

**MINUTES OF BRANDSBY-CUM-STEARSBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE CHOLMELEY HALL ON 26TH FEBRUARY 2008 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Mr R Pearce
Mr J Ward
Mrs M Heaton
Mr R Machin
Mr R Pearson Adams
The Clerk

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

1. **APOLOGIES**

None required.

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18TH
SEPTEMBER 2007**

The Minutes of the meeting having been circulated to the Councillors before the meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a. **Hedge cutting in the village**

The Chairman has asked many times for an invoice for last year's hedge cutting but still one has not been received.

b. **Highway matters**

No response re the Crayke/Brandsby road, speeding etc has been received. A further matrix speed exercise was discussed although the one held last year was of little use. Mrs Patmore is going to try and move things forward.

c. **Septic tank**

No further developments from Alan Grainger regarding part cost.

d. **Hambleton Local development plan boundaries**

As yet no reply to the letter sent by the Chairman.

e. **Grass Cutting in the Churchyard- donation**

A donation of £250 has been sent to the secretary. Acknowledgement and thanks have been received from the secretary.

f. **Village Waste Bin**

This has now been replaced.

g. **Standards Board of England – revised Code of Conduct – Adopting the Code for
members**

A letter has been received from this Board requesting details of the adoption. The Clerk sent back details to the Board and one of the requirements was to record in the Minutes

book that paragraph 12(2) was adopted. (Paragraph 12(2) was adopted by the councilors at the last meeting but the clerk omitted to record this in the Minutes of the last meeting on 18 September 2007).

h. Village end of Avenue

Following a request from Mrs Ruck Keene a letter was sent to NYCC and a reply was received. The give way and road signs are to be inspected but there is no guarantee all motorists will then look left before pulling out.

i. Letting of Parish field - winter

The Parish field has now been let to Mr Julian Eglinton for £100 for 6 months to run from 1st September 07 to 31st March 2008. Mrs Heaton suggested that 31st March was too late, therefore it was decided that the date would be revisited if the field was required next year.

k. Playground update

A new committee has been formed and a constitution is in progress. The committee must then adopt the constitution and pass to the Parish Council to be approved at the AGM in May. Mr Giles Scott will draw up an Agreement between the Playground and the Parish Council stating terms and conditions ie. long term, lease etc. The Chairman will contact Mr Scott re the Agreement.

l. Village website

If suitable material is sent to Roger Pearce he will post it onto the site.

m. Resignation of Councillor

At the last meeting Mrs Heaton resigned as a Councillor as she has left the parish. After investigation Mrs Heaton need not have resigned but can stand until the next election. This she will do but she will not be eligible for re election.

n. Telephone box

This has now been refurbished.

m. Campervan at Rectory Corner

This has now resolved itself and has been removed.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications have been received from HDC

1. PROPOSAL: Revised application for construction of a tennis court and refencing.

LOCATION: Brandsby Hall
APPLICANT: Mr A Bourne

BPC wish to see this application approved.
HDC – application approved.

2. PROPOSAL: Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling
LOCATION: Beck Hill, Brandsby

APPLICANT: Mr D Amies

BPC wish to see this application approved.
HDC –application approved.

3. PROPOSAL: Construction of a replacement dwelling
LOCATION: Stearsby Lodge, Stearsby
APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Palmer

BPC wish to see this application approved.
HDC application approved.

4. PROPOSAL: Application to fell 14 trees subject to TPO 1993/8
LOCATION: The Avenue, Brandsby
APPLICANT: Mr R Machin, Home Farm

After answering questions regarding these trees Mr Machin left the room. The remaining councilors then made the decision: -

The Councillors recommend that the 3 trees at the Rectory Corner end of the Avenue, opposite The Lodge, are a danger and should be felled.

The rest should be left with a regular review and checked for safety and that a second row of lime trees be planted in order to create a new avenue of trees. It would be a drastic move to fell all the trees at once.

5. FINANCE

The balance in the bank as at 21st January 2007 is £1,483.41

The following cheques have been issued since the last meeting.

Sept 19 2007	100173	Mrs Heaton – fence mending	£10.00
27	174	Mazaars – audit	£58.75
Dec 31	176	Cholm Hall insurance	£932.95
Jan 3 2008	175	BPCC – grass cutting church yard	£250.00

Credits received since the last meeting

Oct 1 2007	HDC second half of precept	£750.00
31	J Eglinton rent winter grazing	£100.00
Nov 11	HMRC – filing on line	£150.00

The cheque books, paying in books, statements, petty cash book etc were available for inspection by the Councilors.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a. **Brandsby and Stearsby Village web site**

The Councillors were shown a copy of the information sheet drawn up by the Chairman regarding this web site. It was agreed that this information would be posted on the notice board and advertised in the Easingwold Advertiser.

b. **HDC – Standards Committee** – In a case dealt with by the Standards Committee difficulties arose because documentation relating to a Parish Plan Working Group had not been Minuted or otherwise. It could not be decided whether or not it came under the jurisdiction of that Parish Council.

It is a recommendation therefore, that all Parish Councils consider documenting very carefully their relationship with bodies on which they have a representation or in which they have an interest. In particular consideration should be given to documenting governance and financial arrangements at an early stage.

In Brandsby's case it is The Cholmeley Hall Committee and when set up, the Playground Committee.

It was suggested by the Chairman that a report should be given at every Parish Council meeting by the Cholmeley Hall representative.

c. **Samaritans** - The Clerk will reply stating letter better suited to WI & BPCC.

d. **Carers Centre** – The Clerk will reply re talk. Better suited to WI.

e. **Affordable housing** – Document given to Mr Ward.

f. **Hambleton Over Fifties Forum** – leaflet for information.

g. **NYCC winter gritting** – **Reply to letter requesting the gritting of Brandsby/Crayke road.** Mrs Patmore reported that there is to be an overall of which roads are gritted. If one road is gritted then another one will not be. The policy at present is for one route to be gritted into and out of a village. It will depend on the volume of traffic. Also if the grit heaps are not used they will be taken away and used elsewhere.

h. **HDC – emergency planning** – Clerk replied that BPC were not responsible for the burial ground in Brandsby.

i. **Cholmeley Hall** – The Secretary of Cholmeley Hall committee asked about village hall bookings - If a booking is made for the use of the hall and a marquee is requested does permission have to be sought from the Parish Council or does the Cholmeley Hall committee have the right to agree to this request?

The Clerk replied that it is the Cholmeley Hall committee who decide whether or not to agree to the request. Permission does not have to be sought from the PC. It was pointed out that only the Cholmeley Hall building would be covered by insurance not the marquee.

j. **HDC – Street naming** – Property at Warren House Farm, now The Listings.

- k. Howardian Hills – meeting on 7th April 2008.
- l. AON Indemnity Insurance – information. The Clerk is to investigate further whether this is needed.
- m. HDC – Grants for equipped children's play areas. – Clerk will reply and give a further update.
- n. Snargate road damage
Per email from Mrs Cookman. - This has been repaired but Mrs Patmore will examine.
- o. HDC- Liason meetings – Various Minutes and agenda's.
- p. Other correspondence - Where discussion was not necessary other correspondence has been dealt with by the Clerk.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 Salt heaps on road side into Stearsby - Mr Pearson Adams reported that although a salt container had been placed on this road the salt was still put in heaps on the road side. He is going to take photo's of this.
- 7.2 The Stores yard building plot
Mr Machin reported that by speaking to the builder the potential sewage and private water problems had been cleared up and that if there had to be a building on this site it was being built by a local builder who hopefully would be sympathetic to the surroundings.
- 7.3 Lay-by opposite The Stores
The lay-by outside The Stores is used for overnight parking. Mrs Patmore is going to find out who owns this piece of land and let the Chairman know.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05.

Chairman.....

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