

**MINUTES OF BRANDSBY-CUM-STEARSBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE CHOLMELEY HALL ON 23rd SEPTEMBER 2008**

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

Mrs C Cookman, our HDC representative was present. No members of the public were present.

1. **APOLOGIES**

None required.

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH MEETING HELD ON 28th MAY 2008**

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**

This has now been completed.

To keep the village looking tidy Mr Machin suggested a further cutting of the verges at the beginning of November. A notice is to be put on the Notice Board and posted on the website for anyone wanting their hedges cutting again. No letters will be sent out.

3.2 **Speeding through the village/Cherry Hill Nurseries corner**

Mrs Patmore was to arrange for a matric speed exercise to take place. Nothing has been done.

At various PC meetings discussions have taken place regarding the road near Cherry Hill Nurseries. At the February 08 meeting Mrs Patmore promised to try to move things forward. The Councillors appreciated that more bollards and a sign have been erected. However there as been another accident during the last 2 months.

The Clerk was asked to email Mrs Patmore on these two issues and ask what progress has been made.

3.3 **Playground**

No further progress.

3.4 **Lay-by opposite Ebor House**

Mrs Patmore was to contact Highways department to ask who owns the land and seek guidance on a No Overnight Parking notice. Nothing has been received regarding this.

The Clerk was asked to email Mrs Patmore with regard to this matter.

3.4 Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Pearson-Adams has asked HSBC to transfer the balance of the Neighbourhood Watch Account into the Brandsby PC Account. The amount will be used for neighbourhood watch needs. As Mr Johnson, the Chairman of Neighbourhood Watch, is leaving the village the Councillors agreed that Mr Pearson-Adams be appointed chairman.

4. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications have been received from HDC

1. PROPOSAL: Construction of a domestic garage and stable block
LOCATION: The Granary, Warren House Farm, Brandsby
APPLICANT: Mr P Lawery

BPC wish to see this application approved.

2. PROPOSAL: Single storey extension to existing dwelling
LOCATION: The Granary, Stearsby, York
APPLICANT: Louise Higham

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

3. PROPOSAL: Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling
LOCATION: Ebor House, Brandsby, York
APPLICANT: Mr Paul Redshaw

BPC wish to see this application approved.

4. PROPOSAL: Revised application for the construction of a dwelling
LOCATION: Ebor Cottage, Brandsby
APPLICANT: Mr P Redshaw

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

5. PROPOSAL: Alterations and extensions to existing agricultural buildings to form 3 holiday units
LOCATION: Mill Farm, Brandsby,
APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs E Watson

HDC – application approved.

6. PROPOSAL: Construction of a detached domestic garage
LOCATION: The Listings, Warren House Farm, Brandsby
APPLICANT: Mr P Shields

HDC – application approved.

5. **FINANCE**

The balance in the bank as at 21st August 2008 is £2,386.09

The following cheques have been issued since the last meeting.

26.5.08	100178	Clerks salary	£117.00
26.5.08	100179	Petty cash	£42.72
26.5.08	100180	HDC Emp Lia Insurance	£100.80
2.9.09	100181	Mazars Auditors	£58.75

Credits received since the last meeting

20.6.08	Hedge cutting (2007)	£195.00
20.6.08	Field rent – R Pearce	50.00
27.6.08	Hedge cutting – Palmer	£25.00
27.8.08	Hedge cutting – Bilton	£25.00

The cheque books, paying in books, statements, petty cash book etc were available for inspection by the Councillors.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 6.1 HDC Street naming – New property – land adjacent Ebor Stores, Brandsby
The new property will be named Ebor Cottage.

- 6.2 NYCC – Special interest verge in Brandsby cum Stearsby parish
The roadside verge named Peacock Plantation has been identified as being one of the top ten verges in the district for the wildlife and wild flower interest. NYCC asked if BPC cut the verge and if not who does.

The Clerk replied that the Council have no knowledge that this verge is of special interest and it is not cut by BPC. The Clerk suggested that NYCC contact Mr M Marshall of Grimston Manor as he owns the land on one side of this road and maybe the other side.

This information has been acknowledged by NYCC.

- 6.3 HDC Area Forum dates- Poster has been displayed on the Notice Board.
- 6.4 Mencap – Asking for a donation – This has been passed on to the Church.
- 6.5 Affordable Housing supplementary planning document – Passed on to Mr Ward.
- 6.6 NYCC Cando Parish funds NY National Parks – Grants for projects. Handed to Mrs Heaton for the Cholmeley Hall Committee.
- 6.7 HDC Street clean up scheme – Handed to Mr Pearce.
- 6.8 Other correspondence - Where discussion was not necessary other correspondence has been dealt with by the Clerk.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 Brandsby village telephone box

The Chairman has been in touch with English Heritage regarding placing a preservation order on this telephone box in the village. This was in anticipation that perhaps BT would wish to remove it in the future. Apparently telephone boxes can be “adopted” and kept working at a cost of £500 per year or the can be bought for £200 without the telephone inside.

Mrs Cookman will enquire at HDC re adopting this box.

This telephone box is an important part of the village and must be kept.

7.2 Ebor House

Mr Machin is very concerned about the sewage situation regarding this large development.

Mrs Cookman will speak with Mr Redshaw, the developer about this.

7.3 Grazing – Field

Mr Eglinton is again renting the field over the winter months. An invoice for £100 and an agreement will be sent to him.

7.4 Grazing – Paddock

Mr Pearce asked whether he should be paying more for the rent of this paddock as he uses it for a small flock of hens over the winter months. It was agreed to leave the payment as it is. The Clerk will send out an Agreement to Mr Pearce.

7.5 Village Hall

Graham Kay is now the Chairman and Mrs Hazel Kay the secretary. The committee does not comply with the constitution but committee members are hard to get so anyone willing to stand will be accepted.

7.6 Septic tank

It was agreed to wait while Mr Alan Grainger approaches the Council with regard to the cost of the septic tank. It was noted that Mr Grainger did not make any arrangements with the village hall committee or the council for part payment of the hall before the tank was installed.

The bank balance at present is higher than usual with this payment in mind.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45

Chairman.....

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