that encompass the whole of the authority.  
  
*Question: Will the stated savings that NYC have made by combining all the Districts be passed on to residents via Council tax or saving of services?*  
*Answer: It is early days, but we are working towards that.*  
  
*Question: What will happen in Planning and staff?*  
*Answer: Everything will continue as normal until the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. However, there will be changes but it may take up to 5years to implement them all.*  
  
*Question: Will decisions on Planning Applications be done by Full Council?*  
*Answer: That is not expected. It is likely that it will be delegated to the Strategic Planning Committee.*

*Question: Hambleton is the third lowest Council Tax in the area how will levelling up affect us?*

*Answer: There will be a transitional period, but it is likely that Council Tax will increase in the region of £90pa.*

There was a brief discussion on levelling up in this area and Harrogate and the money being invested in that area.

*Question: Will Harrogate become a Parish Council like every other area?*

*Answer: That is under discussion at present.*

45) **Local External Committee Reports**

1. Burial Board

Cllr IM Stated that they had met and there may be a requirement for funding due to the severe problem with a footpath and drainage of water beneath it.

We are also looking at some trees that may need work and we are looking towards some money from The Rectors 4&20 which is likely to be in the region of £2K for an area for Ashes.

2. Bedale Hall

The Chair reported that at the last meeting they discussed Repairs, Maintenance and inflation that needed to be considered for employee wages increases. The decision had been that they would follow the NJC rates to stop future problems and discussions into wage increases.

The main topic of contention was the fact that we had put forward Cllr JP as one of our representatives. The reason being that Cllr JP is also a tenant at Bedale Hall. The documentation does not state clearly that tenants cannot be on the board only that declarations are needed. The Chair confirmed that this is still under discussion and points raised are to be clarified at the next meeting.

There was a discussion between all councillors on the rights of tenants being represented on the board and when issues arise that need them to declare an interest they are excluded at that point, only.

The Parish Councillors wanted it to be noted to Bedale Hall Trust in the strongest terms that they felt offended that their choice of representative should not be accepted. The parish had put forward a candidate whom they felt had the best knowledge and best person to represent Aiskew Leeming Bar Parish.

Cllr JW stated he was also a Trustee of the Hall and felt so long as a declaration of interest was made there should be no reason parish councillor was not accepted on the Board.

The Chair also stated that he had forgot to mention in my Bedale Hall feedback that the Executive agreed in principle to the hall being used as a warm zone/ refuge.

The chair stated the next meeting was in November.

3. Rectors 4&20 Committee

Cllr MC stated he was not sure when or where the next was to be held.

Cllr JA stated it was Monday at Bedale Hall usually at 6.30pm

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### **Parish Reports**

1. Footpath signs around Kingfisher Park area.

It was confirmed that the signpost at the back of Kingfisher Park had been erected.

2. Green Party Leaflet (MC)

Cllr MC gave a short synopsis of what was to be incorporated within the leaflet and his now position as a parish councillor.

Cllr JA stated that it was certainly his right to put out any leaflet he or the Green Party wanted but they should not take credit for work previously done by parish councillors and certainly not imply that the Parish is in any way affiliated to the green party.

3. Wensleydale – Polar Express

The Clerk stated that she had just received information about the Polar Express Event, which was asking for volunteers for various aspects that needed to be done.

Cllr JK suggested that we email them suggesting they contact the administrators of Vale of Mowbray to request use of their parking facilities.

**Action: Contact polar Express to advise of car parking site.**

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### **Community Hall Project**

The Chair stated that he had contacted a company who are a suitable match to do a feasibility study for the parish in respect of a new Community Hall. There are several sites, but we need to find out if this is something residents feel is the best use of funds.

The Chair also stated that he had been in contact with HDC who are not able to assist at present because the parish is not further along into the project.

Cllr JN and Cllr MB stated they needed to have a discussion with people at HDC and would report back.

Cllr JW stated that which either site is chosen there will be residents who are not happy and there are a lot of venues already within Bedale.

Cllr JN stated this was about facilities for Aiskew not Bedale.

The Chair put the proposal to a vote that we engage with Glenrate Property Management to complete a feasibility study to ascertain residents' thoughts.

**Agreed**

**Action: The Chair to arrange a meeting of Two or three Aiskew Councillors to move this forward.**

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### **Caw Ingredient Development**

Update

Cllr JK provided a short verbal account of the meeting, which was to be the last meeting until the planning application has been registered.

Cllr JK stated that she had been pleased that during the recent meetings the company had listened to several changes that had been put forward by various representatives and taken on board residents' expectations.

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## Planning

### 1. Taylor Wimpey

Cllr MC stated that he had been involved with the residents and company about the redesign and placement of bungalows. The chair stated that he thought the only outstanding issue at present was the height of the fences which has still not been resolved. The drainage problems appear to have been sorted at last.

### 2. Blind Lane

The Clerk stated that this was just to confirm the original planning application had been refused by HDC.

Cllr JP stated that he understood that new planning applications may be imminent and a discussion with the developers may be to iron out any problems before it goes to Planning.

**Action: Clerk to consult with Cllr JP to arrange meeting with Developers.**

### 3. Harkness Drive

**22/01509/OUT**

Outline planning application for residential development and infrastructure

**Planning Committee Decision**

**Response sent**

### 4. 2102282/FUL

Application for approval of 82 houses on land off Northallerton Road

**Granted**

### 5. 22/01600/FUL

Development of land North of Portland Way for office / car parking

**Planning Committee Decision**

**No Observation reported**

### 6. 22/01621/FUL

Full planning permission for a new priority junction on the A683 Bedale Bypass

**Delegated Decision**

**Response sent**

### 7. 22/01827/FUL

Application for 1<sup>st</sup> floor & 2<sup>nd</sup> floor extension to dwelling

Manse Cottage 9 Bedale Road, Aiskew

**Delegated Decision**

**No Observations sent**

### 8. 22/01546/OUT

Outline application with reserved matters for 3 dwellings

Leeming Bar Garage, 28 Leases Road

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**GRANTED**

### 9. 22/02121/TPO

Work to fell tree subject to TPO

41 Meadowfield, Aiskew

**Delegated Decision**

**Response sent**

10. **22/00886/FUL**

Conversion of 2 storey brick-built building  
Unit 6 1 Leeming Road. Leeming Bar  
**Leeming Bar**  
**Granted**

11. **22/00518/FUL**

Demolition of existing rear extension and creation of new one  
5 Harkness Drive, Leeming Bar  
**Granted**

12. **Certificate of Registration**

**Swallow Mead, Back Lane, Aiskew**  
**Bedale. North Yorkshire, DL8 1AU**

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**Playgrounds**

1. Kingfisher

1. Exercise equipment

Cllr JA stated that she had placed notices on Facebook with the following reactions:

- No real interest in the exercise equipment
- Why pay money to have it repaired when it is not used
- If you are getting rid can our school have items that are OK.

The chair suggested that due to the lack of response and cost to maintain this equipment we offer it to whoever wants to take it away.

**Agreed**

**Action: Clerk to consult with Cllr JA**

2. Bird excrement

Completed

3. Damage to matting

Repair completed

2. Mattison Play Area

Broken metal Fence – repair completed

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**Highways**

1. Potland Trees / Fence (NYCC / Broadacres)

Nothing had been received from Broadacres about actions they had agreed to on the trees, fence, and parking on Potland.

**Action: Clerk to chase Broadacres**

2. Crossing – Bedale Road / Jubilee Rd Aiskew (MB)

Cllr MB to take this forward and advise for the next meeting

3. Wensleydale Railway Crossing Aiskew

The Chair stated that due to several accidents that cyclist is having at the Aiskew Railway crossing site; Highways have erected warning signs to make cyclist aware of the danger. Several of the Councillors stated that they did not feel this went far enough but Highways stated they do intend putting up a camera to see if they can find out what exactly is causing the accidents.

The Chair also stated that he was disappointed by the lack of response from both the Police and Ambulance service when these accidents have occurred. At the last incident, no police or ambulance turned up after almost two hours and the person taken to hospital by a member of the public.

Cllr CL stated that he is still trying to get clarification why there was no response.

52) **Grass Cutting / Verges / Trees**

1. Two trees near allotments back of Grange Road  
The Clerk stated she had managed to get two quotes but not a third.  
Cllr JK stated she had the name for a contact.

**Action: Clerk to consult with Cllr JK**

2. Hawthorne hedge on the entrance to Mattison Close  
The hedge has been cut back and work completed.
3. Spruce Gill – Spruce Tree  
The Chair stated this was not a Spruce tree but vegetation that had been allowed to grow over a wall by the homeowner.

The Clerk stated that she had received information from Highways that they would tend to the problem.

53) **Allotments**

Unfortunately, one of the tenants had died. The Clerk she would allow a period of mourning before approaching the family about the plot and reletting.

54) **Financial Matters**

Cllr JP declared a financial and pecuniary interest.

1. Monthly Payments Summary  
**Agreed**
2. Draft Budget 2023/24  
To be deferred until the next meeting

**Action: add to next Agenda**

55) **AOB / Correspondence**

1. Donation Request from Bedale Bonfire for £1000.  
There was a brief discussion on the use of funds for a community Bonfire as a councillor suggested this was not suitable community event and residents should decide if they want individual fires / fireworks.

However, another councillor stated that this event is certain more suitable than households holding individual bonfires when these events were the normal occurrence the Fire Service were stretched to deal with the number of fires that individual fires caused. Cllr IM commented about safety and having one community bonfire. He also said that it is much greener to have one managed bonfire within walking distance of hundreds of households rather than people driving to other community bonfires in the area.

A vote was called in respect of a donation of £1000 towards the Bedale Bonfire:  
For Funding – 6  
Against Funding – 1  
Motion carried  
**Agreed Funding**

2. Donation Request from Bedale Festival for £500  
There was a discussion about funding this event and councillors requested further information about who benefited from it.
- What are the funds used for
  - Where do the profits go and who benefits
  - Impact on the Bedale, Aiskew and other areas.

**Action: Clerk to contact Sally at Bedale Hall for further information.**

3. VAS  
Cllr IM asked if the broken fitting on the Leeming Bar Post for the VAS had been repaired. The clerk stated she would get onto TMW to see if they had done the repair. He also wanted to request up to £100 for the purchase of ladders to enable him to change the VAS.

**Agreed**

4. Policies for working at heights  
The Clerk stated we need to have the relevant policies about working from height in place before we are covered by insurance.

**Action: Clerk to get a Working from Heights Policy ready and add to next Agenda**

**Meeting Closed at 9.15pm**

Signed.....

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