

**Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in The Methodist Church, Brompton on Tuesday 18th December 2018.**

PRESENT – Councillors Dr K Carverley, Mrs M Chandler, Mr H Van Huet, Mr B Martin (in the Chair), Mrs M Shiel Dods and Mr S O’Sullivan.

There were 14 members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Sarah Haynes and from County Councillor David Hugill.

No declarations of interest in any of the items on the agenda were made by Councillors.

2. MINUTES.

AGREED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20th November 2018, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

The Clerk reported that no local Crime Report had been received for the last month. When it was received it would be emailed to Councillors.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(i) North Northallerton Development Road Closure.

The Clerk reported that the local MP had responded to the 15 issues that the Council had taken up with him about the various concerns of residents about the road closure. The MP had taken these matters up with NYCC but unfortunately in the majority of cases the responses were exactly what the Council had received over the past two months from NY Highways. Councillors considered that the MP's letter was a very disappointing read and gave the Town Council's concerns very little weight. They also conserved that I think we need to keep the pressure on NYCC, the MP and the developer regarding the pedestrian crossing on the new road.

The Chairman added that Having spoken to a lot of people over the last few weeks they had all confirmed his fears that the new road would become a rat run of cars avoiding the level crossing at Low Gates. They had all said that they would use the road to get into town via Darlington Road as they would not get caught up in the long tail backs

The Clerk reported that the following had been sent to NY Highways –

“Can the new signage be erected for the new development at the Northallerton end?”

There aren't going to be any changes so it would seem appropriate for the new traffic “No Through Road” signs to be permanently erected.

There should also be a permanent “dead end” sign erected as this will not change in the future.

The roundabout sign still indicates Brompton first left. This needs to be blanked it out to indicate Brompton as straight on. Local people may have got used to the roundabout sign but visitors still go first left.

More significantly is that an ambulance trying to access De Bruce Road came up Northallerton Road not realising it was shut off and had to go the long way round via Lead Lane. In a case of emergency this therefore wastes valuable time”.

The following response had been received from the Highways Improvement Manager - .

“This matter has now been looked into, I can confirm that the Highway Authority are satisfied that the signs advising of no access to Brompton have been positioned by the contractor in the most appropriate position. Whilst we always endeavour to ensure road works and closures are signed appropriately and clearly we cannot cater for those drivers who choose to ignore the signage.

I can confirm that once the new road layout is constructed all the appropriate signage in line with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Direction will be in place prior to opening to traffic. This will also include any necessary changes to existing directional signs”.

There was also the issue of low sunshine blinding drivers when travelling on Lead Lane early in the mornings. Councillor Mrs Sanderson indicated that she would be willing to ask for a meeting between Taylor Wimpey and Brompton Council. She added that Taylor Wimpey were not responsible for any hold-ups to the contract such as the discovery of the gas pipe that had delayed works so far. Having regard to this the contract was one of a twelve month period anyway.

Councillors commented that from what they had seen works to the new road through the housing estate seemed to be progressing on a daily basis, however a change in the weather conditions could very much affect that progress.

It seemed to be a practice now for motorists to come off Darlington Road and head towards Lead Lane and in the future this could become an issue. As regards gritting it appeared as though Lead Lane was being gritted on a regular basis.

Councillor Mrs Sanderson confirmed the works of bring the steel work in for the bridge would take place on Christmas Day 2019 when there were no trains running.

It was possible that there would be some monies coming to Brompton Council by way of the Section 106 Agreement whereby the open spaces on the new development transferred to the District Council.

AGREED – That the MP be asked to ascertain when the new road would be opened so that excess traffic is taken away from the village

(i) Unauthorised Waste Site, Brompton.

The Clerk reported that the following letter had been sent from NYCC to Selective Skip Hire Ltd -

“I write with reference to complaints received in regards to the above named site.

I note that there are no existing planning permissions for the site nor have North Yorkshire County Council received any planning applications for waste related uses at Station Road, Brompton. Further, there have been no pre-application discussions or enquiries in respect of this site. I understand from Hambleton District Council officers that they have made contact with you and that a planning application to them should be forthcoming in 6 weeks’ time.

However, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that any waste related activity on the site would be a planning matter for North Yorkshire County Council to consider as a County Matter and will require planning permission. This would include the bringing in of any waste; the storage of waste; its sorting, recycling or transfer. The importation of materials for bunding in preparation for the use could also potentially be waste development too. Even if the proposed use was partially waste related and partially storage (e.g. skips) the overall proposal could still need to be determined by NYCC as a County Matter. I note the reference to construction waste recycling and to the laying of clean hardcore and clearing and levelling of the site in your letter. In line with national policy and guidance, any proposed waste related development would require planning permission from North Yorkshire County Council and would be assessed against local policy in the North Yorkshire Waste Local Plan, any relevant Hambleton District Local Plan policies and against national policy in the National Planning Policy for Waste and National Planning Policy Framework.

Should a waste activity take place on the site such as the bringing in of waste skips and their contents together with associated storage of waste without the benefit of Planning Permission, it would be a breach of planning control. As a County Matter development without the benefit of planning permission, you should be aware that the County Council would investigate and potentially take enforcement action.

The County Council does however offer the opportunity for pre-application discussions to take place regarding development proposals. If there is likely to be a waste element to your intended use of the site it would be beneficial for you to contact North Yorkshire County Council Planning Department for advice on submitting a planning application and for guidance to be given at an early stage.

The site is located within the floodplain and in close proximity to the beck. It is therefore also likely that the Environment Agency would wish to discuss your intentions with you. Depending on your intentions, permits may also be required from the agency too (this is a separate process to planning consent).

A Councillor commented that it appeared as though the Company concerned had again been carrying out preparatory work on the site. District Councillor Mrs Sanderson pointed out that the best form of evidence in such matters was photographic evidence as this would give support to any enforcement action that was being taken.

(ii) Cessation of X80 and X90 Buses to Middlesbrough and James Cook Hospital.

The Clerk provided a copy of the following letter that had been sent from NYCC Passenger Transport to Northallerton Town Council -

“Thank you for your letter of 3 December 2018 regarding the recent withdrawal of the above service.

The decision to withdraw this service was made by the operator as the service was no longer commercially viable.

As you know the funding for local authorities is stretched at the moment and the current budget for supporting local bus services is fully committed, so unfortunately the authority will not be able to meet the cost to reinstate this service.

We are however conscious of the impact that the loss of this service may have for passengers travelling to James Cook University so we have implemented an additional exception to when holders of concessionary passes can use their concessionary pass on service 89, journey 0830 from Northallerton to Stokesley where passengers can then connect onto Service 28a from Stokesley (departing 0943) to James Cook University Hospital arriving 1025, which is actually 20 minutes earlier than the withdrawn journey.

I am not sure if the Town Council is aware of the following Car Scheme which may also be able to offer some assistance.

AGREED – That the Clerk make enquiries about Taxi Voucher Schemes and report to the next meeting.

(ii) Works Schedule.

The Clerk reported on the following works that had been carried out in the last month. Mr Darby was currently recovering following an operation therefore the Clerk was scheduling single person jobs for Mr Toman to carry out whilst the weather stayed relatively mild for this time of year.

Filling the large potholes in the lane from Northallerton Road to the back of The Orchards.

Cutting back the path edges around the Cemetery - about 3/4 done - this is a big improvement as has recovered a lot of the overgrown tarmac along the path sides.

+ a ton bag of soil delivered to the Cemetery so that could start on topping up the worst of the sunken graves.

A place had been found on Corber Hill to move the grit bin from the bottom of Corber Hill to the actual hill. It's a very small patch of land, next to a house, that is overgrown and the householder has asked HDC, Broadacres and NYCC to clear it up but they have all said that it is Brompton Councils land - which it isn't - but in the circumstances it is ideal to put the grit bin on. The patch of land was not much bigger than the actual bin therefore it was not any use for anything else.

(iv) CLI Monies

The Clerk reported that he had asked for a representative of Hambleton District Council to attend a Council meeting to explain the situation regarding the receipt of the CIL monies but has received the following response to his request -

*I think that the timing of the payment of CIL receipts from North Northallerton to Brompton Town Council can be easily dealt with in a letter rather than requiring a Planning Officer to attend a Town Council meeting. I will ask Anne Rawlinson who is one of the Council's Development Managers write with the details you request.*

(v) Obstructed Pubic Right of Way.

The Clerk reported on the following response he had received from NYCC -

*I must apologise as I haven't had chance to follow this issue up over the last few weeks following the inspection that was carried out. However a letter has now been sent to the landowner instructing that the barbed wire under the stile step is to be removed. We will carry out a further inspection of the footpath in January to check if the landowner has complied.*

*Within the letter we informed the landowner of your generous offer to supply and install 2 kissing gates in place of the stiles, and stated that we would support this improvement. We encouraged them to get in touch with yourselves, the Parish Council, if this is an option they wish to pursue so that arrangements for any works can be made. Please note that consent will be needed from the landowners on both sides of the boundaries for the works to take place.*

*If you have any further queries regarding this matter do not hesitate to get in touch.*

(v) Representation on the Flood Prevention Group.

Councillor Van Huet said that due to personal commitments he would not be able to afford the time to the Flood Group in the forthcoming weeks as he had been able to in the past. Councillor Mrs Haynes had indicated that she would be willing to represent the Council on the Group in Councillor Van Huets place and its was AGREED – That Councillor Mrs Haynes replace Councillor Van Huet as the Council's representative on Brompton Flood Prevention Group for the time being.

(v) Proposed Pedestrian Bridge.

AGREED – That the Clerk write to Allerton Steel of Northallerton with regard to the possibility of including Engineering Drawings in the tender price for the works should planning permission be granted and (ii) an item be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting to consider waiving Standing Orders in respect of the letting of the contract for the works.

5. CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the meeting of the Northallerton and Villages Community Forum with Clerk on the 29<sup>th</sup> November (see report below).

6. REPORTS.

(i) Report of the Clerk on the meeting of the Richmondshire Area Committee held on 21st November 2018.

This Area Committee was previously two Area Committees – the Hambleton Area Committee and the Richmondshire Area Committee.

Earlier this year the NYCC Area Committees were reorganised so that they now follow the Parliamentary Constituency boundaries rather than the District Council areas. However attendance seems to be lower than previously as half each meeting is taken up with matters for Richmondshire which in reality are of little interest for the Hambleton people and vice versa. Public attendance for this meeting held at County Hall was the grand total of one (me). The fact that the next meeting in March will be held in Richmond or Stokesley (the previous meeting was held in Richmond) does not encourage the public from this area to attend.

From perusal of recent Area Committee Minutes it also seems that they have not as year been attended by any Members of Parliament for their respective areas.

#### Supported Living.

Proposals to enable people to live independently in their own homes for as long as possible with appropriate support rather than having to go into residential care are well under way in Richmondshire. In due course this initiative should be introduced into the Hambleton District area.

#### Tourism and Promotion of Local Heritage.

Heritage is a strong image in North Yorkshire. Currently it is being well promoted through such television programmes as The Yorkshire Vet and Countryfile.

The quality of the market towns and the numerous wedding venues throughout the region are attractions nationally. There is a need to increase more managed access to areas of the countryside and to increase marketing of offers that attract families to North Yorkshire. Visitors are constantly looking for quality offers.

The Tour de Yorkshire brings in over £300m to the local economies over a four day period. The region has a wealth of traditional activities such as fishing and shooting to add to cycling and access to water for example for canoeing.

Tourism to Yorkshire as a whole brings in £8b each year with £1.8b being spent on overnight accommodation.

There is a need to be more sympathetic to applications for caravan sites due to the increasing need for people to get to into the countryside.

Local communities need to come together to ensure that the network of public footpaths are properly maintained and are accessible by the public and the increasing numbers of visitors.

Welcome to Yorkshire supports the local economy working with the Local Authority partnerships in identifying key areas, the cultural heritage and environment and events to promote.

“Yorkshire” is a massive enterprise whether it be walking in the Dales or shopping in Northallerton or Thirsk. Welcome to Yorkshire consistently runs on-line campaigns such as Wensleydale Railway, the Esk Valley Railway and the Swaledale Festival and strong local brands such as “Herriott”.

Promotion of sporting events are very much to the fore with PR being a major area of work. Food and drink is a key player and is what visitors to the area spend most money on.

[Yorkshire.com](http://Yorkshire.com) includes destination pages for the various towns and National Parks.

However tourism is a non-statutory function and there is also the need to compete with the rest of the UK for visitors, hence the constant need for new ideas and campaigns.

2019 will see the Worlds major cycle race coming to North Yorkshire and this area in particular.

In conjunction with Discover England an initiative has been commenced to offer package deals to residents of Germany to visit heritage sites in this area and taste the culture of North Yorkshire. This will be launched in the New Year with a number of exhibitions throughout Germany and Holland. There are an increasing number of international visitors to North Yorkshire year on year and it is the only part of the UK that has seen such a constant increase in visitor numbers therefore there is a need to ensure that this trend continues.

#### Future of The Friarage Hospital.

A number of new services are being provided from delivery from The Friarage Hospital including –

The Sir Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre – a £10m centre to include chemotherapy lounge to treat up to 35 patients a day.

A Black Out Service – to enable quicker assessment and diagnosis.

Creation of a Community Mental Health Hub – a new build to provide a base to community outreach and treatment.

Eye Scanner – a new state of the art eye scanner.

Hull York Medical School – to accommodate students from Hull York Medical School who will be based at the hospital from 2019.

Extended ward visiting hours so that friends and family can see patients at any time during the day.

The current withdrawal of bus services to James Cook Hospital and the further withdrawal in the Spring are of extreme concern.

#### The issue of hospital bus services will be considered at the meeting of the NYCC Scrutiny of Health Committee to be held at County Hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> December

There is a desire to increase the scope of the Scrutiny and Health Committees due to the massive changes that are taking place in health provision. Much of the Committees work is done on the basis of local knowledge that is vitally important as regards the care provided.

#### HGV Overnight Parking of NYCC Highway Network.

Meetings have taken place with Highways England who wish to introduce a “night time” 2 hour waiting limit to lay-bys on the A19 and A168 trunk roads to prevent overnight HGV parking.

This however has the potential of displacing overnight parking by HGVs to the County Council managed network increasing inappropriate parking in laybys and on verges. This is a national problem and in North Yorkshire there is no policy about such parking in residential areas. Feedback from the Road Haulage Association points to the fact that there is a lack of HGV parking facilities throughout the north and HGV drivers park in laybys due to the fact that they have used up their permitted hours that they can drive. Consequently there is a need to press for more facilities through the Highways Agency.

It has been pointed out that in respect of Leeming Bar parking is still taking place in laybys when there is a nearby HGV parking facility.

Whilst there was an assumption that the matter involved mainly foreign drivers this was not the case and involves all drivers.

There is also a need to ensure that the private sector provides parking facilities and reliance to do so should not rest solely with the Government.

Work is therefore to commence on a County-wide strategy.

(ii) Northallerton and Villages Community Forum held on the 29th November 2018.

#### Great British High Street Awards.

Northallerton had achieved "highly commendable but had not been short listed.

#### Northallerton's Footpaths: Access and Maintenance.

The Northallerton and Villages Community Action Volunteers 5th litter pick had taken place when over 30 volunteers had attended and 30 bags of rubbish had been collected. The next litter pick would be towards the end of January.

The pathway from the rear of The Oddfellows Arms to the Castlegate estate was to be completed but it was hoped that the cost would be lower than the £12,000 estimate that had been received. Planting along the route had been included as a condition in the planning consent that had been granted for the development of the estate.

The group was also trying to get shops where there was a build-up of litter, for example at the rear of Argos, to clear away the rubbish on a regular basis as in respect of Argos they only had a contract for it to be cleared once a month. It was agreed that BID should have some input into this as well as making sure that the alleyways off the High Street were kept clear of litter.

#### Treadmills Development.

Comments submitted with regard to the planning application had been put to the Planning Committee who had approved the planning application. However it was not known if any of the comments had been taken into account.

It was disappointing that the heritage aspect of the development would be restricted to the history of the Treadmills site when what the County Town of Northallerton actually needed was a museum.

It was pointed out that the consultation about the Heritage Centre had been completely separate from the planning application consultation and the Community Forum had sent a letter to Councillor Wilkinson who was co-ordinating the heritage centre consultation but no response had been received from him.

It was reported that the Northallerton BID Manager had suggested that the Heritage Centre be placed in the Joe Cornish building.

One of the main concern was that the proposed cinema would take business away from The Forum.

There would be many people in the town who would have material to place in a museum including artifacts lodged with the Town Council. However at the present time it was not possible to ask for artifacts from members of the public as there was no-where for them to be stored.

There was also the question of how much support there actually was for a museum and how many volunteers would come forward to run it having regard to the fact that running a museum would also require some degree of expertise.

It was suggested that an Antiques Roadshow style event would gauge how many artifacts local people actually had.

#### Northallerton Historic Walks Leaflets.

It had been brought up in the past about the possibility of publishing a series of circular walks leaflets to cover Northallerton. However this had not progressed and to date no leaflets had been produced.

In Brompton this had been achieved by the Heritage Group using National Lottery money and a walks leaflet was available at the cost of £1. With more people moving into the area including an increased number of dog walkers there was a need to get people to use the footpaths into the Countryside in order to relieve pressure on the more local paths network.

Other areas had produced walks booklets which they were selling to for £5 +, for example those available at Leyburn Railway Station.

#### Financial Procedures

The Forum has adopted a new set of financial procedures conscious of the fact that if HDC had not come up with funds for the 880 event should a loss have been made this would have fallen on the members of the Community Forum.

The Community Forum had no direct relationship with Hambleton District Council other than that the District Council had agreed to support officer support for the Forum.

It was inappropriate for the Community Forum to make commitments for expenditure when it did not have clear income streams. There was therefore a need for proper financial management in the future.

It was pointed out that as the Community Forums income during the current financial year was approximately £14,000 there was a need for it to be registered and operated as a Charity as the this was a legal requirement when income exceeded £5,000.

#### Making a Difference Fund.

Grants of between £1,000 and £25,000 are being made available through the Hambleton District Council's 'Making a Difference' Grant Fund for projects that seek to provide the best local solutions to local problems, which demonstrate community support and which address one or more of the council's priorities:

- driving economic vitality
- enhancing health and wellbeing
- caring for the environment
- providing a special place to live

Successful applicants must be able to demonstrate innovation, value for money and an ability to make a genuine difference to people's lives.

Local community groups must apply to their ward councillor before being considered for a 'Making a Difference' grant.

Due dates



Applications must be submitted by 11th January 2019 ready for final awards in April 2019.

To be eligible projects must be delivered between 1st April 2019 and 31 March 2020.

#### NYCC Public Health: Age Friendly Communities.

Work has started by NYCC's Public Health team having regard to the increasing age of the population of the County to make North Yorkshire an Age Friendly place. In this respect the Over Fifties Forum had set up a small steering group which would be meeting in March.

#### Cessation of X80 and X90 Buses to Middlesbrough and James Cook Hospital.

The bus service set up 2 to 3 years ago by Abbots Buses following a public meeting was running at a loss and had been curtailed. This was due to 90% of the passengers being concessionary pass holders and NYCC not being able to financially support the service.

The costs of one journey to the bus company was £400 for a return of £25 to £30.

This cessation of service was in addition to the Brompton bus services being reduced and people from The Orchards having to pay £8 to £10 for taxis to get to the doctors. Only two extra buses had been put on since the recent road closure as the southern end of the village was not being serviced by Abbots Buses. In addition the additional bus service was only for two days a week.

A community car scheme had failed at Appleton Wiske (where there was now a Community Bus) as it had to be registered and booked in advance.

It was pointed out that the cessation of the bus services had not reached everyone in the community who had been using the X80 and X90 services and furthermore the timetables for the services were still posted. However NYCC claimed to not be responsible for the bus timetables although they were headed "North Yorkshire County Council". There was an assumption by NYCC Passenger Transport that everyone had access to the internet or to apps on their phones however this was not the case especially for those people who were most in need to the services.

The cessation of the services also affected people travelling south from the Stokesley area to The Friarage Hospital.

Abbots Buses had been asked if they were to do a Press Release but had declined to do so.

Whilst NYCC pent £2.2m a year on public transport it was not a statutory function.

It was pointed out that there was a need to respond to the current consultation as individuals.

The view was expressed that the more buses that were provided the more passengers would use them, for example there was a bus service every 20 minutes to and from Bedale that was self-supporting, consequently more buses equalled more usage. People were less willing to use bus services when the duration between each bus was 2 hours or more apart.

It was noted that the other bus services available to James Cook Hospital took 75 minutes longer and there were considerable waiting times at Stokesley.

The Community Forum agreed that this was an issue for the Parish Council to look into after assimilating the information.

However it was a fact that the public did not know what consultations they could respond to as unless they knew about them in the first place and were aware of them.

The Community Forum also decided that it would be appropriate for it to try to form a Bus Users Group.

#### Scruton Railway Station – Educational Project

It was hoped to run a train from the Northallerton Springwell Lane platform to Scruton Station for the educational project which had attracted a lot of interest from schools around the area.

#### 7. PLANNING MATTERS.

##### (i) Decisions.

18/01686/TPO – Works to a tree subject to a tree preservation order 1999/09, 30 Corber Hill – Granted.

##### (ii) Applications.

Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling – 10 Station Road – No observations.

Proposed front conservatory – Spring House Farm, Stokesley Road - No observations.

Change of use of building to multipurpose community space – Weavers Pavilion, Station Road – No observations.

Retrospective application for change of use of mixed/agricultural and leisure land for the siting of 3no camping pods, associated parking and replacement of toilet facilities and use of land for up to 10no camping pitches as part of farm diversification – Lenthor Farm, Stokesley Road - No observations.

#### 8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

##### Receipts –

Nil

##### Payments –

Mrs L Huang (Street Sweeping)	100.00
P Atkin (Salary)	310.71
P Atkin (Expenses)	37.32
HMRC (PAYE)	68.00
Anchorage Hire Centre Ltd (hire of chainsaw + safety equipment)	47.70
Sam Turner & Sons (Various – 2 months)	134.59
J T Atkinsons (bulk gravel, top soil, ready cement)	165.89
NYCC (Construction of web site)	972.00
NYCC (Printing)	35.40
David Saville (Hedge Cutting on Lead Lane)	72.00
Mr R Allinson (Removal of waste from former Elec Sub Station site)	300.00

PKF Littlejohn LLP (External Audit fees)	360.00
Mr P Toman (113.5 hours labour)	1,362.00
Mr P Toman (Fuel expenses)	32.31

Bank Balances

Current Account - £200.00

Business Savings Account - £31,670.75

High Interest Account - £13.16

AGREED – That the accounts listed above be approved for payment.

9. EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT AND BUDGET FOR THE 2019/20 FINANCIAL YEAR UPDATE.

The Clerk reported that the External Auditors had raised issues in approving the Annual Financial Return for the year ended 31 March 2018 –

1. The Authority failed to approve the Annual Return in time to publish it before 2 July 2018.

The External Auditors were aware that the reason for this was the sudden and serious illness of the Council's Internal Auditor. This was accepted by the External Auditors and on this occasion no additional fee has been charged by them for the making of the late return and advertising of the public notice after the 2 July 2018.

2. In respect of the meeting of the expenditure on the Recreation Ground the External Auditor has commented that whilst this is strictly within the remit of a trust fund administered by the Authority the Council is in fact still including all financial matters for the Recreation Ground in its general accounts. The External Auditor had requested in the previous year that this arrangement be clarified and formalised for future years. The External Auditor has accepted that the Council has endeavoured to do this which would require the trust fund, ie the Recreation Ground to operate its own bank account. However the External Auditor has commented that as such an arrangement would have a detrimental effect this is no longer a requirement of the audit.

AGREED – That the Clerk forward to Councillors copies of the External Audit report.

5. BUDGET – FINANCAIL YEAR 2019/20.

AGREED – That (i) the following projects be included in the budget of the next financial year -

1. Re-surfacing of the car in-house.
2. Extending the order in March for 100 boulders to 200 boulders to go around the Green at Water End.
3. Recreation Ground -  
Constructing the BMX track and the mini-goals - To be done in-house.  
Installing a new piece of play equipment.
4. Restoration of the seats around the village.
5. Renewal of the Notice Boards.

6. Public Rights of Way Issue.

7. Illumination of St Thomas's Church.

(ii) subject to applications being received in due course the first priorities for the making of grants/ donations in 2019/20 be to The Brompton Flood Relief Group and towards the repair of the Church Clock

The Clerk undertook to prepare a criteria for applications for grants and donations from the Council and to draft an Application Form for completion by applicants.

- (iii) a sum of £100 per tree be included in the Council's Assets as replacement values for trees so as to cover the insurance costs of replacing any tree with a semi-mature specimen plus the costs of planting.
- (iv) with regard to the illumination of the Church the Clerk to again contact the Diocese Buildings Officer to arrange a trial of the flood lighting with the potential contractor and also ascertain the requirements as regards a Faculty for this purpose.

10. BROMPTON RECREATION GROUP - Update.

It was reported that the gate to the BRG car park would be locked from the weekend before Christmas to the 5th January as there were no football games scheduled over that period.

Two meetings of the BRG had been held since the last Council meeting and the change of use planning application had been submitted and was currently going through the planning process.

A car had driven onto the field and had caused some damage, this was the second time that this had occurred. The Christmas Fair that had been held on the 1st December had proved very successful and had raised over £300. The Football had set up a "Just Giving" page and in the first month had raised £175 and the BRG was confident that all of the funds to provide a fence around the field similar to that provided around the children's play area could be financed from fund raising. There were also enquiries being made as to whether the BRG should change its Bankers.

The former Hon Treasurer of the BRA commented that the Planning Department should not be asking for a planning application for the change of use of the Pavilion as the building had been rented out for many years and was therefore already a community facility with it certainly having been leased out for more than the requisite four years. In the circumstances there was little the Planning Authority could do about the situation.

6. NORTHALLERTON ROAD RECREATION GROUND.

No matters were reported under this agenda item.

7. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

For update on closure of access to Brompton at Stone Cross and associated traffic diversion and bus services see under Matters Arising above.

Access by HGVs to The Orchards

The Clerk reported that the following response had been received from NYCC Highways in response to the Council's concerns about HGVs travelling along that part of Church View from The Shop to The Orchards -

*Engineers advise me that it would not be possible to impose the HGV restriction requested as the alternative route suggested is deemed unsuitable for heavy vehicles, due to the turning vehicles*

would have to make at the junction. We must also consider that to impose an HGV restriction for this section of road may cause concern for residents of the alternative route suggested.

#### Access To Linen Way – from NYCC Highways

The Clerk reported that the following response had been received from NYCC Highways after raising the issue that an ambulance had had difficulty recently in accessing a property on Linen Way due to parked cars -

*The Area Office have regular co-ordination meetings with the emergency services in which they raise any issues they may be experiencing on the highway network. To date they have not raised the issue of access at this location. From checking our records I can see we have not received any previous reports of access difficulties at this location so unfortunately at this point there is no evidence to support the introduction of any parking restrictions.*

*However, we have noted the concerns raised and will arrange for an Engineer to visit the site in the new year and carry out a review of current parking arrangements. This can then be considered in the event we receive further correspondence about access at this location.*

*If the access problem is due to vehicles parking in a manner to cause an obstruction then I would urge you and residents to report this to the Police for attention.*

#### Cleaning of Gullies.

The Clerk reported that the following response had been received from NYCC Highways in answer to a query by the Council about gully cleaning along Stokesley Road -

*The Highway Officer advises me that he made arrangements for all the gullies from Northallerton Road to Lead Lane to be cleaned and jetted. This will also include cleaning gullies on Water End and Cockpit Hill. It is expected this work will be completed by the end of this week.*

The Clerk reported that NYCC Highways had clarified that that above response had also meant to include Stokesley Road. Councillors commented that the gullies had now been cleaned out.

#### Parking around Church View.

A Councillor drew attention to the increasing parking problems around Church View. There was therefore a need to keep this issue under review especially as Residents Only Parking Schemes were no longer being promoted by North Yorkshire County Council. The effect of parking problems around Church View was also spilling onto Linen Way. AGREED – That the Traffic Warden be asked to visit the Village to keep the situation under review.

#### Double Yellow Lines, Station Road.

In answer to a question the Clerk confirmed that with regard to the time restricted double yellow lines on Station Road these if approved would be on the side of the road adjacent to BS Autos and DS Trading and not on the opposite side of Station Road outside the houses.

#### 8. GREENS INSPECTION.

No new matters were raised under this agenda item.

#### 14. CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority – Change in governance

The Clerk reported that the responsibility for governance and oversight of North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service has transferred to the elected North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

Following the change in governance Julia Mulligan became the North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner and her office became the Office of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner.

#### 15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(i) Date of Next Meeting.

AGREED – That the next meeting of the Council be held in The Methodist Church at 7.00pm on Tuesday 15th January 2019.

(ii) Spitfire X4662 Crash near Brompton, Northallerton.

The Clerk reported that following an enquiry by a Councillor it had been ascertained that on 27th July 1941 the pilot of the above 131 Squadron aircraft took off from Catterick at 11.35hrs to practice aerobatics at 15,000ft over the area to the east of the airfield. Twelve minutes later and while over Northallerton the aircraft's starboard wing broke off in the air, the aircraft then crashed near Brompton, Northallerton and sadly the pilot was killed.

The wing had broken off because of the strain put on the airframe during a violent aerobatic manoeuvre. In 2008 Mr T.Gorman said that, as a boy, he had witnessed this accident, the plane crashed into a small field near the village and made a reasonable size crater from which he and his friends collected pieces of perspex. Aviation historian Mr Ken Reast had located the crash site in the early 1990's and small pieces were found to confirm the location.

The Pilot - Sgt Stephen Harold Vavasour-Durell RAFVR (1257744), aged 24, of Hampstead, London was buried Catterick Cemetery.

It was reported that there was no plaque to mark the crash site but as this was very close to the North Northallerton development it was AGREED – That the developers and the District Council be requested to name one of the new streets after the pilot and that the Town Council consider locating a seat at the site.

In respect of the above Councillor Mrs Sanderson commented that she had made representations about the new streets being named with regard to local historic links but little success had been made in this respect to date.

(iii) Proposed Closure of Northallerton Post Office.

In answer to a question it was clarified that there was no requirement for Royal Mail to consult with the District Council on this matter.

At 8.10pm the meeting was opened for the asking of questions.

- (i) Mr B Walker reported that he had contacted NY Highways about the possibility of the bus service around Mowbray Road coming down Lead Lane to Brompton and picking up passengers and still running on time. AGREED – That the Council support this suggestion.
- (ii) Mrs Pitchforth asked where children from the North Northallerton development would be educated and it was explained that a new Primary School had been included in the approved plans.

#### 16. BURIAL MATTERS.

- (i) Burial fees – To determine the level of Burial Fees to be applied from 1st January 2019.

Councillors gave considered to the burial fees currently charged buy Burial Authorities both locally and nationally details of which having been circulated to the September Council meeting.

AGREED – That – (a) from 1 January 2019 the only change in the burial fees be that the fee for a single burial plot be increased from £150.00 to £250.00 (doubled for persons who no longer live in thee Parish) and (b) if ground conditions allow then double plots offered to relatives of deceased persons be double depth and not side by side.

- (ii) Safety Inspection of headstones and memorials in the Churchyard.

The Clerk reported that Swaledale Stonemasons had carried out an inspection on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December and had found - :

1. 8 x No. memorials require attention (re-dowelling, re-bedding, levelling up).
2. 2 x No. memorials could be cut and reduced in height and re-erected.

The cost of the works would be £ 952.00 plus VAT.

The Clerk added that this was substantially less than had been anticipated and it was AGREED – That the Clerk consult with the PCC as regards applying for a Faculty to the Diocese of York for these works.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm