

MINUTES OF THE BRANDSBY CUM STEARSBY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN THE CHOLMELEY HALL ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2022
AT 7.00PM

Present:

Mr R Pearson Adams (Chairman)

Mr M Waite

Mr K Snowball

Mr M Watson

Miss C Hawcroft (The Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Calum Lyons

2. MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2022

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

Speeding - The Clerk confirmed that as requested in the last meeting she had wrote to the NYCC and politely demand a reply to the PC's concerns regarding the speeding through the village. The Clerk informed the Councillors that she had not received any response. The Councillors asked the Clerk to continue to email NYCC.

Roadworks – The Clerk confirmed that she had emailed highways raising the condition of Goal Lane and had received a response saying that due to extensive cuts to the Local Authority's budgets it has significantly reduced the extent to which they can action major repair work and often all they can do is action urgent repairs to defects which have become hazardous which is the case with Goal Lane. At present the Local Authority is unable to fund anything more substantial than minor repairs.

30 mph sign knocked down- The Councillors raised that due to an accident on the bend next to Home Farm one of the 30 mph signs had been knocked down and was currently laid on the verge adjoining the highway. The Councillors asked the Clerk to contact highways to replace the 30-mph sign.

Finance – The query raised by the Chairman on the cheque for £103.54 tax referred to in the previous minutes was had been satisfactorily resolved as it was a clerical error on the cheque stub which should had referred to 'Petty Cash' and not 'tax'.

Jubilee Tree – due to the death of Queen Elizabeth II the Councillors thought rather than have a tree planted to commemorate the Jubilee that we should have a tree planted in memory of Queen Elizabeth II. The Councillors decide that an Oak Tree should be planted, however, thought it would be sensible to as for suggestions from the villagers as to where to plant the tree. The Councillors asked the Clerk to ask Roger Pearce to put on the Brandsby cum Stearsby Parish Council website that the Parish Council were looking for suggestions where to plant an Oak tree in memory of the late Queen Elizabeth II and also a notice on the notice board.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been received from HDC:

PROPOSAL: Proposed rear extension to replace existing extension, installation of solar panels to the rear elevation main roof and installation of klargest waste treatment plant for drainage

LOCATION: 3 Dale Cottages, Brandsby

APPLICANT: Mr David Stretton

Councillors had no objections

PROPOSAL: The construction of a two storey side extension

LOCATION: Ebor Cottage, Brandsby

APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Triffett

Councillors had no objections

PROPOSAL: Variation of conditions attached to Application Reference Number: 2/04/019/0002L, to allow the property to be an independent residence

LOCATION: Hunters Moon, Brandsby Hall, Brandsby

APPLICANT: Mr N Bycroft

Councillors had no objections

PROPOSAL: Proposed conversion of the bakehouse and butchery into a single dwelling

LOCATION: Seaves farm, Brandsby

APPLICANT: Mrs J Robinson

Councillors raised concerns over access onto the highway and road safety

5. FINANCE

The cheque book, paying in book, statements etc were available for inspection by the councillors.

The Clerk confirmed that the form to change the bank mandate had been returned to HSBC Bank Plc and that HSBC had been in touch to say some additions needed to be added to the form and the Clerk was currently waiting the return of the form where she would make the necessary additions and then return it to HSBC.

Once the bank mandate had been finalised the Councillors asked the Clerk if she could ask the bank if it would be possible to have a bank card for the account which could be used to make purchases rather than having to use cheques which some places now do not accept.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Village Hall Committee's Wi-Fi request - The Clerk received an email on 14 August 2022 from the Cholmeley Hall Committee asking the Councillors for permission to install Wi-Fi in Cholmeley Hall which may involve the installation of a BT line and a post box. The Councillors thought it was a good idea for the Cholmeley hall to have Wi-Fi as this could open up more possible use of the hall. The Councillors were in principle happy to consent to Wi-Fi being installed but wish to be provided with the exact works to be carried out in order to install the Wi-Fi before give final consent.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sue Ward's gift for long service – The Councillors agreed to get a £100 gift voucher from Easingwold Golf Club shop to thank her for the long service to the Parish Council.

White House Beech Hedge – it had been raised that the White House's Beech hedge was protruding into the highway and therefore narrowing the roadway. This was causing particular issues when large/agricultural vehicles where passing other large vehicles which was making it dangerous. The Councillors asked the Clerk to write to the owners to ask them to arrange for the hedge to be cut back.

Brandsby Church Holly Tree – it was raised that the Holly tree on the grass verge outside Brandsby Church was protruding into the road and that in fact had smashed two mirrors on a tractor when going passed where

another vehicle was also passing. As the Holly bush is on the grass verge outside the boundary of the church the Councillors believed that it was highways to deal with. The Clerk was asked to write to the highways department informing them of the issue and asking them to cut the Holly bush.

Road Closures without notice – it was raised that the Brandsby to Crayke Road was closed during harvest time without any notice. The issue was raised with highways by Crayke Parish Council and they were informed that there have been some incidents where contractors have not been giving notice to road users. The Councillors did say that people could find out the road closures by going on North Yorkshire Highways web page.

Brandsby Hedge Cutting Scheme - the Councillors confirmed that they still wished for the hedge cutting scheme to continue. The Clerk was asked to contact Ian Craggs to find out if he would still like to continue cutting the hedges. If Ian Craggs did not wish to cut the hedges for 2023 then the Councillors would need to look for a new contractor.

Thank you letter from Cholmeley Hall Committee – the Clerk received a thank letter from Ruth Lyon on behalf of the Cholmeley Hall Committee thanking the Councillors for the donation of the £5,000 towards the Cholmeley Hall improvements. The letter was read out by the Chairman.

Use of the Layby outside The Old Post Office – complaints had been raised that the Morse Coaches used to collect and drop off the local school children were no able to park or safely park in the lay-by due to cars from The Old Post Office using the lay-by for parking of their cars. The Councillors said that when the houses (The Old Post Office and Ebor Cottage) were being built the Parish Council insisted that the land which is now the lay-by was not included in the development and in fact returned as a lay-by so that road users could safely pull fully off the highway in order to use the post box etc. The Councillors said that the lay-by was not an extension to The Old Post Office and that the owners should not use it to park their vehicles when in fact they had off road parking. The Clerk was asked to contact highways to see if they would contact the owners of The Post Office (if not the Parish Council would write to the Owners).

Car Parking Licence for Westfield House – the Clerk had received a reply to the letter regarding the car parking licence and the lack of a right of way to access the field adjacent to Westfield House from the owners of Westfield asking for the grant of a licence. Terms of the licence were discussed and the Councillors said that only a nominal licence fee was to be charged as the purpose of the licence was to prevent any formal rights to be acquired. As the licence was to also include a right of way then an annual fee of £50 was agreed (previous licence granted to previous owners of Westfield House charged £25 per annum, however that did not include the right of way). The licence would continue until terminated and the licence was to be personal to the owners of Westfield. The owners of

Westfield House were also to pay the Parish Council's legal costs for the preparation of the new licence. The Clerk confirmed that her firm (Knights) was able to act on preparation of the licence. The Clerk was to contact the owners of Westfield House with the proposed terms and (if agreed) the Councillors would instruct Knights to prepare the licence.

Other cars parked at the Cholmeley Hall – the Councillors asked the Clerk to write to the owner of the cars parked in the Cholmeley Hall car park and inform them that it was private land only to be used by users of the village hall and to refrain from parking on Parish Council land.

Road between Cherry Tree Hill corner & Crabtree corner – the Councillors raised concerns over the adverse camber of this road and the fact that the works currently being carried out on the edge of the road would result in the adverse camber getting worse. They also mentioned the issue with the drain that runs onto the road and freezes every winter causing hazardous driving conditions. The Councillors said that this had been raised by the Parish Council every year for many years (ever since the school bus went over the hedge in approximately 1974/1975). The Clerk was asked to write to highways to raise the Parish Council's concerns about the current works in the edge of the road and the effect they will have on the already dangerous adverse camber.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Chairman.....

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