

**MINUTES OF BRANDSBY-CUM-STEARSBY ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN  
CHOLMELEY HALL ON 30 OCTOBER 2014 AT 7.30PM**

**Present:** Mr R Pearce (Chairman)  
Mr J Ward  
Mr R Machin  
Mr J Eglinton  
Mr R Pearson Adams  
The Clerk

Mrs C Patmore NYCC and Mrs C Cookman HDC were present.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None required.

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 JUNE 2014**

The Minutes having been circulated to the councillors prior to the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a. The hedge and verge cutting in the village has been successfully completed by Mr Craggs.
- b. Mrs Patmore had written an email to NYCC with highway issues including the state of the roads— potholes on the Avenue caused by poor replacement by Morrisons. Again the Brandsby to Crayke road was reported as being in need of repair. The too large “slow” sign on the Avenue was reported. Mrs Patmore asked whether the Brandsby sign on the road side near Home Farm could be moved to the other side of the church.  
NYCC replied: A works order to repair the potholes on the Avenue is with the contractor.  
The Highways Officer could not find a “slow” sign and asks for the location to be clarified. The Clerk would follow this up.  
The moving of the Brandsby sign would be the responsibility of the PC and may need planning permission. Mrs Patmore would report at the next meeting on how much this would cost, if planning permission was required and what agreements were necessary.
- c. The kissing gates have been repaired/replaced at the expense of the Parish Council.

**4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications have been received from HDC: -

**PROPOSAL:** Single storey extension to existing garage for form store

**LOCATION:** Stearsby Lodge, Stearsby, York

**APPLICANT:** Mrs Gilbert

Brandsby cum Stearsby Parish Council approves this application

**PROPOSAL:** Variation of condition – 7 – of planning consent 08/04638/FUL – agricultural occupancy condition

**LOCATION:** Warren House Farm, Brandsby, York

**APPLICANT:** Mr David Shields

Brandsby cum Stearsby Parish Council approves this application

**PROPOSAL:** Alterations and extensions to existing agricultural buildings to form 3 holiday units.

**LOCATION:** Mill Farm, Crayke, York

**APPLICANT:** Mr & Mrs Eric Watson

Brandsby cum Stearsby Parish Council approves this application

HCC have GRANTED this application

**PROPOSAL:** Revised application for Listed Building Consent for the retention of alterations to windows and doors

**LOCATION:** Stearsby Grange Farm, Stearsby

**APPLICANT:** Mr G S Scott

Brandsby cum Stearsby Parish Council approves this application

**PROPOSAL:** Retrospective planning application for the excavation of ground  
**LOCATION:** 1 High Side, Brandsby  
**APPLICANT:** Mr Michael Davies  
Brandsby cum Stearsby Parish Council approves this application

**PROPOSAL:** Change of use of agricultural land to domestic and the erection of an outbuilding to replace the timber sheds as amended by email received by HDC on 26 June 2014  
**LOCATION:** 2 Woodside, Brandsby  
**APPLICANT:** Mr Mark Wright  
HDC have granted this application

**PROPOSAL:** Single storey side extension to dwellinghouse  
**LOCATION:** Brook House, Stearsby  
**APPLICANT:** Mr & Mrs Marcus Watson  
Brandsby cum Stearsby Parish Council approves this application  
HDC have granted this application

## 5 **FINANCE**

The balance of the current account as at 21 October 2014 - £2,963.71

Cheques debited the last meeting: -

6 June 100236	Petty cash for the year	41.24
6 June 100235	Clerk salary for the year	120.00
15 Jul 100238	R Ward replacing/repairing gates	140.00
17 Jul 100237	Craggs Spring verge cutting	126.00
11 Sep100239	Craggs hedge & verge cutting	342.00
29 Sep100240	HDC Block insurance	115.79

Credits received since the last meeting: -

30 Sept 14	HDC ½ Precept	£750.00
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The Auditors returned the Accounts as correct with no comment. There is no charge for this service. All cheque books, paying in book, statements etc were available for inspection by the councillors.

After discussion the amount of the precept for 2015 – 2016 was to be set at £2,000.

## 6 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. HDC – Parish Precept – Arrangements for the Financial Year 2015/16 – letter explaining the process. (The amount has been discussed under FINANCE) The Clerk will email HDC with this amount.
- b. Neighbourhood Watch – A new Police Community Support Officer, Sophie Church, has been appointed for Easingwold.
- c. NYCC – Grass cutting 2015  
North Yorks County Council intends to stop funding grass cutting where it is not required for safety reasons from April 2015 but will continue to fund it to maintain minimum visibility requirements. If Brandsby wishes NYCC to cut other areas NYCC will charge BPC for this service.

As Mr Ian Craggs our private contractor already does most of the grass cutting in Brandsby it was decided to continue employing him to do this work.

- d. Snargate Hill – Brandsby – (for information purposes only)  
Mr W Page has written to NYCC complaining about the condition of the road and has emailed a copy to the Clerk.

e. HDC – Parish Elections 7 May 2015

The 4 yearly elections will take place for all Parish Council seats on 7 May 2015.

The Clerk was asked to place a notice on the village Notice Board publicising these elections.

Mrs Cookman was going to find out whether there would be a charge if an election was held for Brandsby councillors. (Subsequent to this meeting - As there is a General Election on the same day there would be no charge to BPC if an election needed to take place).

**7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

a. Cholmeley Hall Committee

Mr Eglinton reported that three of the committee had resigned and that it was now operating with three members- Mr Julian Eglinton, Mrs Hazel Kay and Mrs Christine Waite. This was not ideal but at present no one is interested on being on the committee. Although this year there has not been as many functions, the bank balance was healthy and the tea dances were very popular and a good source of income.

b. Roads in area

Mrs Patmore, NYCC is exasperated about NYCC repairing very minor roads, and not repairing roads which are in her view much more urgent.

c. Playground

d. The Chairman, Mr Pearce, was very happy that the playground was kept very tidy and although not many children use it is now a credit to the village.

e. Stearsby village

The Clerk was asked to write to NYCC to enquire whether the mended culvert was a temporary or permanent job.

f. Advertising signs on the side of the road

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr & Mrs Kitson regarding the “laying of hedge” signs and ask them to be removed. These are on the verge on the Stillington road approaching Brandsby.

g. Various correspondence dealt with by the clerk as necessary.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....