



## Annual Minutes from the meeting of Electors

**DATE & TIME:** 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
**LOCATION:** Temple Fun, Leeming Bar

### **Present**

Parish Councillors: P Edworthy (Vice Chair); J Kennedy; J Asquith; J Proctor

County Councillor:

Clerk / Others: S Nicholson (Clerk); 1 Resident

**Apologies:** N Pocklington; I Marr; M Chaloner; J Weighell; Police

- 1.** Welcome  
The Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meetings.
- 2.** Chairman's Report.  
See attached document
- 3.** Public discussion time.  
Nothing raised

# **Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council**

## **Annual Meeting of Electors Chairman's Report May 2022/May2023**

### **Context**

This report reflects on the Parish Council's activities over the past year. Parish Council meetings have taken place as planned and the Council has resumed meetings in both Aiskew and Leeming Bar. Council meetings have been well attended by Parish Councillors, District Councillors and County Councillors and, for some meetings, members of the public.

The Parish Council has continued to address its statutory functions and responsibilities and address issues of concern within the Parish.

### **Key Issues**

The proposed development of a new Caw Ingredients site on Aiskew Moor continues to cause alarm within the Parish as it is seen as an over development, as it will be a huge 'shed' on what is currently agricultural land. The local community has successfully lobbied for an Environmental Impact Assessment, and we await the outcome of this report. The Council continues to oppose this development and supports the local residents to ensure that there is appropriate mitigation if the development proceeds.

Local residents in Aiskew continue to express concern about the proposed housing development off Blind Lane. Whilst the Council does not oppose the development it continues to share local residents concerns about the proposed entrance to the development from Bluebell Way. The site has been given planning approval and the Council will continue to monitor progress and intervene where appropriate. The community has now said its fond farewells to Hambleton District Council, with the arrival of the unitary North Yorkshire Council. As a Council we would like to express our thanks to both Hambleton District Councillors and County Councillors who have been so supportive of the Parish Council. We will look forward to developing new relationships within the new organisation. A very recent but major development has been the discovery of a sinkhole in Leeming Bar playpark. This has developed into a major engineering project, with work being subcontracted by Yorkshire Water. The park is currently out of use, large holes have been dug and trees have been felled. It is crucial that the playpark is fully reinstated, any damage to play equipment is addressed and new trees are planted.

The Parish Council has explored the possibility of providing a village hall in Aiskew, in an attempt to begin the development of some infrastructure for the community. The Council had budgeted to save some of the Council income from the Community Levy Infrastructure fund, it also received the promise of contributions from Hambleton District Council and The Rector Four and Twenty Charity. Unfortunately, two factors came to bear with this project, the first being the unprecedented rise in energy costs, which would have stretched an already tight budget. The second and critical factor was the lack of support within the community after some initial consultation. There was a general view that the money, despite being ring fenced, should be spent on other priorities, for example, potholes in Bedale Road. This response identifies a need in the future to better explain how projects will be funded and how the money can be spent.

Another recent development has been the proposed supermarket in Aiskew, whilst there has been some resistance to the proposal there appears to be a lot of support within the community. The council has expressed its initial support for the proposal but questions the need for the associated proposal to build a drive through coffee bar on the same site. Whilst there are some major issues for the Council to address, it has also been involved in several issues which have been addressed or are ongoing. There has been a number of incidents on Aiskew railway crossing, some of which have resulted in serious injuries to cyclists. The Council continues to monitor the situation following the measures introduced by NYC Highways.

The very successful Polar Express continues to provide some challenges for the residents of Leeming Bar. Whilst the Company have put several measures in place to mitigate the impact of the event, unofficial car parking continues to be a problem. The concern expressed by the immediate neighbours of the Taylor Wimpy site on Bedale Road regarding flooding and loss of privacy appears to have been addressed. Despite the best efforts of Councillors, the problems with parking and the decaying trees on Potlands, have yet to be resolved.

#### Conclusion

This has been a challenging year for the Parish Council and the residents of the community. We have addressed and continue to address major issues affecting the community. I would like to thank the Clerk, Parish, District and County Councillors for their energy and commitment to the work of the Council and the needs of the community. The work and support from external agencies is also valued and appreciated.

Neil Pocklington  
Chair  
3 May 2023