

MINUTES OF THE BRANDSBY CUM STEARSBY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN THE CHOLMELEY HALL ON 25 MAY 2023 AT
7.25PM

Present:

Mr R Pearson Adams (Chairman)
Mr M Waite
Mr K Snowball
Mr C Lyon
Miss C Hawcroft (The Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr M Watson

2. MINUTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2023

The minutes having been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting and read out by the Chairman at the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Westfield Car Parking Licence – the Clerk updated the Councillors saying that following the owners of Westfield House having agreed the Parish Council's terms for a car parking licence that the owners had been asked to arrange for their solicitor to prepare the licence for the Councillors to approve. The Clerk said that she was still waiting to receive a draft licence.

Westfield Licence for skip and WC – the Clerk informed the Councillors that following giving permission to the owners of Westfield House for a temporary licence for work vehicles, a skip and WC to be placed on the grass in front of Westfield House the owners had asked for the permission to be in June rather than May due the recent wet weather. The Councillors approved the request.

Car parked in Village Hall Car Park – It was noted that even though the owners of the car had temporarily stopped parking in the village hall car park following receipt of a letter asking them not park in the village hall car park they had started to park in the car park again. The Councillors asked the Clerk to send another letter asking them to move the car and stop parking in the car park. The Clerk was also asked to get some quotes for signs to be made which made it clear that the car park was only to be used by patrons of the car park. It was also suggested that a honesty box be installed as it was noted that ramblers/walkers sometime park in the car

park. Other village halls have honesty boxes which walkers then pay to use the car park.

Speeding in the Village – Calum Lyon said he had purchased an official radar checker and that on average the speed through the village (both ways) was 36 mph. However, Calum said that the highest speed was usually by motorbikes which was around 55mph with others recorded at 60mph. Calum said that the worst day of the week was Sundays.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk confirmed that the planning application for 13 windows at Stearsby Grange Farm had been withdrawn so no need to be considered.

5. FINANCE

The cheque book, paying in book, statements etc were available for inspection by the councillors.

The Chairman asked what amount was in the current account. The Clerk confirmed that as at 21 April 2023 there was £4,908.75 in the account.

The Clerk confirmed that the annual accounts had been prepared. The Internal Auditors Report and accounting statements were reviewed and confirmed as correct by the Councillors and the Chairman signed the Governance Statement and Accounting Statements for 2022/2023. The yearly accounts were examined by the Chairman and signed by the Chairman. The Petty Cash book was examined and signed by the Chairman.

The Councillors confirmed that the table tennis tables, marquee and the barbeque all belonged to the Cholmeley Hall Committee and not the Parish Council so were not to be included in the fixed asset.

The Clerks Salary of £300 was confirmed to be paid and the Clerk confirmed that she would prepare a cheque to be circulated and signed following the meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Email from resident - The Clerk had previously forwarded the Councillors an emailed received from Charles Mowbray who had asked following receipt of his Council Tax bill calculation for the year what the Parish Council did. The Councillors asked the Clerk to write back informing Mr Mowbray to inform him that the minutes of the meeting could be viewed on the Parish Council Website and that he would be very welcome at the meetings so he could see what the Parish Council did.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Village footpath - It was raised that the path between the 30 mph sign and rectory corner had disappeared. The Chairman said that there had been previous discussions about having a path put in, however, Hambleton District Council at the time would only put a white line on the road. It was raised that vegetation had grown and now covered the ground over the white line. It was also raised that the path in front of the Crabtrees and the Rectory Corner cottages was difficult to use as the hedges of those properties had grown out into the path. It was said that the hedges needed cutting back. It was suggested that Ian Craggs who cut the hedges in July was asked to cut the hedges right back. The Clerk was to ask the owners if they were agreeable to this. Martin Waite said that he would then organise the path to be cleared.

FBT of Bath House - the Clerk informed the Councillors that Roger Pearce had asked to keep renting the field until he had sold his house. The Councillors confirmed that they were happy for Roger to continue to rent the field until he moved from Bath House. However, once he moved then the new owners could not use/occupy the land as the farm business tenancy (FBT) agreement prevented any subletting. The Councillors said that the best way forward would be for Roger to surrender the FBT back to the Parish Council on completion of his sale. The Clerk was asked to inform Roger of the above. The Councillors confirmed that the field would then need to be advertised for rent.

Jaol Lane – The Chairman asked the Clerk to email the highways department to ask for Jaol Lane to be re-surfaced.

Resignation of the Clerk – the Clerk explained to the Councillors that due to the extremely long hours she worked that she did not have the time to give to the position. The Councillors confirmed that they understood and thanked the Clerk for all the work she had done. The Clerk confirmed that she would continue until her replacement was found (provided it was for a short time). The Councillors agreed to ask people in the village and the Clerk said that she would put up a notice on the village notice board. The Chairman said that if no one could be found then they would put an advert in the Easingwold Advertiser.

Parish Council website – The Clerk had previously informed the Councillors that as Roger Pearce was leaving the village that a new website needed to be put in place. The Clerk had spoken with the Clerk of Stillington Parish Council whose website was currently being changed and he had kindly given her the name of JKE Parish Council Websites. The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact them to obtain a price. Calum Lyon said that he also knew of a website company and would approach them for a price too.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman.....

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