

**MINUTES OF BRANDSBY-CUM-STEARSBY ANNUAL PARISH  
COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN CHOLMELEY HALL ON 23 MAY 2017 AT  
7.30PM**

**(Following the Annual Parish meeting)**

**Present:**

Mr R Machin (Chairman), Mr M Waite, Mr J Ward, Mr J Eglinton, Mr R Pearson Adams, The Clerk, Mrs C Cookman (HDC) and one member of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs C Patmore

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

Mr Richard Machin was proposed as Chairman by Mr Pearson Adams and seconded by Mr Ward. Mr Machin was duly elected Chairman for the coming year.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 MARCH 2017**

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

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**4.1 Defibrillator for the village**

The Clerk reported that before the Easingwold Lions could deliver a course on how to use a defibrillator a defibrillator would have to be bought.

After discussion Mrs Cookson will find out the contact details of the gentleman who came to Stillington to show them how it worked also she would find out details of the make/supplier of the defibrillator that was purchased.

No decision was made as to whether or not a defibrillator would be purchased for Brandsby.

**4.2 Masonry bees in the Cholmeley Hall**

This was now an urgent problem which needed to be solved between the Cholmeley Hall Committee and the Parish Council. It was suggested that grants could maybe be obtained to help pay for this. There would have to be quotes from builders before a grant application could be made. The Clerk was asked to do this. However during the course of the conversation Mrs Cookman (HDC) suggested that a grant application should come from the Cholmeley Hall Committee and not the Parish Council

The Clerk will liaise with Christine Waite the CH chairman about this.

**4.3 Speed Concerns through Brandsby village**

Allowing residents to address speed concerns in the village was thought not to be a solution.

Mrs Cookman would contact PCSO Chris Wood asking if the police team could help e.g. with a speed gun at busy times in the morning and evening 'work rush'.

4.4 Cholmeley Hall Insurance issue

The functions in the hall are now covered by Cholmeley Hall Committee insurance.

4.5 Road Repairs Brandsby to Crayke

Apparently some repairs have been carried out between Brandsby and Crayke.

4.6 Tenders for the fields

Complete.

4.7 Fields in Trust

The Clerk contacted Paul Jackson AONB who thought that this proposed protection was more applicable for large councils who had playing/sports fields. Therefore the councillors decided no action was necessary.

4.8 Public Rights of Way

The Clerk logged on to the North Yorks website and completed the questionnaire. NYCC are prioritising paths which are used most - money saving. Local councils will in future be involved.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been received from HDC: -

- **PROPOSAL:-** Change of use of annex to an independent dwelling
- **LOCATION:** Cotman Rise, Brandsby
- **APPLICANT:-**Mr Neville Bycroft

This application is for the property known as Hunters Moon and not Cotman Rise. There has been various correspondence regarding Mr Bycroft during the years re Cotman Rise/Hunters Moon. The councillors are extremely annoyed that planning for this property has not gone through the correct channels starting from the 2009 retrospective application for a holiday cottage. Before this time this building was a stable block. The change of use from a holiday cottage to an annex was for temporary use only and enabled Mr Bycroft's daughter and her husband to continue living in this property. The councillors believe all the applications were done retrospectively.

Re No 11 Foul Sewage - Mr Bycroft states that the foul sewage is disposed of by the Mains sewer. As far as the councillors are aware there is no Mains Sewerage in Brandsby.

May I suggest that HDC refers to all the correspondence between them and Brandsby cum Stearsby Parish Council regarding this property before a decision is made?

- **PROPOSAL:** Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling and formation of new driveway including ground source heat pump services
- **LOCATION:** Redwood, Brandsby
- **APPLICANT:** Mr Roger Kilty

**HDC have granted this application**

- **PROPOSAL:** Change of use of barn to self contained separate two bedroomed dwelling
- **LOCATION:** The Granary, Stearsby
- **APPLICANT:** Mrs Louise Higham

**Brandsby PC approved the application** but asked that neighbours representations be taken into Account.

On a personal basis Mr Pearson Adams had reservations but would contact HDC directly.

## 6. FINANCE

The balance of the bank account as at 21 May 2017 is £5,777.67

Cheques presented since the meeting: -

13 April 2017 S Ward re Title Reg & Title Plan for Local Plan £39.90

Credits received since the last meeting:-

17 Mar Eglinton Winter grazing	£100
13 April Rents for fields- M Waite & R Pearce	£500
28 April HDC ½ Precept	£750
16 May Parking at Westfield	£25

The Auditors Report and the accounting statements were confirmed as correct by the councillors and the Chairman signed the Governance Statement and Accounting Statements for 2016/17. The yearly Accounts were examined and signed by the Chairman. The petty cash book was examined and signed by the Chairman and all cheque books, paying in book; statements etc were available for inspection by the councillors.

All necessary documents will be posted on the Brandsby cum Stearsby website to comply with regulations.

As HSBC Easingwold is closing mid June 2017 the Clerk has made arrangements to be able to pay in at Easingwold Post Office. This required a Business Deposit Card which has been issued to the Clerk in her name.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

### 7.1 HDC garden waste

If Brandsby PC wishes to have a green bin they will have to pay £35 for the year. Not necessary for BPC or the Cholmeley Hall.

### 7.2 Thirsk & Malton Constituency

The Clerk has received a Statement of Persons Nominated & Notice of Poll for the General Election on 8 June.

7.3 NYCC- Hambleton Area Committee –Vacancies for Co-opted Members

No Brandsby cum Stearsby councillors interested.

7.4 Other correspondence dealt with as necessary by the Clerk.

8 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

8.1 Road between Brandsby and Easingwold

Mr Ward wished to place on record that the state of the road between Brandsby and Easingwold is unacceptable. The councillors understood that money was available for repairs to this road this year yet only a few pot holes filled with tarmac seem to have been done.

8.2 Culvert in Stearsby

There is a culvert in Stearsby village which is blocked. The Clerk was asked to contact NYCC to ask if an engineer would contact Mr Pearson Adams who would explain what the problem is.

8.3 Waste Bin in Brandsby village

There is a waste bin in Brandsby village which has been emptied by a member of the public for a number of years. As this bin now contains dog waste the Clerk asked if it could be emptied by HDC. Mrs Cookman would contact the necessary department.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman.....

Date.....