



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023**

at SS Mary and Josph Parish Hall, Aiskew @ 7pm

**Parish Councillors Present:** N Pocklington (Chair); P Edworthy (Vice Chair); J Kennedy;  
J Asquith; M Chaloner; C Utley  
**County Councillor:** J Weighell  
**Clerk / Others:** S Nicholson (Clerk); 1 Residents  
**Apologies:** I Marr; J Proctor; Police

**2023/24**

**Details**

**Public Session**

No questions raised.

31) **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone and received apologies.

32) **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Utley registered a notice of declaration within the Planning item.

33) **Councillor / Clerk Issues**

No issues

34) **Minutes**

1. Minutes 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**The Minutes were accepted and agreed.**

**Resolved**

2. Matters Arising

**Resolved**

35) **External Sector Reports**

1. Police Report

Several questions had been raised and responses received:

*Question 1. What is the response to the reporting the graffiti under Leeming bridge?*

*Question 2. There is now graffiti under the bridge in Leeming Bar which was also reported to 101. What are the police doing about it?*

*Answer: 1. & 2. Graffiti complaints - We received a report on 07/06/2023 regards a group of youths under the underpass at the A1 near to Braithwaite's, officers were dispatched to this conducted an area search, but no one was present. The police are now aware of the graffiti in that location, unfortunately without any identified suspects or CCTV in the area we are unable to make any further lines of enquiry. We do encourage any reports of ASB and suspect activity so that we can be dispatched to try and identify those involved.*

*Question 3. I am hearing about attempting break-ins in the village, again reported and I understand not been followed up?*

*Answer 3. Attempted break ins/burglary in the village - Are you able to offer any locations or more information into these? I have looked through our incidents back to April and cannot see any reports of burglaries for the village.*

*Question 4. What about the kids at the allotments and abusive language to allotment tenants, when kids are challenged about what they are doing on the allotments?*

*Answer 4. Allotment problems/ASB - We received one report that allotment owner had been approached by a member of public saying two youths had been in the shed, nothing missing or damaged. I have visited the resident who you sent the details for regards CCTV and it captures some youths on the street earlier that day, not sure if these are the same ones or not. If there are residents having issues with ASB on allotments we also encourage them to report this so we can attend at the time, we would like to be aware if there are ongoing issues in this area.*

Councillors thanked the Police for the response but requested that we invite them to attend the next meeting.

**Action:**

**Clerk to contact the police and request attendance at the July meeting.**

2. North Yorkshire Council Report

Cllr JW reported:

- The new North Yorkshire Council (NYC) is starting to settle with timetables and meetings being more structured.
- The meeting was informed that Cllr JW had been seeking information from Highways about the road closure on Leeming Lane. He was concerned about the lengthen of time the road had been closed. He acknowledged that a failed sewer on in a public park was serious but was the closure for this length of time necessary.
- There is also a closure on Potland, Leeming Bar. Cllr JW was informed that the road had been closed 7 days before NYC had released notification of the closure. Cllr JK stated she had been advised by the workers on site it was likely to be at least a week after the open dated stated by NYC that they would be able to open the road again.

36)

**Local External Committee Reports**

Burial Board

The Board had put forward some minor constitutional changes which needed to be agreed by the Parish council.

No Objections raised.

**RESOLVED**

37)

## Parish Reports

1. Potland Trees / Fence (NYCC / Broadacres)

The Clerk stated that SCR are poised ready to prune trees, take out the dead ones and plant new trees in Oct / Nov.

**Action:**

1. **Clerk to ensure Highways are aware of the work and requirement for traffic lights on that part of the road.**
2. **Clerk to check with SCR about timescale required and dates.**

2. Paths

I. Back Lane / Kingfisher

The Clerk stated that GCH Maintenance are due to look at the path on Thursday. The Chair requested we contact GCH about weed killing and ivy around the gate entrance to Kingfisher Park.

II. Path back of Side New Cottages

The path is overgrown and needs attention. Cllr CU happy to meet with GCH and inform of exact site location.

**Action:**

**Clerk to advise GCH about Back Lane.**

**Clerk to send GCH Cllr CU information about path besides the cottages.**

3. Broken Gate – Low Street

Councillors suggested that because of delays by NYC the parish get the gate fixed.

**Action: Clerk to contact GCH or Steve Carver and see if either of them can do the work.**

38)

## Finance

1. Monthly Payments Summary

Agreed

2. Budget Spend from CIL Money

The Chair requested the current balance of the CIL and the clerk stated approx. £140K. There was a discussion on the amount of funds we need to spend but keep reserves for a Community Hall in the future.

The suggestion was around £50K – £75K.

Suggestions:

- I. Community Hall
- II. Kingfisher Toddler Play Area
- III. Kingfisher Swings
- IV. Mattison replacing artificial grass area.
- V. Freemans Way Basketball Boards
- VI. Leeming Bar Play area Fencing
- VII. Christmas trees area for Aiskew
- VIII. Christmas Lighting for Aiskew and Leeming Bar
- IX. Ascough Wynd Play Area Revamp / enlarge.
- X. Orchard on Freemans Way Park
- XI. Feasibility Study for a Community Hall

Councillors had an exceedingly long discussion on what they would like to see for the community in both Aiskew and Leeming Bar. Councillors stated that they wanted all residents from both parishes to be included from children to adults. The Chair stated that other suggestions could be raised, and the list needed to be confirmed once some further work is completed on funds needed for each suggested project.

Items

- III. Kingfisher Swings  
Already orders and CIL money allocated.
  
- V. Freemans Way Basketball Boards  
Already orders and CIL money allocated.

**Actions:**

1. Clerk to request Tenders for work on the Play area projects.
2. Arrange Site meeting with Taylor Whimpey about use of area for Christmas Tree
3. Check with NYC about lighting from streetlamps.
4. Check with E& P about getting Christmas light and putting them up.
5. Check with Yorkshire Community First for people who could help with a Feasibility Study

39) **Community Hall Project**

Autumn Newsletter

The Chair stated that another letter would be great. Councillors who were previously involved happy to start the work with items from other councillors to be added. Items should be sent to Cllr JA or Cllr JP. The Chair suggested that we should inform residents via the Newsletter about the projects that had been suggested for the CIL money to be used.

The Chair allowed a resident to comment that the lettering size of the parish name on the Newsletter could have been larger for presentation. She also stated she was happy to delivery some leaflets around Aiskew as well as putting them in the holders.

**Action:**

**Clerk to email Councillors about items for the newsletter.**

40) **Planning**

**1. 22/02555/OUT - Blind Lane (Granted)**

Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July at 11am in Bedale Methodist meeting room with Keepmoat

- **ZB23/01078/FUL (22/02555/OUT)**  
Full planning application for the construction of 1 no. dwelling (Plot 80), extension to the amenity space for Plot 40 and biodiversity improvement works associated with Reserved Matters Approval in relation to 22/02555/OUT.  
Old Hatchery Blind Lane Aiskew North Yorkshire
- **ZB23/01079/REM (22/02555/OUT)**  
Reserved matters application under outline permission 22/02555/OUT for the erection of 88 dwelling houses (C3) with

siting, landscaping, design, and external appearance for consideration. Outline application was not subject to EIA. Old Hatchery Blind Lane Aiskew North Yorkshire.

**Both items to be addressed at the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> July**

- **22/00762/REM (Withdrawn)**
- **22/00958/FUL (Withdrawn)**

**2. ZB23/00803/OUT – Food Store**

(Cllr CU declared an interest in this item)

**Response: The Parish status remains the same as previously stated.**

**RESPONSE:**

The parish has carefully read and discussed the application considering the objections from neighbours to the site. The parish share their concerns regarding the Drive-Thru and object to this part of the proposal.

Regarding the development of the supermarket, the Highways department does not appear to foresee any problems and the parish suspects many of the concerns regarding flooding (which the parish recall seeing over the last 50 years) will be addressed by mitigation plans.

With regards to the loss of wildlife the parish suspect an EIA would be helpful, although this land would inevitably be built upon with a housing development if the supermarket does not go ahead. The parish supports the application for the supermarket particularly as it will bring employment opportunities for local people. Therefore, the parish has no objections to this part of the plan to build a supermarket and has no objection to the supermarket been built. The believes this is a much-needed asset for the area.

All the Parish Councillors objected to the Drive-Thru as not one councillor felt that this was needed. The other issue raised was that the Councillors also felt that the site should be locked at night to avoid youths gathering in the car park.

A suggestion that a small coffee shop could be located within the Food store if the developer felt one was really required, that would open and shut at the same times as the store.

**3. ZB23/01029/FUL**

No Observations – Support Application

**4. ZB23/01086/FUL**

No Observations – Support Application

**5. ZB23/00801/TPO  
GRANTED**

**6. ZB23/01125/SCP**

The parish Full Support this request

## 7. Certificate of Name Change

No Observations

### 41) **Playgrounds**

1. Repairs Leeming Bar park

A meeting has been arranged for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 2pm at Leeming Park to discuss the way forward and Yorkshire Water action Plan to get the area back to its original state.

2. Kingfisher

The swings should be in place in the next couple of weeks.

3. Freemans Way Basketball Boards

The Councillors agreed to award the contract to Streetscape.

**Action:**

**Clerk to inform everyone and get the new Basketball Boards installed asap.**

### 42) **Highways**

1. Obstruction to Path – 37 Bedale Road

The clerk had received a response stating no action required from NYC.

Cllr JA stated that she was not sure that the problem bush was at 37 Bedale Road but was possibly 1 Newstead.

**Action:**

**Cllr JA to check address and advise the Clerk.**

2. Freemans way / Leeming Lane to Foundry Way

The Clerk stated that someone had tried to move the boulder on Freemans Way to get through. In view of this a second Boulder had been put in place.

The Councillors discuss placing a permanent barrier in place on Freemans Way. The decision was that a fence and gate would be erected with a combination lock so service could still access the area as required.

**Action:**

**Clerk to discuss with Priest Engineering to see if they can complete that or SCR.**

### 43) **Grass Cutting / Verges / Trees**

1. Back Lane

GCH to visit site on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

2. Crowns / Ivy on trees in parks

The clerk stated that they had been advised by the contractor dealing with the tree issues on Leeming Bar Park that some of the trees needed their crown raised and the Ivy cut.

**Action:**

**Clerk to contact GCH**

44) **AOB / Correspondence**

1. Complaint Newstead Road parking  
Referred to NYC nothing further the parish can do.
2. Making a Difference plaque  
Agreed to be installed when received.
3. Bus Stop Leeming Bar  
The clerk stated that the Bus stop needs some repairs. Several of the Councillors were unsure if repairs were viable.

**Action:**  
**Clerk to get quotation for work to repair / remove ivy.**

4. Allotment Problems  
See item 35) 1.
5. Hedges on Bedale Road  
The Clerk stated an email about the hedges belonging to residents on Spruce Gill that are on Bedale Road that are very overgrown.

**Action:**  
**Clerk to send letter to residents requesting them to prune the hedges back.**

6. Beaumont Gate Hedge  
A councillor stated that the hedge along the new Taylor Wimpey, Beaumont Gate site needs cutting as it is almost over the footpath.

**Action: Clerk to contact Taylor Wimpey site to discuss.**

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**Meeting Closed at 8.40pm**

Signed.....

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