

**MINUTES OF BRANDSBY-CUM-STEARSBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE CHOLMELEY HALL ON 3rd MARCH 2011**

Present: Mr R Pearce (Chairman)
Mr J Ward
Mr R Machin
Mr J Eglinton
Mr R Pearson-Adams
The Clerk
Mrs C Cookman (HDC)

One member of the public present

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs C Patmore- NYCC

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th
OCTOBER 2010**

The Minutes of the meeting were circulated prior to the meeting. These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

3.1 Village field ditch

This work has been completed and Alan Grainger has paid his share of the bill.

3.2 Planning Application – Bycroft’s “holiday home”

No response has been received from HCD planning department from the email sent December 2010 advising HDC that the property is still being occupied by Mr Bycroft’s daughter and son-in-law.

The Clerk was asked to write another letter to HDC advising them of the situation.

3.3 Village Hall/repair of road

The entrance to the Cholmeley Hall has been tarmaced. Grateful thanks were given to Richard Ward who arranged for the tarmacing to be done, at no cost, by the contractors who were mending the road. If the tarmac had not been used it would have gone to waste.

3.4 Playground update

Teresa Jones reported that things were progressing and that she had everything in place to start with sufficient funds for financing the project.

The Councillors asked for sight of the drainage plans.

Quotes for the fencing and drainage were requested and the quotes must be made out in the name of Brandsby cum Stearsby Parish Council so that potentially VAT could be reclaimed for this part of the project.

The Councillors were supportive and wished to see the project completed as soon as possible.

- 3.5 Sewerage system
The draft agreement was discussed and agreed with some minor alterations. The Chairman would liaise with Giles Scott for the final copy and then £1,000 can be paid to Alan Grainger.

The Clerk and Chairman would draft a side letter to Julian Eglinton and the Cholmeley Hall Committee regarding the payment for the annual upkeep of the system to be kept with the agreement.

- 3.6 The Granary
The Clerk was asked to write to HDC planning department again to ask whether they were aware that the owners of this property were making it into a self contained residence and whether there had been any plans for change of use. This could potentially be a property which could be sold on. This is not allowed owing to a restriction by the original owner.

(See Minutes of 7th October 2010 –Correspondence 6.8)

- 3.6 Parish field fence
This has now been repaired by Mr Johnson.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Received from HDC

- a. Seaves Farm, Mr & Mrs Lynas – Application to remove condition 6

HDC have approved this application

- b. **Proposal:** Alteration and extension to existing dwelling and the construction of a domestic garage block.

Location: Brandsby Cottage, Stillington Road, Brandsby

Applicant: Mr & Mrs G Bilton

BPC : No observations

HDC: Approved the plans

- c. **Proposal:** Proposed alterations and extensions to existing dwelling

Location: Barfield, Brandsby

Applicant: Mr J Scofield

BPC; Wish to see the application refused

HDC: Application approved.

- d. Lea Close - Bed & Breakfast – Need only be approved by HDC, BPC have no say.

5. FINANCE

Balance of account as at 21st February 2011 - £3,114.85

Cheques issued since the last meeting: -

100198	22 Sept 2010	£58.75	Audit
100199	23 Dec	£1,076.70	Cholmeley Hall Insurance

Credits received: -

27 th Sept 2010	£750.00	second inst precept
25 th October	£75.00	hedge cutting
1 st Dec	£100.00	winter grazing

It was reported that the fence near the ditch in the parish field is broken. This could possibly be repaired/renewed in due course and the cost shared.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 HDC- Standards Committee – appointment of Parish Council representative
The councillors declined to vote.
- 6.2 Barfield hedge
The blown down hedge obstructing the pavement has now been cleared.
- 6.3 HDC Area forum meeting details.
- 6.4 NYCC Easingwold library closure
The Clerk has written a letter in support of keeping this library open.
- 6.5 NYCC Allerton Park Waste – Various correspondence given to Mr Eglinton.
- 6.6 NYCC – Winter Maintenance Service
There is no law preventing you clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your property, pathways to your property or public spaces.
- 6.7 NHS – St Monicas – The PCT Board decided to defer making a decision about the proposal to change services at St Monica’s to allow more time for discussions with the local GP practices. The PCT Board will make their decision about services at St Monica’s at its November 2010 board meeting.
- No more information has been received regarding the outcome of that meeting.
- 6.8 Caravan Park at Bonneygate Application withdrawn in its entirety. Although if 5 caravans are put on the land no permission is necessary.
- 6.9 Police Community Support officer – Safer Neighbourhood Team
An email was received in December 2010 asking for the dates of meetings. The Clerk emailed Mike Crosthwaite with an invitation to attend this meeting but no response was received.
- 6.10 Eden Project – Big Lunch – This correspondence was given to Mr Eglinton to pass to the Cholmeley Hall Committee.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.7 Hedge damage – Yearsley road – The HDC grit lorry left the road and damaged the hedge. This has now been repaired by HDC by the planting of hawthorn.

- 7.8 Damage to iron railings at West Lodge – This was damaged by a HDC refuse lorry. Christine Cookman is to enquire into getting it repaired by HDC.
- 7.9 Standing water on roads – An email is to be sent to Caroline Patmore - NYCC about the standing water on the road outside Far Rush on the Crayke Road. Also on the road near Brandsby Cottage on the Stillington Road.
- 7.10 Lay-by in Brandsby village – The owner of The Old Post Office (formally Ebor Stores) has asked the Chairman if the lay-by could be filled in and if this was not possible could it be tidied up and kerbed.

The lay-by must be kept. It is a parking space for the school bus, for peoples using the telephone box and the post box. Filling it in would lead to a dangerous situation especially early morning.

The Clerk was asked to email Mrs Caroline Patmore of NYCC explaining the situation.

Various correspondence dealt with by the Clerk since the last meeting as and when necessary.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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