

## **DRAFT**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Annual Parish Assembly held in the Village Hall, Cockpit Hill, Brompton on Tuesday 15th April 2018.**

Councillors attending Mrs M Chandler, Mrs S Haynes, Mr H Van Huet, Mr B Martin, Mr D Plews, Mrs B Slater, (in the Chair), Mrs M Sheil Dods

There were 4 members of the public present.

#### 1. MINUTES.

Copies of the Minutes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Assembly held on the Tuesday 18th April 2017 were circulated prior to the meeting.

AGREED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Tuesday 18 April 2017, as circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### 2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The Chairman of the Council submitted the following report -

During the past year we have gained a new Councillor, Mrs Sarah Haynes and for the first time in many years we now have a full complement of 9 Councillors serving on the Council.

A commemorative plaque to the memory of Janet Kirk was donated by Wilson and Willoughby's Funeral Services and placed next to a commemorative oak tree provided by the Council and planted at Water End. A short ceremony was held one Saturday morning with Janet's family and friends for the planting of the tree.

A new roundabout was purchased for £6,000 which included the removal of the metal spline of the old roundabout and the extension of the safety surfacing.

The possibility of installing some BMX style jumps at the Recreation Ground had also been discussed with the Company that installed the roundabout but at the cost of £1,000.00 each these were outside the Council's budget. However this is something the Council intends to pursue in time for the children's school summer holidays.

The crossbar on one of the goalposts broke off and was laid flat at the side of the field for safety reasons. The goalposts have been in the Recreation Ground for about forty years and therefore were considered beyond repair and are to be replaced by modern smaller goal posts.

The basketball hoop will also be replaced with a new netball hoop together with other updating works at the Recreation Ground.

The Council paid for another batch of street lights to be turned back on in the last winter and intends to put a few more back on for the next winter. A recent tour of the village has revealed that the village is quite well lit now late at night.

The County Council NYCC Highways intends to replace all of its standard street lighting with LED technology and has approved the first £2m of a £12.9m programme to replace 44,000 street lights with the more energy efficient LED equipment. This will be completed by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and will include Brompton.

Concerns about the vehicle situation outside the school have been a regular matter on the Council's agendas in recent months. NYCC Highways have been reluctant to pursue a Traffic Order for permanent double yellow lines and has asked the operator of the garage business to restrict the

amount of time that his vehicles are parked on the highway especially at school pick up and drop off times. The introduction of double yellow lines would be a 24/7 restriction and it may be more appropriate to consider a timed restriction if any restrictions were going to be introduced especially as the main concern is the interaction of the traffic at the busier times with the school.

With regards to Bowe Bridge North Yorkshire County Highways investigated a traffic priority system with the priority being given to vehicles heading north leaving Brompton. This may have helped slow vehicles heading into Brompton however this was not taken any further as Network Rail had concerns in relation to the potential safety concerns on the level crossing caused by the potential of backing up traffic. Having a priority system the other way around would give vehicles a straight run over the bridge which would create more problems than it would solve and as such a priority system for the bridge is not proposed.

The Council intends to fund the construction of a metal pedestrian bridge leading from the Brompton Recreation Groups car park to the school grounds so that there is less danger to parents with children walking to over Bowe Bridge to school.

Works took place last year restoring the footpath alongside Stokesley Road from Hellikeld Corner towards Little Lane which had been overgrown for many years. This went some way to compensating for the temporary loss of the footpath alongside Stokesley Road from Lead Lane to Northallerton due to the works connected with the North Northallerton Development.

In December last year Sam Turners very kindly agreed to donate the Christmas Tree to go on the Church Green for Carol Singing; it is hoped that they will do so again this year.

The Council receives regular reports from the 880 Group. In August events are to take place at Lenthor Farm where at the Battle of The Standard in 1138 the top of the hill at Lenthor Farm had been a look-out point for the Battle and therefore there is an appropriate Historical connection. The main events will take place on the 18th and 19th August with a re-enactment and on the Sunday an Authentic medieval open-air religious service of remembrance in respect to everyone who had died in the Battle.

The Council was approached by a resident that a 40mph speed limit should be requested along Stokesley Road and we agreed in view of the new North Northallerton development and it was understood that a number of accidents had occurred since the development had been begun. County Councillor Hugill was supportive of the speed limit and thought that it would be a good time to ask for such a speed limit in view of the new development and associated roundabouts.

However NYCC Highways pointed to Regulations that had to be complied with and could not put in 40mph speed limits where everyone wished to see them as they did not comply with national regulations and criteria that had to be adhered to. The 40mph request on the A684 would not be achievable as it did not meet the design criteria set out by the Department for Transport. The Council also requested double white lines to put down along parts of the road on highway safety ground - however that request was also refused as once again it did not meet with the national criteria.

A resident on Station Road asked for residents parking to be implemented so that she could park outside her property and had submitted reasons as to why she needed to park outside her house on very near to it. North Yorkshire County Highways has suspended its Residents Parking Schemes but also reported that the cobbled area directly outside the house did not form part of the public highway. However Brompton Council is of the view that although the area of land was cobbled many years ago the land itself is not within the ownership of Brompton Council and therefore it would also not be able to impose any Residents Parking. In addition the Council could not do this for only a few residents in the Village.

The Council also considered that Residents parking schemes help people living in areas where there is high demand for on-street parking, such as town centres or near large employers. They give

residents priority, but do not entitle residents to their own parking space or guarantee a parking space at all times. Residential parking zones are set up to discourage commuter and long-stay parking in areas where parking is at a premium. Brompton would not be considered for such a scheme as it is predominantly residents who park on street and would therefore have little benefit.

Concerns have been expressed about car parking along Church View as it is not always possible to park outside ones own properties since some householders have two cars and park outside other people's homes. The Council provided a car park off Cockpit Hill to help reduce overflow parking as with many areas in Brompton parking on the roadside is on a first come first served basis so far as the parking spaces are concerned.

This issue of residents parking has previously been raised with residents who have not expressed any interest in such a scheme.

Concerns were brought to the Council about the behaviour of the children at the Priory Group premise on Little Lane however the situation does seem to have stabilised over the past three months or so.

Finally, to finish on a not so pleasant topic Dog Fouling. Unfortunately it has been necessary to erect a series of notices around the Church View area about the level of dog fouling taking place in that part of the village. There is still dog fouling in locations around the village and residents are asked to report any details that they become aware of so that action can be taken.

### 3. FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer reported that the Council had decided this year to keep its annual Precept at £42,000 in the previous financial year but had increased this to £45,000 from 1 April 2018. The approved audited figures for the financial year ended 31 March 2017 were reported as having been as follows –

Carried forward -	£24,318
Precept -	£42,000
Receipts -	£6,481
Staff costs -	£3,150
Loans -	0
All Other Payments -	£34,589
Balances c/f -	£38,201
Total Cash -	£38,201
Fixed Assets -	£62,000

The Clerk commented that it was disappointing that there had been a substantial shortfall in expenditure, falling from £47,051 in the previous financial year to £34,589 which was over £10,000 below what had been budgeted for.

AGREED – That the financial report be accepted.

### 4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

No matters were raised by the public who were present at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm

