

**MINUTES OF BRANDSBY-CUM-STEARSBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD IN THE CHOLMELEY HALL at 7.30pm ON 28th May 2008**

Present: Mr R Pearce (Chairman)
Mrs M Heaton
Mr R S Pearson Adams
Mr Machin
The Clerk

Mrs C Cookman, our HDC representative and Mrs Caroline Patmore our NYCC representative. No members of the public were present.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Mr J Ward.

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 22nd May 2007**

The Minutes of this meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

4. **CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Report below is in the Chairman's own words : -

"Once again the main business of the Parish Council during the last 12 months has been dealing with various planning applications. It is now certain that Ebor Stores has now closed for ever with the granting of change of use from a shop to a dwelling and we will have to wait to see how the development of the site continues.

As Chairman I would take this opportunity to question our role in planning applications as it would appear that although our opinion is sought the planning system does not appear to take even slightest notice of what we say. There seems to be no logical reason why they should grant permission in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty one property in the centre of our village which the a number of local residents and the Parish Council were opposed to and reject a barn conversion for which there were no objections.

Perhaps we should invite a member of the planning department to one of our meetings to explain our role in the future

Playground

There has been no further development with the playground project and I believe the Parish Council will need to review its support during the next 12 months.

Roads & Footpaths

Some progress has been made which included the improvement to the road past Cherry Hill Nursery.

Outstanding matters still include:

Speeding through the village

Water erosion at the Village Hall gateway

The poor state of the footpaths between the village and Rectory Corner

The re siting of the Brandsby village sign by the Church

Brandsby Web Site

The village web site is now up and running and all Parish Council meeting dates are published along with Agendas and Minutes of Meetings.

Unfortunately it does not appear to have had any effect on the numbers of residents attending meetings.

Hedge Cutting

This was carried out during 2007 though not very efficiently. The Parish Council has issued invoices for the cutting in 2007 though no invoice has been received. A new contractor has been appointed Tony Snowdon from Sutton on Forest and will shortly start on cutting the verges

Once again I would like to thank Christine Cookman for all her help and advice during the year and also to Caroline Patmore.

I would also like to thank our Clerk Susan Ward for all her hard work and keeping me up to date with everything I should be doing”.

The Chairman then asked for comments about the Report.

The Playground

The Councillors express their concern over the apparent lack of interest in the Playground project. Teresa Jones was not at this meeting to report if any further progress has been made.

5. CHOLMELEY HALL REPORT

There is no report this year and the AGM could not take place due to lack of committee members attending. This has been re-scheduled. No functions have taken place this year because at present there seems to be a lack of people to do the work. Hopefully this is only a temporary blip and volunteers will be found to serve on this Committee. The WI and Parish Council members may be called upon to serve on the Committee if necessary.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 8.pm.

Chairman.....Date.....