

**MINUTES OF BRANDSBY-CUM-STEARSBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE CHOLMELEY HALL ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2007 at 7.30.pm**

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

Mrs C Cookman, our HDC representative attended for the second half. One member of the public was present.

1. **APOLOGIES**

None required.

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 MAY 2007**

The Minutes of this meeting having been circulated to the Councillors before the meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

3.1 Hedge cutting in the village

Again there has been a problem with the cutting of the hedges. This has now been done but not by the date the contractor promised. For next year the council will seek another contractor.

3.2 Village highway matters

- Brandsby/Crayke road – After another letter sent by BPC to NYCC three BP councillors met with Mrs Patmore and a representative from NYCC on site. The NYCC representative said gritting on this road was not a priority and if this road was gritted another road would loose out. She also said that there was no reports of any accidents on this road. Mr Ward pointed out that there has been many over the years including an accident involving a school bus. The camber on this particular corner needs repairing. No correspondence regarding this meeting has been received by BPC.

XXXXXXXX The Clerk was asked to write another letter. XXXXXXXX

- Footpath & speed limits – see correspondence

3.3 Septic tank

No further developments re cost.

3.4 Hambleton local development –boundaries

No reply to letter we sent.

The Chairman will draft another letter.

- 3.5 North Yorkshire Minerals & Waste Strategies
Mr Ward reported on the information – ongoing.
- 3.6 Grass cutting in the Churchyard – see correspondence
- 3.7 Village seat
This has now been refurbished and Mr Richard Ward was thanked.
- 3.7 Village waste bin
Since the closing of the village shop the waste bin has gone missing.
The clerk is to make arrangement for a replacement.
- 3.8 Hambleton Local Development Framework
Mr Ward commented on the contents.

4. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications have been received from HDC.

1. PROPOSAL: Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling
LOCATION: Stearsby Lodge, Stearsby York
APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Palmer

BPC – After the site meeting BPC wish to see this application approved.

(Mr Pearson-Adams, a near neighbour, had no involvement in the discussions).
2. PROPOSAL: Two single storey extensions to existing dwelling and siting of an oil storage tank.
LOCATION: Dale End House, Brandsby
APPLICANT: Dr & Mrs Jones

BPC wish to see this application approved.
HDC- approved the application
3. PROPOSAL: Construction of a tennis court and fencing
LOCATION: Brandsby Hall, Brandsby
APPLICANT: Mr A Bourne

BPC wish to see this application approved.
HDC – approved the application
4. PROPOSAL: Single storey extension to existing dwelling
LOCATION: Snargate Cottage, Brandsby
APPLICANT: Mrs Terry

BPC wish to see this application approved.
HDC approved the application

5. PROPOSAL: Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling, construction of a plant room, garage with workshop and office, gates and gate posts and creation of a new vehicular access.

LOCATION: Lea Close, Brandsby

APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs M Harrison

BPC wish to see this application approved.

(As Mr Machin is a near neighbour he had no involvement in the decision.)

6. PROPOSAL: Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling

LOCATION: Beck Hill, Brandsby

APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Amies

BPC wish to see this application approved.

7. Received from HDC –

Approved - Mr & Mrs S Jackson - 2 High Side, Brandsby - First floor extension to existing dwelling application.

5. FINANCE

The balance in the Bank as at 21st August is £1,733.51.

The following cheques have been issued since the last meeting.

23 May 100169	S Ward – petty cash for the year	£48.34
100170	S Ward – Clerks salary	£117.00
100171	HDC Public Liability insurance	£100.80
23 Jul 100172	L L Ward & Son- village seat refurbishment	£40.00

Credits received since the last meeting – None

The cheque books, paying in books, statements, petty cash book, were available for the councillors to examine.

The precept for the year April 2008 to March 2009 was set at £1,500.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Review of passenger Transport Services & Home to School Transport services in Ryedale and Easingwold with surrounding areas. – A reply was sent by the Chairman. No further correspondence has been received.

6.2 Yorkshire Rural Community council Hambleton Rural Housing Enabler – becoming a member – not at present.

6.3 Standards Board for England – revised Code of Conduct – A copy of the new Code of Conduct, Guide for members and the pocket guide was given to all the councillors.

The Clerk was asked to formally adopt the code by advising HDC. There was no change in the councillors interests. The clerk would ask the HDC to be included within the publication of a composite advertisement on BPC's behalf.

- 6.4 **Grass cutting in the churchyard** – The Council has received from Mrs Ann Jackson, the secretary to PCC quotations with regard to the cutting of the grass in the churchyard.

After much discussion it was decided to donate £250 to the church for this purpose. This would be reviewed on an annual basis.

(As the Chairman of BPC is a churchwarden he took no part in the discussion).

- 6.5 **Footpath and speed limits** – Two messages have been left on the Clerks answer phone by Mrs Carleton Musker regarding the footpath and speed limit although no more information was given. The Clerk went to her home to discuss the matter. The suggestion was made that she put her questions in writing to BPC and also write direct to NYCC. This suggestion was in case she could not attend the meeting. However no letter has been received and she did not attend the meeting therefore any discussion regarding her question on the footpath and speed limits did not take place.

The Chairman pointed out that there is ongoing correspondence regarding footpaths and speed limits in the village.

- 6.6 **Village end of Avenue** – Mrs Ruck Keene is concerned about the safety of pulling out of Mill Hill drive. The cars coming out of the Avenue onto the Helmsley road do not always look left. There is already a give way sign and after discussion it was felt that the white line at the end of the Avenue should be re-instated.

The Clerk would write to NYCC.

- 6.7 **Brandsby village sign** – The Chairman will again draft a letter asking for this sign to be moved from outside Home Farm to beyond the church.

- 6.8 **Dog fouling in the Avenue** – A letter has been received from Mrs Harrison of Lea Close complaining about dog fouling in the Avenue.

This has been dealt with by contacting HDC who issued notices re dog fouling which are now posted on trees in The Avenue.

- 6.9 **Hambleton & Richmond Carers Centre** – Information to be passed to PCC.

- 6.10 **Vitalise** – Passed to PCC.

- 6.11 **Renting of Parish field in winter** – A letter has been received from Mr Eglinton, Westfield, asking about the possibility of hiring this field to over winter store lambs.

After discussion it was decided to let Mr Eglinton rent the field for £100 for a maximum of 15 lambs. The Chairman would draft a letter to be sent to Mr Eglinton setting out the details together with a grazing agreement.

- 6.12 **Camping & Caravanning Club** – An acknowledgement of the letter we sent has been received. We await further correspondence.

- 6.13 **Playground update** – a letter has been received from HDC asking for an update of the progress of the playground. They ask whether it can be completed by the end of March 2008.

Although not at the meeting Mrs Jones, sent details of where the project stands at the moment. A committee of sorts has been formed and Giles Scott has been asked to help with the constitution. They are to apply for charity status for future grants and a special insurance will be needed.

Richard Oates (the member of the public present) is one of that Committee and hopes that the project can get underway soon.

The clerk is to write to HDC updating them of the position.

- 6.14 **Communication within the village – website** – The Chairman has set up a website for the use of the village. He has donated the web name, which is www.brandsbycumstearsby.co.uk. and will keep the site up to date. If all material is sent to him via email, the Parish Council Minutes, church news, WI news, etc can be put on this site.

The name of this site is to be publicised i.e. village notice board, church notice board, Cholmeley Hall notice board etc.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 **Resignation of Councillor**

Mrs Mary Heaton tendered her resignation from the Council. She is leaving the village shortly and will not be eligible to stand.

The Chairman thanked her for all the hard work and input she had given during the years she had been a councillor. The councillors wished her all the best in her new home.

The clerk will write thanking Mrs Heaton on behalf of the Council.

7.2 **Telephone Box**

The village telephone box is in a very poor state of repair.

The Clerk is to write to BT.

7.3 **Campervan parking**

A campervan is parking on the road outside Ashtree Lodge at Rectory Corner. Some vehicles are having difficulty passing this vehicle for access up the road.

There was no other business therefore the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....