



**Minutes of Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at the Church Hall, Aiskew at 7.00 pm**

Present: Cllr J Asquith (Chair) Cllr P Edworthy                      Cllr M Chaloner Cllr J Kennedy                      Cllr I Marr Cllr N Turfrey                      Cllr C Utley Mr R Clare (Clerk)		Apologies: Cllr H Robson  Not Present: Nil  Members of the Public: None
No	Item	Resolutions
127	<b>Representations from the Public</b>	No members of the public attended the meeting.
128	Council to receive <b>apologies for absence.</b>	<b>Cllr Robson</b> sent their apologies.
129	To consider the approval of <b>reasons for absence</b> given by councillors.	The reason for absence given by Cllr Robson was considered. <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr Robson's absence be approved for this meeting.
130	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.
131	To receive and consider the updates from the <b>North Yorkshire Councillor</b> . The Councillor spoke of the upcoming Boundary changes which would be released in the first working week of January 2026. Additionally, he informed the Council that the primary work being conducted by NYC at present was the budget setting for FY 2026/27.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that report from the North Yorkshire Councillor be noted.
132	To confirm the minutes of meeting held on <b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 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 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.
133	To receive and consider the <b>North Yorkshire Police Crime Report</b> for the month of October 2025.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be accepted.
134	To receive and consider the <b>Yorkshire Local Council Association</b> report following the <b>Whole Council Training</b> session conducted on 12 <sup>th</sup> November 20205.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be accepted and areas highlighted be addressed as required.
135	To receive and consider the report from the recent meeting of the <b>Bedale 4&amp;20 Welfare. Charity.</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be accepted.

136	Matters to be considered from requests by Councillors.	
136/1	The Council received a report from a Councillor who was concerned that the Parish Council did not own any community buildings that could be used in case of an emergency in accordance with the North Yorkshire Council Resilience and emergencies plan.	<b>RESOLVED</b> to research local buildings such as churches and large warehouses to assess suitability and availability to be used in emergency situations., and to report back to Council with findings.
136/2	The Council considered buildings within Aiskew and Leeming Bar to be added to the <b>Assets of Community Value</b> register with NYC.	<b>RESOLVED</b> to apply to NYC to add the following buildings or land: Allotments in Aiskew and Leeming Bar The Old Watermill (Big Sheep and Little Cow) All playparks Leech House Gills Foundry Leeming Garth Bedale Railway Station and Signal Box Leeming Bar Railway Station Church of St Mary and St Jospeh RC Church (and hall)  And that the Clerk contact NYC to ascertain the criteria for registration and submit applications as required.
136/3	The Council considered the <b>appointment of a Planning</b> Committee.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council would not appoint a Planning Committee at this time, but the Council would seek advice from the YLCA about delegating responses to the Clerk.
136/4	The council considered a report from a Counsellor who suggested that the Parish Council purchase new signs at the approaches to both Aiskew and Leeming Bar. The Councillor suggested a Welcome to Aiskew/Leeming Bar sign, with potential graphics to increase tourism and improve the lived experience of the residents.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council would consult with NYC Highways department to seek clarification on the installation of new signage.
137	<b>Planning</b>	
137/1	Planning Decision notice for <b>ZB25/01595/TPO</b> , 10 Otterbeck Way, Aiskew.	<b>NOTED</b> that the application was granted by NYC planning services on 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025.
137/2	The application <b>ZB25/25/02038/FUL</b> for the erection of an extension to the existing bungalow at 72 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.
138	The council considered the <b>naming for the 5 new streets</b> for the development off Harkness Drive in Leeming Bar.	<b>RESOLVED</b> to delegate the response to two Leeming Bar Councillors, who would report back to the clerk prior to the 8 <sup>th</sup> December deadline.
139	The Council considered the arrangements for the Clerks annual appraisal.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that 2 Councillors would draft the appraisal and recommendations and bring to the next council meeting for approval.
140	<b>Finance</b>	
140/1	The council received the <b>finalised accounts</b> and Bank Reconciliation for the month of <b>October 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.

140/2	The council considered the following accounts for payment:	
140/2.1	<b>Nortelco</b> – Telephone Bill Nov 25 <b>£9.99</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> to approve all payments as listed.
140/2.2	<b>GCH</b> – Grass Cutting Nov 25 <b>£937.44</b>	
140/2.3	<b>Diocese of Middlesbrough</b> – Hall Hire <b>£30.00</b>	
140/2.4	<b>Diocese of Middlesbrough</b> – Hall Hire <b>£30.00</b>	
140/2.5	<b>Viking Direct</b> – Stationery <b>£129.08</b>	
140/2.6	<b>Clerk</b> – Expenses (associated trg costs) <b>£16.63</b> <b>YLCA</b> – Whole Council Training <b>£222.87</b>	
140/3	<b>Salaries October 2025.</b>	<b>NOTED</b> that the salaries, working from home allowance and PAYE for October, have been paid in accordance with the employees’ contract of employment.
140/4	The council noted that the <b>bank balances</b> as at 31/10/25 were:  Current Account <b>£4487.43</b> Deposit Account <b>£108306.00</b>	<b>NOTED</b> that the bank account balances were received.
141	<b>Budget</b>  The council considered the budget for FY 2026/27.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the budget for FY 2026/27 be set at:  <b>Receipts</b> Precept <b>£42000.00</b> Allotment Rent <b>£330.00</b> NYC Grass Grant <b>£660.00</b> Bank Interest <b>£1000.00</b>  <b>Total Receipts</b> <b>£43990.00</b>  <b>Payments</b> Grants <b>£3500.00</b> Burial Authority <b>£6400.00</b> Maintenance <b>£14000.00</b> Administration <b>£5400.00</b> Staff Costs <b>£13500.00</b> New Play Eqpt <b>£3000.00</b>  <b>Total Payments</b> <b>£45800.00</b>
142	<b>PRECEPT</b>  The council considered the Parish PRECEPT. In increase was required due to inflationary rises in goods and services.	<b>RESOLVED</b> to set the 2026/7 PRECEPT at <b>£42000.00</b> . This would see a <b>6.81% increase</b> from 2025/6. With an <b>annual band D charge of £33.78</b> which is an <b>additional £2.15 per year</b> increase per band D household from last year.
143	The council considered the purchase of <b>2 x Defibrillator pads</b> to be used as spares at a cost of <b>£72.00</b> as the current spares will be fitted at the end of Nov 25 due to the current pads expiring at the end of this month	<b>RESOLVED</b> to purchase the defibrillator pads by virtue of the Public Health Act 1936 s.234.
144	The council considered the purchase of a <b>Kodak LUMA 150 Portable Projector</b> at a cost of <b>£244.99</b> less VAT, and a <b>Portable Projector Screen</b> at a cost of <b>£166.99</b> less VAT.	<b>RESOLVED</b> to purchase the projector and screen to enable the Council to display accounts, presentations and photographs during meetings.

145	The council considered the purchase of <b>2 x Dog Waste bag dispensers (Post Mounted)</b> at a cost of <b>£530.55</b> inc VAT (Less fitting costs). It was suggested to install temporary dispensers using 500ml PET bottles affixed to posts/trees to ascertain if the principle works. The Council is concerned about littering that may occur as a result of the access to the bags. The Clerk is to report back to council as to the effectiveness of these temporary dispensers, and if successful there is potential to fit a more permanent solution.	<b>RESOLVED</b> to install temporary dispensers at a cost of [£40] (Public Health Act 1936 s. 164.); and the clerk report back to the next meeting on whether they have been successful.
146	The council considered the purchase of 1 x Copy of the <b>Arnold Baker on Local Council Administration</b> Edn 14 at a maximum cost of <b>£169.87</b> .	<b>RESOLVED</b> to purchase the publication to support lawful decision making within the Council.
147	The council considered the <b>registration for the Clerk</b> and the <b>annual membership</b> and payment of <b>£150.00</b> to the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC). The SLCC is the professional body for local council clerks.	<b>RESOLVED</b> to pay the SLCC professional body fees for the Clerk (Local Government Act 1972 s. 111.)
148	The council considered a <b>grant request</b> from the <b>Yorkshire Air Ambulance</b> .	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the council would not award a grant as the charity was not directly linked to the local community. The Clerk is requested to contact the Charity to see if the Parish Council could support the charity in other ways such as clothes bins.
149	The council noted that it was now registered with NYC to assist under its <b>Resilience and Emergencies Registration Scheme</b> - should the need arise for assistance to the Civil Authorities in an Emergency situation such as: Storm Damage, Unexploded Ordnance, Flooding, Fire and Winter Resilience the council would be able to assist.	<b>NOTED</b> that the Council was now registered with the resilience and emergency registration scheme.
150	The council received and considered the Clerks report.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the council accepted the Clerks Report for November 2025.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council approve the urgent repairs to the 2 x Gates in Leeming Bar park at a cost of £3800.00. It is noted that quotes were requested, but only 1 written quote was received. A verbal quote of £6000 for one gate was received but deemed not to represent value for money (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 s. 19.).  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk be instructed to contact NYC Highways to report the overgrown tree at the rear of Beaumont Gate, where the tree is impeding on Sandhill Lane.

151	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.
152	<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 15th January 2026</b> at the <b>Leeming Bar Community Hub</b> .	
153	There being no other business, the Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at <b>9.06 pm</b> .	
Signed:   Cllr J Asquith Chair Aiskew and Leeming Bar Parish Council		Date:

*R M Clare*

Richard M Clare  
Proper Officer to the Council  
19<sup>th</sup> November 2025