



**Minutes of Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at the Leeming Bar Community Hub – Leeming Bar 7pm**

Chaired by: Cllr J Asquith		Clerked by: Mr R Clare	Ref Year: 25/26
Present:  Cllr M Chaloner      Cllr P Edworthy Cllr J Kennedy      Cllr N Turfrey		Apologies: Cllr I Marr, Cllr H Robson, Cllr C Utley  Not Present: Members of the Public: Nil	
No	Item	Issue	Action
82	<b>Representations from the Public</b>	Nil	<b>Resolved</b>
83	<b>Apologies</b>  Council to receive apologies for absence.  Council to consent to accept apologies received.	<b>Cllr I Marr, Cllr H Robson and Cllr C Utley</b> sent their apologies, and these were accepted.	<b>Resolved</b>
84	<b>Declarations of interest</b>  To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registerable interests, and non-registerable interests for the agenda under discussion.	None received.	<b>Resolved</b>
85	<b>North Yorkshire Council</b>  To receive and consider the updates from the North Yorkshire Councillor. <b>Cllr J Weighell.</b>	Cllr Weighell was not in attendance.	<b>Resolved</b>
86	<b>Minutes</b>  To receive and consider the minutes of the <b>meeting of the Parish Council</b> held on <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b> as a true record and to discuss matters arising.  Minutes and Agendas are available to view online at <a href="https://aiskewleemingbar-pc.gov.uk">Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council: Recent Minutes, Agenda and Meeting Dates (aiskewleemingbar-pc.gov.uk)</a>	Matters arising – None.	The minutes were passed as read.  Proposed: <b>Cllr Kennedy</b> Seconded: <b>Cllr Edworthy</b> <b>Resolved</b>
87	<b>External Reports</b>  To receive and consider the following reports:	<b>North Yorkshire Police.</b> The crime reports for July and August 2025 were delivered.  Councillors noted that attendance at monthly meetings by North Yorkshire Police had decreased significantly, and requested improved support in the future.	<b>Resolved</b>  <b>Resolved</b>

88	<p><b>Local External Committee Reports</b></p> <p>To receive and consider the following reports:</p>	<p><b>Joint Burial Authority:</b> No updates.</p> <p><b>Bedale Hall Trust:</b> No updates.</p> <p><b>Leeming Bar Charity:</b> No updates.</p> <p><b>Bedale &amp; Village Community Forum:</b> No Updates</p> <p><b>Four &amp; Twenty:</b> No Updates</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p>	
89	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>a. <b>PROPOSAL:</b> Garage Conversion to Create Utility and Sitting Rooms.</p> <p>LOCATION: 6 Bullfinch Way, Aiskew.</p> <p>APPLICANT: Mr David Rice ZB25/01313/FUL – This was discussed via email 27/08/25 – Parish Council had <b>no objections or comments.</b></p> <p>b. <b>PROPOSAL:</b> Application for tree works: Works to trees subject to a tree preservation order (TPO): removal of overhanging branches, T1 Poplar, Owned by NYC. Ref: (20/00006/TPO2).</p> <p>LOCATION: 10 Ings View, Aiskew.</p> <p>APPLICANT: D Smith ZB25/01395/TPO/FUL – This was discussed via email 01/09/25 – Parish Council had <b>no objections or comments.</b></p> <p>c. <b>PROPOSAL:</b> Retrospective application for the siting of a static caravan.</p> <p>LOCATION: Leeming Garth, Leeming Lane, Leeming Bar.</p> <p>APPLICANT: Martin Addison ZB24/01178/FUL – <b>Refused.</b></p> <p>d. <b>PROPOSAL:</b> Application for Approval of Reserved Matters (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) following Outline Approval 22/01509/OUT for a 100 Per Cent Affordable Housing Scheme of 100 Dwellings and Associated Infrastructure, Access and Landscaping [As Amended - Additional Application Plans and Documents received by the LPA on 04 April 2025].</p> <p>LOCATION: Land on the Southwest side of 11 Harkness Drive, Leeming Bar.</p> <p>APPLICANT: Mark/Neil/Jess Bly/Davies ZB24/02170/REM – <b>Granted</b></p> <p>e. <b>PROPOSAL:</b> Application for works to fell a tree subject to a tree preservation order.1989/07 T21 Ash.</p> <p>LOCATION: 10 Otterbeck Way, Aiskew.</p> <p>APPLICANT: Mr Richard Miller ZB25/01595/TPO – Parish Council had <b>no objections or comments.</b></p>			<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p>

	<p>f. <b>PROPOSAL:</b> Application for Retention of electrical infrastructure and associated works.</p> <p>LOCATION: The Lodge Motel, Leeming Services, Aiskew.</p> <p>APPLICANT: ZB25/01565/FUL – Parish Council had <b>no objections or comments.</b></p>		<b>Resolved</b>
90	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>To sign off the accounts for the previous two months as a true and accurate statement of accounts for the months of July and August 2025 <b>Clerk.</b></p> <p>To adopt the <b>Risk Management Policy.</b></p> <p><b>External Audit.</b> The External Audit conducted by PKF Littlejohn LLP was received on 20/08/25.</p> <p><b>VAT refund.</b></p> <p>To consider and discuss the Payments list provided by the Clerk.</p>	<p>The accounts were checked and verified by Cllr Asquith.</p> <p>The policy was adopted.</p> <p>Audit has been distributed to all Councillors; The public notice has been posted both online and on our two noticeboards.</p> <p>A VAT refund of <b>£742.30</b> was claimed on 01/09/25 and received on 04/09/25.</p> <p>Nortelco <b>£9.99</b>          PKF Littlejohn <b>£378.00</b>          GCH <b>£937.44</b>          Leeming Bar Hub <b>£35.00</b>          Nortelco <b>£9.99</b>          GCH <b>£210.00</b></p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p><b>Approved</b>  <b>Approved</b>  <b>Approved</b>  <b>Approved</b>  <b>Approved</b>  <b>Approved</b></p>
91	<p><b>Councillors Concerns:</b></p> <p><b>Councillor Asquith</b> discussed the lease of Bedale Hall.</p> <p><b>Councillor Challoner</b> is concerned about the level of grants awarded by the Parish Council and the financial sustainability of continuing to award grants.</p>	<p>Bedale Hall is leased by North Yorkshire Council to Bedale Town Council and Aiskew Parish Council. The Hall is managed and operated by the Bedale Hall CIO. It was resolved that the Parish Council will write to North Yorkshire Council asking for the lease to be terminated. The Chair and the Clerk will attend a meeting at the end of September and have a discussion with Bedale Town Council and the Bedale Hall CIO about the termination of the lease.</p> <p>The Council agreed that only grants discussed at the annual budget forecast would be awarded routinely.</p>	<p>Proposed: <b>Cllr Asquith</b>          Seconded: <b>Cllr Kennedy</b>          The majority were in agreement.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p>

	<b>Councillor Asquith</b> is concerned about the impromptu access point that has been made between Back Lane and Kingfisher Playpark.	An access point has been created on the top Northeast corner of Kingfisher Park. The fence has been cut open allowing access onto the Public Footpath from the park. The Clerk has cut back the damaged fence and removed the barbed wire trip hazard. The Council is content to keep the access as it is, but to monitor the situation with a view to replacing the fence if the opening causes issues later.	<b>Resolved</b>
92	<b>Residents' Complaints/Correspondence Received.</b>  To receive and consider the complaints and correspondence received from members of the public.  Correspondence was received on 08/08/2025 about the full bins in Leeming Bar playpark - Reported <b>to NYC</b> .  Correspondence was received on 11/08/2025 about the steps alongside the Taylor Wimpey development (Beaumont Gate). <b>Passed to Planning at NYC and Talor Wimpey</b> .  Correspondence was received on 21/08/2025 about the full bins at the entrance to the Park on Freemans Way in Leeming Bar. <b>Reported to NYC</b> .  Correspondence was received on 21/08/2025 about the works being conducted in and around the old MOD bunker on Willow Drive. <b>The resident was given the details of the works</b> .  Correspondence was received on 27/08/2025 about the right of way of path outside the cottages on Aiskew Bank. <b>Passed to NYC Rights of Way Department</b> .  Correspondence was received on 30/08/2025 about the painting of a Red Cross on the mini roundabout on Bedale Road/Sandhill Lane in Aiskew. <b>Passed to NYC Highways</b> .  Correspondence was received on 30/08/2025 that the hedge between Leeming Bar Primary School and Freemans Way was overgrown. <b>Passed to MOD RAF Leeming</b> .  Correspondence was received on 01/09/2025 that a tree had fallen across the public footpath alongside TW development. <b>Passed to NYC Right of Way Department</b> .	<b>Resolved</b>   <	

	<b>3. Citizens Advice and Law Centre.</b> The Parish Council awarded a grant of <b>£100.00</b> .		Proposed: <b>Cllr Edworthy</b> Seconded: <b>Cllr Turfrey</b> The majority agreed. <b>Resolved</b>
94	<b>CIL Updates</b>  <b>Leeming Bar Memorial Stone.</b>	The stone is complete, and the contractor awaits spare labour to install into the park.	<b>Resolved</b>
95	<b>Playground Updates</b>  1. Leeming Bar Playpark update           2. Freemans Way Playpark  3. Mattison Close Playpark   4. Ascough Wynd Playpark       5. Kingfisher Playpark	Bins reported as full.  Repairs to both entrance gates – Soft close. Agreed works with Kompan via email 03/09/25.  Deep clean of wet pour - Agreed works with Kompan via email 03/09/25.  Repair to handrail on Roundabout - Agreed works with Kompan via email 03/09/25.  Hedges have been cut back by GCH.  Repair to spinning cup - Agreed works with Kompan via email 03/09/25.  Wall render now complete.  Deep clean of wet pour - Agreed works with Kompan via email 03/09/25.  No update.	<b>Resolved</b>           <b>Resolved</b>       <b>Resolved</b>       <b>Resolved</b>       <b>Resolved</b>       <b>Resolved</b>       <b>Resolved</b>
96	<b>Allotments</b>  1. Issues  2. Complaints	Gate has dropped, reported to Morgans Estates.  None.	<b>Resolved</b>  <b>Resolved</b>
97	<b>Highways and Paths</b>	Kissing Gate on Public Footpath at rear of Big Sheep/Little Cow. Reported to NYC.  Dog Bins on Back Lane (Public Bridleway/Footpath). Reported to NYC.	<b>Resolved</b>  <b>Resolved</b>
98	<b>Grass Cutting/Verges/Trees</b>	Nil.	<b>Resolved</b>
99	<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next full Council meeting will take place on <b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm</b> , at the <b>Church Hall in Aiskew</b> .	<b>Resolved</b>

100	<b>Meeting Closed</b>	With no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm	
These Minutes are agreed by those present as being a true record.			
Signed:		Date:	
Cllr J Asquith Chair Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council			

*R M Clare*

Richard M Clare  
Proper Officer to the Council  
17<sup>th</sup> September 2025

DRAFT - Not ratified until next Full Council Meeting