

Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in The Methodist Church, Brompton on Tuesday 15th January 2019.

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

There were 11 members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Sarah Haynes (holiday commitment), Councillor Mrs M Chandler (illness) 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 18th December 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. The local crime figures received after the December meeting were as follows -

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	-	0 reports
Autocrime	-	0 reports
Dwelling burglary/other	-	0 reports
Commercial burglary/other	-	0 reports
Criminal damage	-	4 reports
Theft (all including from shop)	-	0 reports
Violence against the person	-	5 reports
Other crimes inc Drugs	-	0 reports
Total inc other crimes	-	9 reports

The Chairman asked residents to be vigilant as there had been a lot of activity regarding the theft of dogs around the County.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(i) North Northallerton Development Road Closure.

The Clerk reported that around the 22nd December residents had received for the first time a letter from Taylor Wimpey and a drawing from Premier traffic providing details and information about the road closure and bus service time table from Wednesday 10th of October

The letter had indicated that the road closure was expected to be until the end of January 2019. Work commencing 8th October - letter dated 26th November 2018.

Just prior to the current meeting the Clerk had received the following email from Taylor Wimpey –

“I have been made aware that there is a Parish Council meeting this evening, I would therefore like to take this opportunity to provide an update of progress on the works on Northallerton Road.

Unfortunately we are currently a number of weeks behind schedule, this is due to locating the medium pressure gas main which serves the village at a level within the proposed road which Northern Gas Networks deemed to be too high. NGN had previously been consulted following trial trenching prior to the works commencing and had advised no diversion would be required. As a result of this an emergency diversion has been necessary.

This diversion has now been completed and works are progressing as they should however with the delay incurred we are currently programmed to complete works mid March.

A letter to residents has been drafted advising of this and is currently being review internally prior to being sent out”.

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

“Can you please advise if the current 40mph buffer zone past Stone Cross along Northallerton Road into Brompton Village at the 30mph sign past the Rugby Club will all become a 30mph speed limit when the current works are completed.

On another point - looking at the Traffic Island, it may look wide enough for a pedestrian with a pushchair or a mobility cart.

But it also looks as if the road is narrowed, perhaps to slowdown traffic, however it seems to Councillors that this would bring the HGV traffic very close to those people stood on the traffic Island

The Council therefore still wishes to push for the inclusion of a Pelican type crossing at this location.

Please can you confirm that the Highway Authority will support this”.

The following response had been received - .

“I can confirm that ultimately the existing 40mph speed limit will become 30mph.

With regard to the traffic island, I can confirm that the island is of an appropriate width in line with specification, for the crossing of pedestrians including pushchairs. The carriageway widths are also in line with specification based on the type of traffic which will use the road including HGV's.

The planning application approved did not include a signalised/controlled crossing at the junction however, the developers have been asked to justify that a controlled crossing is not required. Until such time as we have this information the island construction will not be completed as there will be no traffic able to travel west bound until the next phase of the road is constructed. An appropriate temporary arrangement for pedestrian will be in place.

Once we have further information about the crossing we will be able to share the outcome with the Brompton Parish Council”.

ARGEED – That the Clerk ask Taylor Wimpey if they would be willing to make a donation to Brompton Carnival and Sports as a good-will gesture in view of the delays to the contract.

(ii) Defibrillators.

The Clerk reported that the Defibrillator was up and running on the corner of De Bruce Road. Subject to receiving the paperwork an agreement had been reached with Restarting Hearts, Northallerton for the Defibrillators to become of the property of the Council. This arrangement would free up money for the Council to donate to other local causes if need be. However that would mean the same

arrangement coming into being as at The Shop where the Council had a responsibility for checking the Defibrillators and renewing the pads etc.

The Chairman of the BRG who was present at the meeting said the Restarting Hearts had agreed to carry out some training for the checking of the defibrillator at Weavers Pavilion and the Clerk undertook to speak to Restarting Hearts about this.

AGREED – That (i) the handymen be engaged on a rotation basis to check the defibrillators each week and the Clerk supply them with a register so that there is a proper record that they have all been regularly checked; and (ii) the Council thank Councillor Van Huet for the work he has undertaken in checking the defibrillator at The Shop since it was installed.

(iii) Public Rights of Way.

The Clerk reported that the following had been received from NYCC Public Rights of Way – “We have spoken to the landowner regarding this issue and he has assured me that the exposed barbed wire on the stile will be dealt with which will conclude this matter from our perspective.

We have passed on your kind offer to replace the stiles with kissing gates but as the landowner has had to deal with his fences being vandalised and livestock chased by dogs he is understandably not too keen to provide enhanced public access to his land”.

The Chairman of the Council had also reported that he had had a visit just after Christmas from a representative of the previous landowner regarding damage to stiles on land. Extra wood around the stiles to prevent lambs from escaping the field as wire and planks had been cut. This damage had been reported to NYCC as well as the Police and had been told to register it with Brompton Council. The Chairman had inspected the damage with the person concerned and could understand that he did not want the lambs to escape the field. However, the field had been sold and NYCC were liaising with the new owner.

It was also reported to the meeting that someone was cutting wires at this location where the wire had been repaired and cut again, and elsewhere in the village, especially around Water End where this had started again in the past year and especially over the Christmas period. The Clerk commented that this had happened some years ago but had then stopped. The matter was now in the hands of the Police. Dog walkers were concerned as this action was causing bad feeling with landowners as it was not known who was cutting the wire.

(iv) CIL Monies

The Clerk reported that a response from Hambleton District Council had been expected prior to the Council meeting but was now expected in the next week. Until this information was received the Newsletter could not be finalised.

(v) Works Schedule.

The Clerk reported that with only having one handyman for the time being Mr Toman had only taken Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day off work so as to take advantage of the relatively mild weather.

The Council commented on the good work that Mr Toman had done in the Cemetery in levelling off all the graves having topped up the sunken ones, and having cut back to surface level the graves that had never settled properly. New topsoil had been added and the plots had been turfed over.

Substantial amounts of tarmac had been recovered from all of the Cemetery paths most of which were now twice the width they had been before the works had been started.

Mr Toman had also taken away all the waste cuttings and twigs etc that had been left around the edges of the Cemetery from the hedge cutting over the years.

The Clerk added that in the next week Mr Toman was going to take all the weed growth etc off the old kerbed graves so that Mr Allison could then spray them off ready for the gravels to be renewed in the Spring as had already agreed.

AGREED – That new Letters of Engagement for the two handymen be considered at the February Council meeting.

(vi) Web Site.

The Clerk reported that once the Newsletter was finalised he would be drafting up the content for the Council's Web Site so that the Councillors who had agreed to look at this matter could meet to discuss this content. When this was approved NYCC would be able to construct a draft web site and it was suggested that at that stage they be invited to meet with Councillors in the Methodist Church to discuss the matter together and so that the draft web site could be viewed on the large screen.

As regards photographs for the web site the Clerk suggested that there should be sufficient content locally without having to engage a photographer to take any more photos of the village and this was AGREED.

(vii) Proposed Waste Site off Station Road.

AGREED – That should a planning application for a waste site not materialise in due course then consideration be given to re-establishing the site with trees and bushes etc.

(viii) Christmas Tree.

AGREED – That the Clerk write to the local Scouts Group thanking them for erecting the Christmas tree and taking it down.

(ix) Dogs not Under Control.

The Clerk reported that the person about whom a complaint had been received about his dogs not being under control had been identified and the information had been passed onto the Dog Warden at the District Council.

(x) Shared Taxi Schemes

The Clerk reported that the only shared taxi scheme that was operating in North Yorkshire was the shared taxi scheme to York Hospital within the confines of the City for patients who need to get to appointments.

The Shared Taxi Schemes in this County and nationally were seen to have virtually all fallen away in recent years due to organisational difficulties and the many different criteria that were in operation between different schemes. One problem was with schemes that offered a certain quantity of tokens as when these tokens were used no more could be obtained by the individual concerned.

(xi) Brompton Shuttle Bus.

The following matter was raised by Mr B Walker at the previous Council meeting - "As the Middlesbrough service no longer operates I wonder if your 74B service could be extended to Brompton via Lead Lane, Brompton the new Link Road then Priory close Looking at the time table this appears to be a possibility of course extra funding would be required and I could enquire if Brompton Town Council would be prepared to contribute".

Mr Walker commented that this suggestion would probably not work as a permanent solution as the buses were small as they were the same buses that were used for transporting NYCC clients earlier on a morning and later on afternoons.

AGREED – That (i) the Clerk make enquiries as to whether a bus could be provided on Saturdays between 9.00am and 3.00pm as had been the case with the former Market Bus; and (ii) the Clerk ask if the current bus service can be better advertised.

5. CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS.

The Chairman reported that he had been keeping an eye on the progress at the new T junction and taking photographic evidence. This information had led to the County Council's response as outlined above.

The Chairman had also received telephone calls from the occupier of a property on Stokesley Road expressing concerns about development that was taking place at the adjacent property. In this respect the District Council's Enforcement Officer was to visit the site to ensure that the works were being undertaken in accordance with the approved plans.

The Chairman also reported that patients at James Cook Hospital and The Friarage Hospital would now receive free WiFi.

6. REPORTS.

No matters were reported under this agenda item.

7. PLANNING MATTERS.

Applications

18/02706/FUL- Single storey extension to form kitchen-dining area and brick garden shed, 2 Mill Hill Drive – No objections.

Councillor Mrs Sheil Dods reported that HDC Planning had received a planning application for the next phase of the North Northallerton development all of which houses were within the Parish of Northallerton but which was for the provision of 72 Affordable Houses. The application had been submitted by Broadacres Housing Association.

8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

Nil

Payments –

Mrs L Huang (Street Sweeping)	80.00
P Atkin (Salary)	282.46
P Atkin (Expenses)	42.78
HMRC (PAYE)	68.00
NYCC (Printing)	20.00
NYCC – Yorwaste (Advance trade refuse collection charges)	73.84
J T Atkinson (Top Soil and Gravel)	119.52
Mr P Toman (94.5 hours labour – working in Cemetery)	1,131.00

Mr P Toman (Fuel expenses)

25.00

Bank Balances

Current Account - £200.00

Business Savings Account - £25,301.73 - High Interest Account - £13.16

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

9. BROMPTON RECREATION GROUP - Update.

It was reported that no meetings of the BRG had been held since the last Council meeting. The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 22nd January. It was reported that the container unit on the car park had been broken into but nothing had been taken. The positioning of the CCTV camera would therefore be looked at.

10. NORTHALLERTON ROAD RECREATION GROUND.

No matters were reported to the meeting under this agenda item.

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

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

It was pointed out that Lead Lane was now 12" wider in places than it had been before the divisions had been put in place. Traffic was consequently running on areas of soil. There was also a lot of rubbish being deposited along Lead Lane that residents were having to clear up. AGREE – That the Clerk raise these issues with NY Highways.

County Councillor Hugill asked if the Clerk could obtain a map of where NY Highways deposited grit in the Parish and of where the grit bins were situated.

In answer to a question the Clerk clarified that the Council intended to use its own car park land for depositing of grit supplies and did not intend to use the BRG car park for this purpose.

It was reported that most of the pot holes had been dealt with around The Green but not all of them.

It was also AGREED – That the Clerk ask NY Highways to inspect the carriageway around Linen Way and Manor Court.

12. TO AGREE TO WAIVE STANDING ORDERS IN RESPECT OF MATTERS RELATING THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OFF STATION ROAD.

Further to the suggestions made at the previous Council meeting the Clerk reported that he had written to and spoken to Allerton Steel who had confirmed that they did not prepare any Engineering Drawings and worked to engineering drawings supplied to them by clients. They had also said that whilst they could carry out the steel work for the bridge they did not do any ground works and a separate company would have to be engaged to carry out the ground works.

Allerton Steel had recommended that a Construction Company be approached to undertake the whole project.

Walter Thompsons had also said that Engineering Drawings would have to be submitted to them but they could undertake the ground works and the construction of the bridge through Langtons.

The Clerk had also contacted Joe Folley, a Structural Engineer in Northallerton who would be able to give an estimate of the cost of the Engineering drawings.

AGREED – That (i) the actions taken in this matter to date be endorsed, and (ii) the requirement of Standing Orders to obtain three quotations with regard to the contract for works to construct a pedestrian bridge off Station Road be waived.

13. THE EMERGENCY PLAN – TO WORK TOWARDS THE ADOPTION OF A PLAN.

The Clerk reported that a copy of the Community Flood Emergency Pan had been circulated to all Councillors. Since then the Clerk had become aware that the Flood Group had updated some of the information contained in the document.

The Council's Emergency Plan had been something that had not progressed to date. There needed to be a composite document agreed with NYCC and other agencies so that as well as flooding emergencies such issues as rail and air accidents in the Parish were covered.

AGREED - That the Clerk liaise with NYCC Emergency Planning on this matter.

14. ANNUAL NEWSLETTER.

The Clerk reported that he had emailed a draft copy of the Newsletter to all Councillors for comments.

AGREED – That subject to the minor amendments to the draft that had been indicated by Councillors the Newsletter be printed once the articles about the CIL monies and Affordable Housing had been received from Hambleton District Council.

15. GREENS INSPECTION.

The Clerk reported that he had asked the company who had previously dealt with moles to look at those that were currently on the west side of the Green at Water End.

The company concerned would be in the area when they were dealing with moles in the Parish generally for farmers etc. The Clerk also undertook to inform the company about moles on the BRG field which they had also dealt with previously.

It was also AGREED – That at the August Council meeting consideration be given to bulb planting around the Greens, possibly in conjunction with the Primary School.

16. CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) Next Elections.

The Clerk reported on the following information received from Hambleton District Council -

The next scheduled elections are due to take place on Thursday 2 May 2019, these elections will be combined with District Council Elections.

All seats on parish councils will become vacant and existing councillors wishing to stand again will be required to complete a Nomination Paper.

Costs

The District Council will be recovering costs from Parish Councils for conducting these elections. The costs will be categorised into unique costs, shared costs and uncontested costs. Unique costs are those solely attributed to the Parish. Examples include the provision of ballot papers, nominations,

core staffing, counting of votes, postages and printing etc. Shared costs are Presiding Officers and Poll Clerks fees, hire of polling station premises, the issue and opening of postal votes. If your Parish Council is uncontested there will be a £100 administration fee. It is not possible to determine exact costs of the elections until after they have taken place. The costs of a contested election may be between £500 and £4,000 depending on the size of the electorate and number of postal voters and if it is contested with the District Elections. Parish Councils will receive an invoice after the election for the relevant amount. The District Council appreciates the financial burden placed on Parish Councils and for this reason payments may be paid in yearly instalments for up to four years.

Notices and nominations

Throughout the election process, several statutory notices are required to be published for each election and would appreciate assistance with this process, please indicate on the table if you are able to assist.

On Tuesday 19 March the notice of election will be published. Part of this notice is to inform prospective candidates where to get nomination packs from between 19 March and 3 April (9:30am and 4:30pm each working day),

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(i) Date of Next Meeting.

The Clerk reported that due to another commitment he would be unable to attend a meeting on Tuesday 19th February 2019, being the usual third Tuesday of the month. The Chairman reported that the Methodist Church would be available on Wednesday 13th, Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th February as alternative dates. The consensus of the meeting was that the 27th February would be the best alternative date, however it was acknowledged that not all Councillors were present. AGREED – That the Clerk circulate Councillors as regards the preferred date for the February meeting of the Council.

(ii) Air Pollution.

Councillor Van Huet pointed to the current air quality in the village at this time of year when people were using their coal fires.

(iii) Vandalism.

It was reported that on the previous Saturday night a number of apparent drunks had come through the village at night knocking over the waste bins.

(iv) Tyres – Station Road.

It was reported that there were now piles of used tyres outside both BS Autos and DS Trading on Station Road. The Clerk undertook to speak to DS Trading to ensure that that pile of tyres was removed as quickly as possible.

(iv) GP online consultations launched across Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby

The Clerk reported that a new online consultation service could revolutionise the way patients across Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby areas receive medical advice from their GP.

NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is using digital technology to bring choice to patients who want to consult online, in many cases avoiding the need to make a visit to the practice altogether.

Eight practices across the area have expressed an interest in trialling the service for 12 months and three practices (with a combined patient population of almost 27,500) have already "gone live". This initiative is being funded by NHS England.

Patients who submit their symptoms online will get a quick response (typically the same day) which could be advice, directing to other support such as the pharmacy or a booking for an appointment if necessary. The service also offers around the clock NHS self-help information, signposting to services, and a symptom checker.

Patients could also request prescriptions and test results, referral letters and medical reports.

(v) Notice of next CCG Governing Body meeting – Thursday 24 January 2019

The Clerk reported that the next Governing Body meeting for NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group (the CCG) would take place on Thursday 24 January 2019 from 1.30pm at The Royal Hotel, West Cliff, Whitby.

At 8.00pm the meeting was opened to the public for the asking of questions.

(i) Litter.

A resident reported on the increasing amounts of litter in the village especially in the hedgerows around Lodge Lane and the access to Darlington Road from Station Road. AGREED – That the Clerk ask Hambleton District Council for dates on which the litter picking equipment would be available and that Councillor Haynes be asked if she would be willing to organise a litter picking event.

(ii) CCTV Equipment on Station Road.

It was reported that there was a CCTV camera on Lead Lane apparently erected by a resident. AGREED – That the Clerk ask the Community Police Officer to investigate this camera as to its legality since there was no sign erected that there was a camera at this location.

(iii) Road Surface at Lead Lane Crossroads.

It was reported that HGVs were cutting the corners off on Lead Lane developing trenches on both sides. In answer to a question it was clarified that the T Junction works were a 14 week period allocated with a 12 month window, AGREED – That the Clerk ask NY Highways if they could put temporary bollards up to prevent further deterioration.

In connection with the T Junction works Councillor Blades remarked that as the new lighting column was erected in one afternoon there was therefore no need for a generator to be used to light the footpath.

(iv) Faulty Street Light.

Mr B Walker reported that street light column 1 on Lead Lane was faulty as the light kept going on and off. AGREED – That the Clerk report this faulty light.

18. BURIAL MATTERS

No items of business were raised under this agenda item.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

