

MINUTES OF BRANDSBY-CUM-STEARSBY ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN THE CHOLMELEY HALL ON 15 OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.30pm

Present:

Mr R Machin (Chairman)
Mr M Waite
Mr J Ward
Mr R Pearson Adams
Mr K Snowball
The Clerk
Mrs D Watkins (HDC)
Mrs C Patmore (NYCC)
No members of the public were present

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None required.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 MAY 2019

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 Restoration of Cholmeley Hall

A report by Carol Pennington, a member of the Cholmeley Hall committee, on the progress was read out by the Clerk. This report was an excellent summary of work so far. **A copy of the report is below.**

3.2 Retirement from HDC of Mrs Christine Cookman

After the delivery of a plant and a note of thanks to her Mrs Cookman sent a card of appreciation and wished the council all the best in the future.

3.3 Parking agreement at Westfield

Progress has been made between the solicitors involved but no communications recently. Mr Ward is going to contact Emma Warner of Langleys, BPC solicitors, to ask what progress has been made.

3.4 Highway issues

The clerk has reported to NYCC the dead tree, overhanging the road, in the grounds of Cherry Hill. NYCC have responded -they have this in hand and will be contacting the owners.

4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PROPOSAL: Proposed filling of Lime tree and reduction of lateral limb of Chestnut tree covered by Tree Preservation Order.

LOCATION & APPLICANT: Mrs Ruck Keene Mill Hill, Brandsby

BRANDSBY PC wish to see this application APPROVED

HDC have GRANTED this application

PROPOSAL: Ancillary out-building for swimming pool plant and changing room, within walled garden

LOCATION & APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs M Gould, Brandsby Hall

**Brandsby PC approved this application
HDC have GRANTED this application**

PROPOSAL: Change of use of two agricultural barns to two residential dwellings, including the demolition of a steel portal frame building

LOCATION: Home Farm, Brandsby

APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs W Machin

Brandsby PC wish to see this application approved

PROPOSAL: Single storey rear extension to dwellinghouse

LOCATION & APPLICANT: Mr Vincent Vurgest 3 Olivers View, Brandsby

Brandsby PC approved this application

HDC have GRANTED this application

PROPOSAL: Installation of air source heat pump system to rear of dwellinghouse.

LOCATION: 7 Olivers View, Brandsby

APPLICANT: Mr Richard Lake

Brandsby PC wish to see this application approved

5 FINANCE

The balance of the bank account as at 21 September 2019 is £5,473.09. (The large balance is being kept in reserve for a contribution to the refurbishment of the Cholmeley Hall)

The following cheques have been issued since the last meeting: -

15 May 2019	100279	S Ward (clerks salary)	240.00
15 May 2019	100280	S Ward (Petty cash)	76.73
16 May 2019	100278	HMRC Clerks tax	60.00
24 May 2019	100281	HDC – election costs	100.00
25 Jul 2019	100283	I Craggs – verge cutting	167.40
25 Jul 2019	100282	Website domain name	30.00
7 Aug 2019	100284	I Craggs hedge cutting	279.00

The following credits have been received:

30 April 2019	HDC ½ Precept	1,000.00
12 May 2019	Pearce paddock rent	100.00
30 May 2019	M Waite field rent	400.00
30Aug – 9 September	Various hedge cutting payments	175.00

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.

The precept for April 2020- to March 2021 has been set at £2,500. This increase is in readiness for a contribution towards the refurbishment of the Cholmeley Hall. The amount of the contribution to Cholmeley Hall has not yet been agreed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Hambleton DC – Parish Precept –Arrangements for the Financial Year 2020/21 The Clerk has informed HDC by email that the amount required is £2,500.

6.2 NYCC – Survey for Clerk to complete regarding how they intend to deliver services that meet the needs the people of N Yorks.

6.3 Traditional sign post in the middle of the village pointing towards Yearsley. Mr Mowbray, a Brandsby resident, has been in touch with Paul Jackson of Howardian Hills asking if this sign post could be renovated. Mr Jackson confirmed that is was on their list for renovation in due course.

6.4 Friends of the Earth 20 point guide for Parish councils – This email would be forwarded to Aynsley HALLIGAN who is the climate ambassador for the WI.

6.5 Citizens Advice – Donations required. As is our policy no donations are given to charities from the PC funds. The councillors are free to give privately is they wish.

6.6 HDC Planning applications – All planning applications and decisions on these applications will be sent via email

6.7 HDC Planning training available – Councillors were not interested

6.8 BT Consultation – Removal of Public Payphones Parish Councils – Due to the non use of this telephone box over the last year BT will either remove it completely or the PC can adopt for £1. The councillors decided that the box should be taken away.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 New Crematorium – Mrs Watkins reported that a new crematorium would be built at Busby Stoop close the Pet Crematorium.

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

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

See below Cholmeley Hall progress Report

Cholmeley (Brandsby Village) Hall Repairs and improvements

Report to Parish Council- 14n October 2019

The Village Hall Committee has been gathering information including quotes on the necessary repairs to the Hall. In the course of completing this work, they have also looked at improvements to the Hall to bring it up to the standard of other similar Community facilities in the local area and make it sustainable for the future.

A survey was sent out to villagers to gather their thoughts and aspirations for the Hall, 13 responses were received. The Committee are also in receipt of donations from the local Community which combined with Grants {yet to be applied for} will enable the project to progress. We have also investigated Gift aid on Donations received and will be proceeding with this.

Quotes have been gathered from; 3 Builders, a window company, a sustainable heating engineer (Air source Heat Pump and possible solar panels), a Plumber (pending), an Electrician (pending), a decorator, Builders Merchants (refurbishment of toilets and kitchen and addition of a shower)

In addition members of the Committee have met with the Planning Department and spoken to Building Control on the telephone. It has been clarified which aspects of the project will require Planning permission and which will not.

Although the Hall is a Charity we were unable to find a copy of the Constitution (which is vital for grant applications). This problem was solved by applying to the Charity Commission who were able to send us an electronic copy of the original from 1951.

Once the final quotes are received we will be in a position to work with Nicky Smith from Yorkshire First to apply for grants.

The Committee has learned a great deal from the work done so far and will continue to work collaboratively with the Parish Council to bring the project through to completion.

Carol Pennington (on behalf of the Committee)