

BRANDSBY CUM STEARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN CHOLMELEY HALL

ON TUESDAY 25 AUGUST 2026 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Cllr Ricky Pearson-Adams (Chairman), Marcus Watson, Calum Lyon, Martin Waite.

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Knapton (Clerk)
3 members of the public.

26/28 APOLOGIES & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were apologies from Cllr Keith Snowball & North Yorkshire Cllr Malcolm Taylor.

26/29 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 MAY 2026

Minutes previously circulated and these were accepted.

26/30 PUBLIC FORUM

Matters raised Cherry Tree Road signage and restrictions.

26/31 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Taylor was not present.

26/32 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. The clearing of the footway from the 30mph sign to the Rectory Corner had been cleared by Cllr Waite.
- b. The new .gov.uk domain had been registered and email accounts created for the Clerk and Councillors. The Clerk would reissue the login details.
- c. The blocked culvert at the bottom of High Farm Road could still not be identified by NYC Highways. A location on a map was still required.
- d. The misspelt road sign to Brandsby in Crayke had been reported to NYC Highways but as yet had not been replaced.

26/33 BOUNDARY HEDGE

It was agreed that the residents of Bath House could remove the section of hedge and replace with a post and rail fence if they obtained any required permissions from Defra etc. and sent these to the Council before commencing work.

26/34 PLAYGROUND

Following the retirement of the current contractor it was agreed that the Clerk draft a poster to be displayed detailing the need for volunteers to come forward and assist with the playground maintenance and inspection. This was to be displayed on the website. Subsequently a member of the public had reiterated their offer to manage the playground and had been approached by a volunteer in the village to do the grass cutting. It was agreed to accept their offer and ask them to arrange matters with the grass cutting volunteer.

Approved Chairman

26/35 DOG WASTE

An issue had been reported to the Chairman by a member of the public regarding dog waste in Stearsby. It was agreed that the NUC Dog Warden be contacted and asked for advice and signage.

26/36 VILLAGE & HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE

- a. The junction of Yearsley Road and Brandsby Bank was sight lines were impeded by hedging and two accidents had been caused. The Clerk would ask NYC Highways to take action.
- b. Gaol Lane carriageway was still split and dangerous. The Clerk would report this to NYC Highways.

26/37 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

These are attached to the minutes.

26/38 PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

These are attached to the minutes.

26/39 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. The receipts and payment, actuals vs. budget and bank balances were noted.
- b. The attached payments were agreed. These were authorised electronically.
- c. The bank reconciliation was noted.
- d. The report from the Internal Auditor was noted.

26/40 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Playground maintenance.

26/41 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full council meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 November 2026 at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended at 8.17pm

Payments

Unity Trust Bank	Bank Commission	£7.00
HMRC	PAYE	£88.40
Nigel Knapton	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£162.45
AJS Gardening	Playground Maintenance	£80.00
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Commission	£7.00
HMRC	PAYE	£88.00
Nigel Knapton	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£163.85
Jane Bentley	Internal Audit	£200.00
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Commission	£7.00

Approved Chairman

Planning Applications for consideration

Reference	Date	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Recommendation
26/03584/FUL	27/07/2026	Single story side extension	Woodmans Cottage, Town Street	Mr Charles Moubray	No objections
ZB24/01389/FUL	28/07/2026	Proposed construction of a stable building	Snargate Farm House	Janey Smith	No objections