

**MINUTES OF BRANDSBY-CUM-STEARSBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
IN CHOLMELEY HALL ON 26 November 2015 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Mr R Machin - Chairman
Mr M Waite
Mr J Ward
Mr J Eglinton
Mr R Pearson Adams
The Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs C Cookman HDC

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 May 2015

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

3.1 Telephone Box

The booklet received has been read by the Clerk and the telephone box in the village should not be removed unless there is consent from HDC. They would then have to contact us. The Councillors wish this telephone box to be left where it is.

3.2 Consolidated Stock

The Consolidated Stock has been withdrawn and the balance of £142.27 has been transferred to the Brandsby cum Stearsby Parish Council bank account.

3.3 Verge and hedge cutting

This has been successfully completed by the contractor.

3.4 Various highway issues with NYCC – (letter sent by Clerk on 8 June 2015)

- The large hedge on Stillington road has been cut
- The “Mill dip” which is overgrown with rubbish and the hedge in the village slightly restricting vision- Highways officer confirmed there were no safety concerns so no further action has been taken.
- The Give Way sign has been cleaned and straightened
- Brandsby village sign – the Highways officer has cut back vegetation but pointed out that village signs were the responsibility of the Parish Council.
- Brandsby to Crayke road – The road will be assessed by HDC central team against other priority roads across the whole of North Yorkshire. The Highways Officer advised that there are no safety defects which require immediate attention.

The Clerk was asked to put a notice in the local magazine urging parishioners to write directly to NYCC about the bad state of this road.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application has been received from Hambleton District Council for the following: -

- PROPOSAL: Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian and construction of equestrian arena with formation of access track.
LOCATION: The Granary, Warren House, Brandsby
APPLICANT: Mr P Lawrey

HDC have granted this application

- PROPOSAL: Reinstating a historic farm track
LOCATION: Low Farm, Brandsby
APPLICANT: F Machin & Sons

HDC have granted this application

- PROPOSAL: Change of use of stone bothy to holiday accommodation
 LOCATION: Brook House, Stearsby
 APPLICANT: Mrs L Watson

BPC approved application
HDC have granted this application

- PROPOSAL: Construction of pergola and indoor swimming pool
 LOCATION: Stearsby Hagg Farm, Bonnygate Lane, Brandsby
 APPLICANT: Mr George Page

Application withdrawn

- PROPOSAL: Construction of replacement detached domestic garage/car port, formation of a new vehicular access and turning area/driveway and retrospective application for the demolition of existing domestic garage.
 LOCATION: 3 Dale Cottages, Brandsby
 APPLICANT: Mr Graham Binns

HDC have granted this application

5 FINANCE

Balance in bank account as at 21 November 2015 - £4,618.38

Cheques presented since the last meeting: -

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| 10 June 2015 | 100244 | S Ward, Clerks Salary | 120.00 |
| 10 June | 100245 | Petty Cash | 56.19 |
| 10 June | 100243 | N Watson wine glass R Pearce | 32.00 |
| 17 June | 100247 | HDC Employers Lia Ins | 117.88 |
| 19 June | 100246 | Langleys- registering car park land | 40.00 |
| 7 July | 100249 | Craggs – verge cutting | 144.00 |
| 8 July | 100248 | BPC Domain name | 30.00 |
| 21 Aug | 100250 | HDC Election costs | 100.00 |
| 5 October | 100252 | Craggs – hedge cutting | 288.00 |
| 21 October | 100251 | R Ward repairs seat & N Board | 100.00 |

Credits received since the last meeting: -

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| 3 July | HMRC – VAT refund | 520.83 |
| 8 July | Redemption of Consolidated Stock | 142.27 |
| 30 September | HDC – ½ Precept | 1,000.00 |
| 16 Nov | Villagers re hedge cutting | 210.00 |

The Auditors Report has been returned as correct with no amendments necessary. The petty cash book and all cheque books, paying in book; statements etc were available for inspection by the councillors.

The Precept was set for £1,500 for the year April 2016 to March 2017.

The Clerks salary is to be increased to £300 per year as from May 2016. The last increase was in 2002.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Hambleton South Neighbourhood Watch Association - Letter to encourage new members to join this committee. Forwarded to Ricky Pearson Adams by email

6.2 HDC Precept Letter – The Clerk will complete the necessary paperwork for the amount required

6.3 Yorkshire Local Councils Associations - Weekly bulletin received by email

6.4 HDC Affordable Housing – re members of community wishing to buy or rent in Brandsby. The councillors are not aware on anyone.

6.5 Rural Action Yorkshire – Winter Weather Scheme leaflet

6.6 HDC – Parish Council Information – The following has now to be published on a website for public viewing: -

- All items of expenditure over £100
- End of year Accounts
- Annual governance statement
- Internal Audit Report
- List of Councillors
- Location of public land and building assets
- Minutes, agendas and papers of formal meetings

This has all been published on www.brandsbycumstearsby.co.uk website.

The Clerk wishes to thank Mr Roger Pearce for his assistance with this matter. Mr Pearce has agreed to publish, free of charge, the items sent to him by the Clerk for publication on the website.

6.7 HDC – Mini Recycling Centres – The bins at the mini recycling site situated near the Cholmeley Hall will be removed in March 2016. They will be replaced by two 240 litre wheeled bins which will have to be put out for collection at the edge of the boundary on collection day. Mr Julian Eglinton has kindly agreed to do this.

6.8 NYCC – Easingwold Library – Easingwold Town Council has formed an Easingwold Library Steering Group to discuss the ways forward for this library. The group are now in the process of forming a management committee.

6.9 Emergency Planning person – Ainsley Halligan has previously requested a First Responder in the event of an emergency in the village. This person ideally would be someone with first aid training. A notice has been placed in the Church Magazine but had no response. It was suggested that members of the WI should be approached.

6.10 Mineral Waste Joint Plan – information given to Mr John Ward who intends to attend the meeting and will report at the next PC meeting.

6.11 HDC – Call for Sites 2015 – Local green space special to the community should be protected from new development. The Clerk completed the questionnaire outlining the Cholmeley Hall and field and the paddock in the village to be protected.

Various other items of correspondence dealt with by the Clerk as necessary.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Stearsby – The culvert in Stearsby is again a problem but better than it has been. NYCC Highways are aware of the problem. It is hoped that the Highways Department can find a long term solution to this problem.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman.....

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