

MINUTES OF BRANDSBY-CUM-STEARSBY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN THE CHOLMELEY HALL ON 25 FEBRUARY 2020 AT
7.30pm

Present:

Mr R Machin (Chairman)
Mr M Waite
Mr J Ward
Mr R Pearson Adams
Mr K Snowball
The Clerk
No members of the public were present

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 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 further report was received. **A copy of the Report is below**

3.2 Parking Agreement for Westfield

The parking agreement dealt with by Langleys is no longer applicable as there are different occupants in the property. Therefore an original agreement has been left with the owners, to be signed and returned, which will begin in April 2020. The amount remains at £25 for the year.

3.3 Highway Issues

The Clerk has again reported the dead tree in Cherry Hill grounds. NYCC have said that this is in hand but nothing has been done. The clerk is to contact our NYCC representative, Mrs Patmore about this issue.

3.4 BT Consultation- Removal of Public Payphones Parish Council

Due to parishioners pressure the PC have reversed their decision regarding this telephone kiosk. It will now be kept in situ. The BT equipment will be removed and the PC will pay £1. It will then be the parish property. Mr Chris Locket, who lives in the house on which part of the kiosk stands, has agreed to keep it in good order and agreed to sign a simple agreement to that effect.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications:-

PROPOSAL: Change of use of two agricultural barns to one permanent residential dwelling and one holiday-let dwelling, including the demolition of a steel portal frame building.

LOCATION: Home Farm, Brandsby

APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs W Machin

Brandsby cum Stearsby PC approved this application

(Please note, Mr Machin PC chairman was not included in the discussion)

PROPOSAL: Construction of a garage and store

LOCATION: 2 Woodside, Brandsby

APPLICANT: Mr Mark Wright

Brandsby cum Stearsby PC approved the application, but stressed that any concerns from the near neighbours must be taken into account.

HDC have granted this application

PROPOSAL: Construction of a single storey rear extension, replacement windows, construction of timber porch, conversion of existing double garage, addition of dormer window and creation of a new entrance.

LOCATION: Beck House, Stearsby

APPLICANT: Mrs Anne Dransfield

Brandsby cum Stearsby PC approved the application

HDC have approved the application

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

LOCATION: 7 Olivers View, Brandsby

APPLICANT: Mr Richard Lake

HDC have approved this application

5. FINANCE

The balance of the bank account as at 21 January 2020 is £5,737.08. (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: -

6 Nov 2019	100285	Zurich ins	Cholmeley Hall	821.01
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Credits received since the last meeting:-

30 Sept 2019	HDC	Precept	1,000.00
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17 Oct 2019	Various hedge cutting payments	85.00
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The petty cash book and all cheque books, paying in book; statements etc were available for inspection by the councillors.

A letter has been received from HSBC regarding the update and confirmation of business details regarding the PC account. The Clerk will deal with this as necessary.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Crayke Open Gardens advertising banner – Crayke are having open gardens on weekend April 18 & 19th and are asking to place a banner at the Crayke/ Stillington junction in Brandsby on weekend of March 28/29. At present there is nothing to advertise for Brandsby at this time so this was agreed.

6.2 HDC – Precept, the amount has been agreed.

6.3 Yorkshire Wildlife Trust – Information for households and businesses with septic tanks and small sewage treatment plants. New Rules were introduced in 2015 and some owners and businesses are unaware of these rules. More information can be found at: www.gov.uk/small-sewage-rules

- 6.4 The Pensions Regulator – The Clerk has received a re-declaration of compliance with the Pensions Regulator. This has been completed and returned.
- 6.5 Street lighting – A letter has been received from a resident in Dale Cottages requesting 2 street lights in that area.
BPC have requested street lighting in the past and have been told by HDC that resources are very tight and after a consultation process Brandsby comes very low on their list of priorities for street lighting. Therefore the Clerk will inform the resident that at present street lighting for Brandsby is not a possibility.
- 6.6 Renting of PC field – An enquiry was sent to Martin Waite enquiring about renting this field for horses. Martin replied that the lease agreement states no horses.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 Road issues
Water running across the road along the Brandsby/Crayke road, outside the property of Far Rush is still causing problems. Putting a sign 'ICE' does not solve the problem.
The Clerk will again contact NYCC rep Mrs Patmore about this problem.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

Below, on the next page, is a Cholmeley Hall Report on the progress of the refurbishing.

Cholmeley (Brandsby Village) Hall Repairs and Improvements

Report to Parish Council – 21 February 2020

Progress has been slow over the Christmas period but we have proceeded as follows;

An appropriately skilled and qualified volunteer kindly prepared a document outlining our plans for the Hall and this was sent to two Architects to ask them to consider the work. One said that the project was too large for them and too time consuming and declined to proceed. This prompted some discussion as to our confidence in coordinating so many different aspects, given that we are volunteers and amateurs! We decided to split the project into two phases, the first being to secure the building externally against the elements (Roof, flashings, Guttering and downpipes, Stonework and pointing, replacement Windows etc.). The second would be the internal aspects (refurbishment of toilet facilities and kitchen, Electrics, Heating, renewal of storage area, updating of upper floor and redecoration). We contacted Nicky Smith at Yorkshire first who was supportive but pointed out that some grant making bodies will give a percentage of the total project and it would therefore be advisable to apply to these before spending our ‘matched funding’ reserves.

Unfortunately we have still to obtain quotes regarding Electrics and Heating. We are in progress with the heating aspect but are yet to find a reliable Electrician. We do have a quote for the external building work that we are happy with and the firm is recommended by Alison Buckingham regarding the work already completed on Brandsby Church.

We are in the process of approaching two individuals for quotes to prepare drawings which will be required by the Planning Department and Building Regulations.

I am in the process of registering the Charity with HMRC which is required before we can claim back the Gift Aid.

We do have a problem with foul water escape from a downpipe at the North end of the Hall. This will be investigated and resolved as quickly as possible to prevent the gable end being undermined further. We have established that it is nothing to do with the Klarester system and the house next door is reporting that they do not have any problems with their drainage.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for their support and advice at our recent meeting and look forward to working together in the future.