



Minutes of Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th 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: Cllr Edworthy Cllr Utley Members of the Public: Nil	
No	Item	Issue	Action
82	Representations from the Public	Nil	Resolved
83	Apologies Council to receive apologies for absence. Council to consent to accept apologies received.	Cllr I Marr, Cllr H Robson and Cllr C Utley sent their apologies, and these were accepted.	Resolved
84	Declarations of interest To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registerable interests, and non-registerable interests for the agenda under discussion.	None received.	Resolved
85	North Yorkshire Council To receive and consider the updates from the North Yorkshire Councillor. Cllr J Weighell.	Cllr Weighell was not in attendance.	Resolved
86	Minutes To receive and consider the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 16th July 2025 as a true record and to discuss matters arising. Minutes and Agendas are available to view online at Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council: Recent Minutes, Agenda and Meeting Dates (aiskewleemingbar-pc.gov.uk)	Matters arising – None.	The minutes were passed as read. Proposed: Cllr Kennedy Seconded: Cllr Edworthy Resolved
87	External Reports To receive and consider the following reports:	North Yorkshire Police. 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.	Resolved Resolved

88	<p>Local External Committee Reports</p> <p>To receive and consider the following reports:</p>	<p>Joint Burial Authority: No updates.</p> <p>Bedale Hall Trust: No updates.</p> <p>Leeming Bar Charity: No updates.</p> <p>Bedale & Village Community Forum: No Updates</p> <p>Four & Twenty: No Updates</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p>
89	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>a. PROPOSAL: 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 no objections or comments.</p> <p>b. PROPOSAL: 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 no objections or comments.</p> <p>c. PROPOSAL: 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 – Refused.</p> <p>d. PROPOSAL: 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 – Granted</p> <p>e. PROPOSAL: 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 no objections or comments.</p>		<p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p>

	<p>f. PROPOSAL: 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 no objections or comments.</p>	Resolved	
90	<p>Finance</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 Clerk.</p> <p>To adopt the Risk Management Policy.</p> <p>External Audit. The External Audit conducted by PKF Littlejohn LLP was received on 20/08/25.</p> <p>VAT refund.</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 £742.30 was claimed on 01/09/25 and received on 04/09/25.</p> <p>Nortelco £9.99 PKF Littlejohn £378.00 GCH £937.44 Leeming Bar Hub £35.00 Nortelco £9.99 GCH £210.00</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Approved Approved Approved Approved Approved</p>
91	<p>Councillors Concerns:</p> <p>Councillor Asquith discussed the lease of Bedale Hall.</p> <p>Councillor Challoner 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: Cllr Asquith Seconded: Cllr Kennedy The majority were in agreement.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p>

	<p>Councillor Asquith is concerned about the impromptu access point that has been made between Back Lane and Kingfisher Playpark.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Resolved</p>
92	<p>Residents' Complaints/Correspondence Received.</p> <p>To receive and consider the complaints and correspondence received from members of the public.</p> <p>Correspondence was received on 08/08/2025 about the full bins in Leeming Bar playpark - Reported to NYC.</p> <p>Correspondence was received on 11/08/2025 about the steps alongside the Taylor Wimpey development (Beaumont Gate). Passed to Planning at NYC and Talor Wimpey.</p> <p>Correspondence was received on 21/08/2025 about the full bins at the entrance to the Park on Freemans Way in Leeming Bar. Reported to NYC.</p> <p>Correspondence was received on 21/08/2025 about the works being conducted in and around the old MOD bunker on Willow Drive. The resident was given the details of the works.</p> <p>Correspondence was received on 27/08/2025 about the right of way of path outside the cottages on Aiskew Bank. Passed to NYC Rights of Way Department.</p> <p>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. Passed to NYC Highways.</p> <p>Correspondence was received on 30/08/2025 that the hedge between Leeming Bar Primary School and Freemans Way was overgrown. Passed to MOD RAF Leeming.</p> <p>Correspondence was received on 01/09/2025 that a tree had fallen across the public footpath alongside TW development. Passed to NYC Right of Way Department.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p>	
93	<p>Grants</p> <p>To receive and consider Grants.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2025 Bedale Christmas Fayre. The Parish Council did not support a request for a grant. Bedale Youth Forum. The Parish Council awarded a grant of £1030.00. 	<p>Resolved</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Kennedy Seconded: Cllr Edworthy The majority agreed. Resolved</p>	

	3. Citizens Advice and Law Centre. The Parish Council awarded a grant of £100.00.	Proposed: ClIr Edworthy Seconded: ClIr Turfrey The majority agreed. Resolved
94	CIL Updates Leeming Bar Memorial Stone.	The stone is complete, and the contractor awaits spare labour to install into the park. Resolved
95	Playground Updates 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. Resolved Resolved Resolved Resolved Resolved Resolved
96	Allotments 1. Issues 2. Complaints	Gate has dropped, reported to Morgans Estates. None. Resolved Resolved
97	Highways and Paths	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. Resolved Resolved
98	Grass Cutting/Verges/Trees	Nil. Resolved
99	Next Meeting	The next full Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th October at 7.00pm , at the Church Hall in Aiskew. Resolved

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

R M Clare

Richard M Clare
Proper Officer to the Council
17th September 2025