

MINUTES OF BRANDSBY-CUM-STEARSBY ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN THE CHOLMELEY HALL ON 26TH MAY 2009
FOLLOWING THE PARISH MEETING

Present: Mr R Pearce (Chairman)
Mr R Machin
Mrs M Heaton
Mr R S Pearson-Adams
The Clerk

Mrs C Patmore our NYCC representative was present. Two members of the public were present.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Mr J Ward & Mrs C Cookman (HDC).

2. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

Mr Pearce was nominated as Chairperson by Mr Machin and seconded by Mrs Heaton.

Mr Pearce was duly elected as Chairperson for the coming year.

3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH MEETING HELD ON 17th March 2009**

The Minutes of this meeting were circulated before the meeting.

There was one amendment in Matters arising :-

item (e) Cholmeley Hall Septic tank. Second paragraph. This should have read: -

“The Parish Council is to fund this by £1,000 and the Cholmeley Hall will be asked to contribute the balance of £313 plus the £150 running costs for the current year. They will be asked to fund the running costs for the following years. This will be discussed at the next Cholmeley Hall committee meeting.”

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4.1 **Playground**

The Clerk has sent two letters to HDC asking the way forward re the £4,000 grant and what equipment they need back to cover this amount . No reply has been received.

4.2 **Neighbourhood Watch**

Mr Pearson-Adams attended a meeting in which scams, internet frauds etc were discussed and what to be aware of to detect these.

4.3 **Telephone Box**

The Clerk looked back in the Minutes and found this telephone box is not a listed building.

The land on which the telephone box is sited is owned by BT. We could pay £1 and the box would belong to the Parish Council. It was agreed to disconnect the electricity supply so that no further charges were applicable. No extra charges will then occur.

After discussion the Councillors voted to retain the box as part of the character of the village.

The Chairman is to progress with the buying of the telephone box.

4.4 The Brandsby missing sign

As Mr Ward was not at the meeting this will be discussed at the next meeting.

4.5 Other items in this section will be dealt with later as they are on the Agenda.

5 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning applications have been received for the following: -

- a. Application for consent to carry out works to 2 trees both subject to Tree preservation order no 1975/2
Cranmore Rectory Corner, Brandsby, for Mr R Illingsworth

Approved by HDC

- b. Retrospective application to vary condition 4 of planning approval (holiday cottage) at Cotman Rise, Brandsby for Mr N Bycroft

Approved by HDC with restrictions: - "the permission hereby granted is valid for use by the applicant Mr Bycroft or his daughter and family namely Penny and John Holroyd and their dependents until 7 October 2009, and the residential use shall be discontinued, the premises vacated, and the holiday use re-instated on or before that date"

- c. Construction of ménage and stables/agricultural storage building.
Seaves Farm, Brandsby,
Seaves Farming Co. Ltd
Delegated Decision.

BPC discussed this application at length.

Several points were raised: -

A high level of doubt as to whether this application was appropriate
Traffic past the Sieves Mill on the busy B1363 road and access doubts
Building overlooking neighbour

Is a Riding School agricultural or commercial/leisure?

BPC suggested a HDC official should come and inspect this site bearing in mind the above points.

It has been reported that there is a meat preparation area operating believed to be commercial. If this is correct, has there been any plans for change of use? BPC have not seen any.

6. **VILLAGE HALL SEWERAGE SYSTEM**

Reference was made to the letter received from Mr Kay, Chairman of the Cholmeley Hall Committee. The letter stated that the Cholmeley Hall Committee did not feel they should pay for any of the £1,313 agreed sum payable to Mr Alan Grainger for this sewerage system. The letter suggested that the Parish Council had funds available and it should be paid for out of this.

During discussion BPC Chairman thought the agreement with Mr Grainger was a very fair one but felt that the Cholmeley Hall Committee should pay for some of this expenditure. It was pointed out that the Cholmeley Hall Committee were responsible for the running of the hall and not for capital outlay. It was also pointed out by the BPC chairman that the capital outlay for the upgrading some years ago was paid for by public subscription and various grants and not by the Parish Council. There would also be legal costs to be met by the Parish Council.

After discussion Mrs Patmore said that there may be grants available for the whole £1,313 expenditure of this sewerage system but it would have to be the Cholmeley Hall Committee that applied.

Hileys are to draw up an Agreement re the sewerage system on behalf of Mr Grainger to be approved by Mr Giles Scott for BPC.

No decision was reached at this meeting.

BPC chairman would reply to Mr Kay's letter.

7. **VILLAGE HALL FIELD DITCH**

This needs to be dredged and cleared. Mr Unsworth had given a quote of £650 for doing this job. Mr Pearson-Adams suggested getting another quote. There is not sufficient money in the Account at present to do this job but it will be kept in mind for the near future.

8. **DAMAGE TO VILLAGE HALL GATES**

After discussion it was decided to remove the gates at the entrance.

9. **VERGE & HEDGE CUTTING**

Mr Scarborough is to be asked to cut the verges as last year. Letters for hedge cutting would be sent out in due course. Mr Pearce will contact Mr Scarborough.

The Clerk is to contact NYCC for a plan of where NYCC cut the verges in Brandsby and Stearsby.

10. **STEARSBY ROAD DRAINS**

This problem is getting very serious and nothing has been done. Mrs Patmore will contact the necessary department.

11. **VILLAGE BUS SERVICE**

Mr Hutchinson, the member of the public requesting this service was not at the meeting. As reported at the last meeting a village survey will be required as evidence that a service is required and will be used. The cost of this survey would have to be met by Brandsby Parish Council.

Mr Pearce will meet with Mr Hutchinson to see if he wished to conduct a survey for this service.

12. **VILLAGE SPEED CHECKS**

Mrs Patmore reported that boxes on a post, that can't be seen, to record speeds was a more accurate record than a visual check. Mrs Patmore will take this up again.

Mr Pearce was pleased to see a distinct lack of speed by the motor cyclists riding through the village with most of them keeping to the 30mph limit.

13. **FINANCE**

The balance in the bank on 21st April 2009 was £2,132.09.

One cheque has been paid out since the last meeting-

April 15 09 100185 HM Revenue & Customs-Clerks tax £30.00

No Credits have been received.

The Auditors Report was confirmed as correct by the Councillors and the Chairman signed the Governance Statement in the appropriate place. 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 books, statements etc were looked at by the Chairman and were also available for examination by the Councillors.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence at the meeting. Various papers dealt with by the Clerk as appropriate.

15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Chairman.....Date.....