



**Minutes of Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 at the Church Hall,  
Aiskew at 7.05 pm (Moved from Leeming Bar Community Hub due to power cut)**

Present: Cllr P Edworthy            Cllr M Chaloner Cllr J Kennedy (Chair)   Cllr I Marr Cllr N Turfrey            Cllr C Utley Mr R Clare (Clerk)		Apologies: Cllr J Asquith, Cllr H Robson  Not Present: Nil  Members of the Public: None
No	Item	Resolutions
154	<b>Representations from the Public</b>	No members of the public attended the meeting.
155	Council to receive <b>apologies for absence</b> .	<b>Cllr Asquith</b> and <b>Cllr Robson</b> sent their apologies.
156	To consider the approval of <b>reasons for absence</b> given by councillors.	The reason for absence given by Cllr Asquith was considered.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr Asquith's absence be approved for this meeting.  The reason for absence given by Cllr Robson was considered. <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr Robson's absence be approved for this meeting.
157	To receive <b>declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests</b> , other registerable interests, and non-registerable interests for the agenda under discussion.	No members of the council had any declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.
158	To receive and consider the updates from the <b>North Yorkshire Councillor</b> . The Councillor spoke of the upcoming Boundary changes which would see the creation of 2 new Divisions. Aiskew Parish Ward will be covered by the newly created <b>Bedale and Aiskew</b> Division, and Leeming Bar Parish Ward will be covered by the newly created <b>Swale</b> Division. This will see the Parish Council supported by 2 County Councillors from May 2027.  The Councillor confirmed that the North Yorkshire Council Tax 2026/27 would see a 4.99% increase. 2% for Adult Social Care and 2.99% for general services.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report from the North Yorkshire Councillor be noted.
159	To confirm the minutes of meeting held on <b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025</b> as a true and correct record.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting of the Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council held on 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2025 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.
160	To receive and consider the <b>North Yorkshire Police Crime Report</b> for the months of November and December 2025.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the reports be accepted. The reports are posted on the Parish Council website.

161	Matters to be considered from requests by Councillors.	
161/1	The Council received a report from a Councillor who wishes to begin plans for the official unveiling of the Memorial Stone within the Leeming Bar playpark.	<b>RESOLVED</b> to create a guest list, to choose a suitable date in the Spring and to explore options for catering and entertainment to support the event.
162	<b>Planning</b>	
162/1	Planning Decision notice for <b>ZB25/00849/MRC</b> , The Bungalow, Blind Lane, Aiskew.	<b>NOTED</b> that the application was granted by NYC planning services on 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025.
162/2	Planning Decision notice for <b>ZB25/01395/TPO</b> , 10 Ings View, Aiskew.	<b>NOTED</b> that the application was refused by NYC planning services on 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025.
162/3	Planning Decision notice for <b>ZB25/01785/ADV</b> , Street Record, Leeming Bar.	<b>NOTED</b> that the application was granted by NYC planning services on 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2025.
162/4	The application <b>ZB25/02147/FUL</b> for the conversion of derelict barn to ground floor domestic garaging and first floor flat accessed via external staircase and balcony at 29 Bedale Road, Aiskew was considered by the Council.	<b>RESOLVED</b> to respond to the local planning authority that the Council has <b>no objections</b> to the application.
162/5	The application <b>ZB25/02229/CAT</b> to fell and remove all fragile and dangerous Salix Fragilis (crack willow) from the north bank of Bedale Beck below the Aiskew Allotments from the Bridge to the Weir/Harbour. Upstream from the Harbour, fell and remove all fragile and dangerous Salix Fragilis (crack willow) on the north bank will be coppiced to the entry of the Mill Race. (approximately 100 trees in total) at the Allotments, The Bridge Aiskew was considered by the Council.	<b>RESOLVED</b> to respond to the local planning authority that the Council <b>Objected</b> to the application. The Council felt the quantity of trees to be felled was excessive and the application required a more targeted approach so as to only remove trees with no chance of survival and continue to increase biodiversity and the general vista of that area of Bedale and Aiskew.
162/6	The application <b>ZB25/02226/FUL</b> for demolition of existing single storey and replacing with Two storey rear extension, replacing existing garage and outbuilding with new garage was considered by the Council.	<b>RESOLVED</b> to respond to the local planning authority that the Council has <b>no objections</b> to the application.
162/7	The application <b>ZB25/02252/FUL</b> to replace a shed and single storey extension to the front of an existing dwelling at 73 Bedale Road, Aiskew was considered by the Council.	<b>RESOLVED</b> to respond to the local planning authority that the Council has <b>no objections</b> to the application.
163	<b>Finance</b>	
163/1	The council received the <b>finalised accounts</b> and Bank Reconciliation for the months of <b>November and December 2025</b> .	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the accounts were signed off by two councillors as a true and accurate statement of accounts in accordance with the Councils standing orders and financial regulations.
163/2	The council considered the following accounts for payment:  <b>Kompan – Teacup Bearing Repair £1030.14</b> <b>YLCA – CiLCA YHTRP Trg Fee £520.00</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> to approve all payments as listed.

	<b>North Yorks Council – Salt Bins Refill £360.00</b> <b>Clerk – Expenses – Fence post and wire £30.59</b> <b>Clerk – Expenses – Postage £11.25</b> <b>Clerk – Mileage Claim £9.45</b> <b>Kompan – New Play Eqpt £27294.60</b> <b>Nortelco – Telephone Bill Dec 25 £10.00</b> <b>Diocese of Middlesbrough – Hall Hire £30.00</b> <b>Play Inspection Company – ROSPA £468.00</b> <b>Nortelco – Telephone Bill Jan 26 £10.00</b> <b>SLCC – CiLCA Fee £495.00</b>	
163/3	<b>Salaries November and December 2025.</b>	<b>RESOLVED to note</b> that the salaries, working from home allowance and PAYE for November and December, have been paid in accordance with the employees' contract of employment.
163/4	The council noted that the <b>bank balances</b> as at 31/12/25 were: Current Account <b>£3,799.69</b> Deposit Account <b>£75,306.00</b>	<b>RESOLVED to note</b> that the bank account balances were received.
163/5	<b>VAT</b>  The council noted that a VAT refund of <b>£5748.43</b> was submitted on 09/01/25 and was received into bank on 14/01/26.	<b>RESOLVED to note</b> that the VAT claim was submitted and received.
164	The council received and considered the Clerks report.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the council accepted the Clerks Report for January 2025. The report contained no matter that required a Council decision. The report can be found in the Agenda Section of the Parish Council Website.
165	To receive and consider the proposal from North Yorkshire Council for the Parish Council to undertake the <b>urban grass cutting</b> within Aiskew and Leeming Bar on their behalf. If agreed the Parish Council would receive £682.38 to offset the costs associated with these works.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the council agreed to <b>accept</b> the offer of <b>£682.38</b> for the Parish Council to undertake the urban grass cutting within Aiskew and Leeming Bar on behalf of North Yorkshire Council.
166	To receive and consider the tenders received for the <b>Grass Cutting Contract 2026-28.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the council awarded the contract to <b>GCH Garden Maintenance</b> for <b>£7214.95</b> per year, after an evaluation of all tenders for quality and price.
167	To receive and consider any business not transacted during this meeting, to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that there was no further business that was transacted during the meeting.
168	<b>Date of next meeting</b> It was noted that in accordance with the agreed schedule, the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council would be held on <b>Wednesday 18th February 2026</b> at the <b>Church Hall, Aiskew.</b>	
169	There being no other business, the Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at <b>8.28 pm.</b>	
Signed:  Cllr J Asquith Chair Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council		Date: