

MINUTES OF BRANDSBY-CUM-STEARSBY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN THE CHOLMELEY HALL ON 16TH MARCH 2010

Present: Mr R Pearce (Chairman)
Mr R Machin
Mr J Ward
Mr J Eglinton
The Clerk

Mrs C Cookman our HDC representative joined the meeting later. There were three members of the public present.

1. **APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Mr R Pearson-Adams.

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH OCTOBER 2009**

The Minutes of the meeting were circulated to the Councillors before the meeting. These were agreed and approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

3.1 **Playground**

Mrs Teresa Jones was asked what progress had been made regarding the committee etc. She reported that a committee had been formed, and a constitution written. She had been in contact with HDC and they would rather the grant money be spent on a playground than have to return part of the equipment to them.

Mrs Jones then asked Mr John Carleton-Musker (a member of the public present) to report on the progress. Mr Carleton-Musker is managing director of Image Playgrounds based in Sheriff Hutton. He has drafted out a constitution for the playground and he explained the contents. He has examined the equipment already purchased and advised that it is in good working order and a high standard. He would take it to his factory to be certified for use. He would not charge for this service. Image Playgrounds would then underwrite the equipment for 10 years.

The “flooring” cost for an eco mat would be approximately £1,000. When started the time scale would be 6 weeks to completion.

Before Brandsby Parish Council agrees to any of the above the Councillors wish to see the following:

- a. A copy of the Constitution
- b. Named members of the Playground Committee
- c. Minutes of the meeting
- d. A proposal plan

If the above items were presented to the Annual Parish Council meeting to be held in late May then a decision on the way forward could be made.

Mr Machin asked if Brandsby could sustain a playground as a few of the neighbouring playgrounds are not used and had closed.

3.2 Telephone Boxes

HDC contacted the Clerk. The phone box in the village will not be removed and will be kept in working order. The phone box at Rectory Corner will be kept at present but as there have been no calls made during the last year BT may decide to take it away. If so BPC will be informed.

BT was also informed that there is very little mobile coverage in the village, an elderly population that do not use mobile phones and walkers and bikers who may need to use the phone.

The Clerk has had a letter from BT to say the village phone box will be kept in working order for the foreseeable future.

3.3 Brandsby Village sign

The Howardian Hills partnership has money available to replace missing nameplates. They have offered to replace the missing Brandsby sign on the Crayke road and re-point the plinth on which it is mounted.

The councillors agreed for the work to be done by Howardian Hills contractors. The Clerk will contact Howardian Hills.

3.4 Village Hall Sewerage system

The amended draft agreement to be examined by Langleys before going to Hileys has not yet been done. Mr Pearce has contacted Langleys many times about this. It was suggested that the draft in its present state should be taken to Hileys and then they can act for both parties. It was proposed by Mr Machin that the Chairman should speak to Giles Scott before any further action was taken.

3.5 Village hall field ditch

Mr Pearce is to contact Alan again as no progress has been made.

3.6 Village Hall gates/ repair of road

Mrs Patmore was to ask NYCC to repair the road in front of the village hall gates. Nothing has yet been done. Mr Pearce is to contact NYCC.

3.7 Hedge cutting

The hedge cutting scheme is to be offered again. The Clerk will send out the letters in due course.

3.7 Village bus service

Mr Pearce has made enquiries to the Reliance bus service about a Brandsby service. No chance.

4. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following applications have been received from HDC

a. Proposal: Alterations to existing barn to form a holiday cottage and ancillary accommodation.

Location: Seaves Farm Barn, Stillington Road, Brandsby
Applicant: Mr & Mrs D Kitson

b. Proposal: Application for listed building consent for alterations to barn to form a holiday unit and ancillary accommodation.

Location: Seaves Farm, Brandsby
Applicant: Mr & Mrs D Kitson

c. Proposal: Alterations and extension to existing dwelling
 Location: Beck Hill, Stillington Road, Brandsby.

 (This was a minor amendment to the approved scheme – alterations to garage door and ground floor windows)

 The Councillors and Clerk have no recollection of the approved scheme.
 Mrs Cookman will investigate.

d. Proposal: Two storey extension to side of existing dwelling
 Location: Spellar Park Cottage, Brandsby
 Applicant: Mr A Birkit

e. Proposal: Revised application for Listed Building Consent for alterations to existing agricultural building to form a dwelling.
 Location: The Listings, Warren House Farm, Brandsby
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs D Shields

f. Proposal: Change the use of agricultural land to domestic use
 Location: Mill Farm, Crayke Road, Brandsby
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs E Watson

All the above applications were approved by Brandsby Parish Council

All the above applications were approved by Hambleton District Council

Re Retrospective application for N Bycroft to vary condition of planning approval. i.e. temporary accommodation for family in holiday home.

HDC approved this application on a temporary basis if the family vacated the premises on 8th October 2009. The Clerk wrote to HDC to see if this has been adhered to. HDC wrote to the Clerk saying that Mr Bycroft was aware of the position and that the premises were now vacant ready for holiday lets.

If this is not so HDC wish to know.

5. FINANCE

The balance in the bank on 21st February 2010 was £2,576.78.

Cheques paid out since the last meeting: -

22 Oct 09	100191	Unsworth – hedge cutting (2007)	£202.40
1 Dec 09	100192	A Scarbro’- hedge cutting (2009)	£346.15
9 Dec 09	100193	Village hall insurance	£1,033.17

Credits paid in since the last meeting: -

9 Dec 09	Hedge cutting	£187.25
5 Jan 09	Consol stock	70p
11 Jan 2010	Hedge cutting	£30.00

As always the petty cash book, cheque book and paying in books were available for examination by the Councillors.

Outgoings in the near future in addition to the usual are estimated as follows:

Alterations to road near gateway to Cholmeley Hall	£500-£600
Ditch clearing	£500-£600
A Grainger – Cholm Hall sewerage system	£1,000

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 6.1 Howardian Hills – Meeting 20th April 2010 Appleton le Street
- 6.2 NYCC – Hambleton Area Committee - Meeting 22nd March 2010
- 6.3 HDC – Easingwold-eng-AGE into Sport – leaflet for Notice Board
- 6.4 Rural Action Yorkshire – meeting 24th March 2010, Northallerton
- 6.5 Change of property name from Spellar Park Cottage to Meadow Cottage
- 6.6 BTCV – Conservation charity . Will help with hedge laying and planting, tree planting, fence construction, dry stonewalling, scrub clearance.
- 6.7 Hambleton Citizens Advice Bureau
Great North Air Ambulance – donations wanted.

Both are excellent charities but BPC will not contribute to any charity as it is not their money to give.
- 6.7 Various letters and correspondence received since the last meeting and dealt with as necessary by the Clerk.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....