

MINUTES OF BRANDSBY-CUM-STEARSBY ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN THE CHOLMELEY HALL ON 6th OCTOBER 2009

Present: Mr R Pearce (Chairman)
Mr R Machin
Mr R S Pearson-Adams
Mr J Ward
The Clerk

Mrs C Patmore our NYCC representative and Mrs C Cookman our HDC representative were present plus two members of the public.

Mrs M Heaton has resigned from the Council due to ill health. Mr Julian Eglinton was elected and has been co-opted onto the Council. The Councillors welcomed Mr Eglinton.

1. **APOLOGIES**

None required.

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26TH MAY 2009**

The Minutes of the meeting were circulated to the Councillors before the meeting. These were agreed and approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

3.1 **Playground**

An email has been received from Mrs Teresa Jones, saying that she hoped the playground scheme could be resurrected. HDC seem to be in no hurry to have part of the grant of £4,000 returned.

On behalf of the Cholmeley Hall Committee Mr Eglinton reported that after initially withdrawing their support the Committee had reconsidered, and decided that if the playground formed an active committee and proved that this scheme was feasible it would be supported by them and contribute a sum of money.

Before the Parish Council changed their views (see Minutes of 17th March 2009) an active playground committee would have to be formed with a business proposal and constitution and presented it to the Council only then would the Council re-consider their position.

3.2 **Neighbourhood Watch**

A new sergeant is now in charge of NW.

3.3 **Telephone Box**

It was agreed that the telephone must be kept in the village for emergencies. Mobile reception is not good in the village. Looking into purchasing the kiosk is ongoing.

3.4 **The Brandsby missing sign**

The old style sign has gone missing from Crayke Road. Mrs Patmore will see to getting a replacement. Unfortunately this will be a modern one.

3.5 Village Hall Sewerage system – see Finance

3.6 Village Hall field ditch
Two estimates for the clearing of the ditch have been received. Mr Pearce is to contact Mr Alan Grainger to negotiate having his part of the ditch cleared at the same time.

3.7 Village Hall Gates
It was established at this meeting that the gates belong to Mr Eglinton of Westfield and he wished them to remain. These are in need of repair but no decision was made at this meeting because the road at the entrance needs repairing as water is running down the road. Mrs Patmore is to ask NYCC to do this.

3.7 Verge and hedge cutting
This has been done for this year.

An invoice has been received for £176.00 plus £26.40 VAT from D & K Unsworth and Sons for the cutting of the hedges in 2007. This amount was not passed on to the residents at the time as the cutting was not done satisfactorily. After discussion Mr Machin will see if he can negotiate a lower price to pay to Mr Unsworth. This charge will not be passed onto the parishioners.

3.8 Village Bus Service
Mr Pearce met with Mr Hutchinson and explained that a survey, as evidence that a service is required and will be used, will have to be done before any progress can be made. Mr Pearce suggested that Mr Hutchinson carryout the survey. No more progress has been made.

3.9 Village Speed checks
Mrs Patmore reported that speed checks had been carried out in the village over a number of weeks and that the average speed over the period was 37mph. She added that although this was above the legal limit of 30mph the police had recommended a 40mph speed limit for Brandsby and therefore were unlikely to take any further action to prosecute drivers exceeding the limit between 30mph and 40mph.
Mr Ward expressed his astonishment at Mrs Patmore's statement and the apparent refusal of North Yorkshire Police to enforce the speed limit in the village.

4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a. Construction of ménage and stables/agricultural storage building.
Seaves Farm, Brandsby,
Seaves Farming Co Ltd – Mr & Mrs D Kitson

This application has been withdrawn
- b. Revised application for the construction of ménage and stable/agricultural storage building.
Seaves Farm, Brandsby
Mr & Mrs D Kitson

BPC – approved

HDC – approved

- c. Extension to existing bakery/butchery building
Seaves Farm, Brandsby
Mr & Mrs D Kitson
- d. Retrospective change of use for alterations to agricultural building to form a bakery/butchery.
Seaves Farm, Brandsby
Mr & Mr D Kitson

There is concern by a very near neighbour about the noise level in particular from the refrigeration unit adjacent to their property. The councillors were assured by the applicant, present at the meeting that the noise level would be reduced to the neighbour's satisfaction.

If this is done BPC wish to see c & d applications approved.

- e. Alterations to form a roof over existing silage clamp to form a poultry shed.
Mill Farm, Brandsby
Mr & Mrs E Watson

BPC wish to see this application approved.

The Clerk was asked to write to HDC regarding the restrictions placed on a holiday cottage at Cotman Rise by HDC. Permission was granted for residential use until 7th October 2009 and then it had to be vacated and the holiday use re-instated on or before that date. Has this restriction been adhered to?

5. FINANCE

The balance in the bank on 21st September 2009 was £3,089.85.

Cheques paid out since the last meeting: -

3 June	100187	Clerks salary	£120.00
3 June	100186	Clerks petty Cash	£38.75
24 Jul	100188	Employers liability insurance	£100.80
2 Sep	100189	Brandsby cum Stearsby web site domain name	£28.75
3 Sep	100190	Mazaars Audit	£57.50

Credits received since the last meeting: -

27 April	HDC – precept	£750.00
1 May	Field rents	£225.00
8 June	HMRC online filing	£175.00
30 June	VAT refund	£152.86

The petty cash book, cheque book and paying in books were available for examination by the Councillors.

The precept for 2010/2011 set at £1,500.

Outgoings in the near future in addition to the usual are estimated as follows: -

Alterations to road near gateway to Cholmeley Hall	£500-£600
Ditch clearing	£500-£600
A Grainger – Cholm Hall sewerage system	£1,000

A draft agreement from Mr G Scott for the village hall drainage was discussed and approved. A copy would now be sent to Mr Grainger's solicitors, Messrs Hileys for their approval. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay £1,000 towards the capital cost with the balance of £313 being paid by the Village Hall Committee. It was further agreed that the estimated running costs of £150 be split between A Grainger, J Eglinton and the Village Hall Committee. Once the final draft is received from Alan Grainger's solicitors a further meeting of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee will be required before the agreement is signed.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 HDC- Development Framework CD – given to Mr Ward.
- 6.2 North Yorkshire Moors National Park Authority – Caretaker Scheme not applicable.
- 6.3 NYCC – Winter Service – Salt Bins & Heaps – The bins near Snargate Farm, Brandsby and near village plinth in Stearsby are to be removed.
- 6.4 HDC – Area Forum dates
- 6.5 Mrs Heaton – resignation letter. Mr Pearce has replied to this letter thanking Mrs Heaton for all her hard work over the years wishing her well and that she returns to full health in the very near future.
- 6.6 HDC – Parish Council Block Insurance – Employers Liability Insurance paid.
- 6.7 HDC – Precept of £750 to be credited in October.
- 6.8 Various correspondence received since the last meeting dealt with as necessary by the Clerk.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The meeting closed at 8.50.

Chairman.....

Date.....

