

**MINUTES OF BRANDSBY-CUM-STEARSBY ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
CHOLMELEY HALL ON 21 MAY 2015 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Mr M Waite
Mr J Ward
Mr R Machin
Mr J Eglinton
Mr R Pearson Adams
The Clerk

One member of the public was present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None required.

2. PRESENTATION TO RETIRING CHAIRMAN

Mr John Ward presented Mr Roger Pearce with an engraved wine glass in recognition of his service as Chairman for the past nine years. Mr Ward wished Mr Pearce all the best for the future and hoped he would enjoy his "retirement" from the Council.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Mr Richard Machin was nominated as Chairman by Mr Pearson Adams and seconded by Mr John Ward. Mr Machin was duly elected Chairman for the coming year.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 MARCH 2015

The Minutes having been circulated to the councillors prior to the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Highway Matters

The water leak at the end of The Avenue has been repaired.

As Mrs Patmore was not at the meeting the moving of the Brandsby sign information was not available nor was any progress made re the removal of the "laying of hedge" sign on the verge approaching Brandsby on the Stillington Road which she was going to deal with.

5.2 Telephone Box

The Clerk has received general information regarding the adoption of the telephone box in Brandsby village. After discussion it was decided that the box should be left if that was an option. The Clerk will study the booklet received and report back at the next meeting.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

6.1 The following planning application has been received from Hambleton District Council for the following: -

PROPOSAL: Retrospective application for extension to existing butchery/bakery building to form a loading bay.
LOCATION: Seaves Farm, Brandsby
APPLICANT: Seaves Farming Co Ltd

As some planning application decisions seem to be made without any regard to what Brandsby PC decide Mr Ward suggested that these applications should be followed up asking HDC on what basis they came to their decision,

7. FINANCE

The balance in the bank account as at 21 April 2015 - £2,547.65

Cheques presented since the last meeting: -

9 April 2015	100242	HMRC Clerks tax	£30.00
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Credits received since the last meeting: -

9 May 2015	Hedge cutting (Davis)	£20.00
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The Auditors Report was confirmed as correct by the councillors and the Chairman signed the Governance Statement. The yearly Accounts were examined and signed by the Chairman. 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 councillors agreed to the withdrawal of the 2 ½% Consolidated Stock, value £142.27. A withdrawal form and covering letter was signed by the councillors in accordance with the Bank Mandate.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Completion of forms following Election

- Registration of Interests – 4 forms handed to the Clerk. Mr Waite sent his direct to HDC. The Clerk will send a form to HDC asking for Mr Pearce's name and details to be removed.
- New HSBC Mandate completed by all the councillors. Mr Waite, Mr Ward and the Clerk to take identity forms to HSBC!
- Expenses Claims re Elections (All nil) – Mr Eglinton handed his to the Clerk, Mr Ward has sent his directly to The Returning Officer. Mr Machin, Mr Pearson Adams and Mr Waite will deal with form in due course and send direct to Returning Officer.
- Declaration of Office forms – All councillors signed and the Clerk will retain in the records.

b. Concern regarding Hedges in the Village

Concern was expressed regarding the large beech hedge on Stillington Road, near the approach to Brandsby which is slightly overhanging the road. Mr Waite also expressed concern regarding hedges in other parts of Brandsby. The Clerk will ask Mr Waite to identify exactly where they are and then will contact NYCC.

- ### c. Verge cutting - In the past NYCC have cut verges in villages at no cost to the Parish Council. This is to change. If NYCC cut the verges they will charge the Parish. The only ones they will cut free of charge to the parish are for visibility purposes only. Therefore Brandsby PC has decided to use their own highway maintenance contractor for cutting the grass in the village and NYCC will be responsible for verge cutting for visibility purposes.

The Clerk will contact Ian Craggs asking him to cut the verges in the village. In due course the Clerk will send out the usual 'hedge cutting' letters.

- ### d. Hambleton District Council – a Declaration of Results of Poll for Parliamentary Constituency- A list of how many votes each candidate in the Thirsk and Malton Constituency received.

- ### e. Neighbourhood Watch - Mr Pearson Adams brought to the meeting a circular asking individuals to complete a survey. Mr Peace is to be asked to post this on the village web site, to be used by anyone who wishes to complete it.

- ### f. House name change – 1 High Side, Brandsby has been renamed Newburgh House, Brandsby

- ### g. Election papers – Numerous items of correspondence with regard to the Elections was dealt with as necessary by the Clerk.

- ### h. Other correspondence – dealt with as necessary by the Clerk.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ### a. New Shed in village – field attached to 2 Woodside

One of the conditions of the planning application was that it would take the place of 2 existing sheds and that the existing sheds must be removed. One of these sheds has not yet been removed. Nothing to be done at present as contractors are still on site but progress is to be monitored.

- ### b. At present The village website is under the supervision of Mr Pearce, ex councillor and ex chairman. The Councillors are delighted that Mr Pearce has agreed to continue in this role.

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