

BROMPTON TOWN COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2019

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS A TEAR-OFF SHEET - PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE AS DIRECTED BY THE 30th MARCH – RESPONSES WILL DETERMINE HOW THE COUNCIL CONSIDERS THAT IT WILL SPEND THE MONIES THAT IT WILL RECEIVE FROM HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL FROM THE NORTH NORTHALLERTON DEVELOPMENT YOUR RESPONSE ON THIS MATTER IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO THE VILLAGE

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL – The current Members of the Council are as follows -

Doctor K Carveley – 53 Church View
Mrs M Chandler - 73 Northallerton Road
Mr H van Huet - 12 Church View
Mrs S Hughes – 56 Church View
Mr B Martin (Chairman) – 8 The Green
Mr S O’Sullivan – 7 The Green
Mrs M Shiel Dods (Vice-Chairman) – 45B Northallerton Road

During the past year Mrs Barbara Slater a very long-standing member of the Council and for many years its Chairman and Councillors Derek Plews, who served as the Council’s Vice-Chairman, and Chris Woods left the Council. Barbara has subsequently become the Chairman of Brompton Recreation Group. It would be wrong to write further without thanking all three for the long and valuable service they have given to the local community which added up must come to over 50 years!

Mrs Isobel Sanderson and David Blades are the Parish’s representatives on Hambleton District Council and the local County Council representative for this area is County Councillor David Hugill. The Council would like to thank Mrs Sanderson, David Blades and David Hugill for all the time and effort they put into helping support the Councils position in other forums and debates at the District Council and the County Council (of which David Blades is also a member). All three have been are regular attenders at the monthly Council meetings.

Local Elections – May 2019

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 Brompton Town Council will become vacant and existing councillors wishing to stand again will be required to complete a Nomination Paper.

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). The last date for the submission of nominations to The Civic Centre is Wednesday 3rd April – NB – All nominations must have a proposer and a seconder who must be electors of the Parish of Brompton

The Council has for a considerable time operated below its full complement of 9 Councillors. Recent meetings of the Council have been extremely well attended by local residents and it is hoped that some of those who have attended will have seen at first-hand how the Council operates and will be interested in standing for election in May.

The free time given by Councillors is valuable not only in how their various contributions have improved the quality of life of others in the community but also from a financial viewpoint of the savings the Council has managed to make through their voluntary efforts. Whilst the Council meets monthly and also has some other commitments through its representation on a number of other bodies it accepts that not everyone is able to make a full commitment to be able to attend meetings every month. Consequently if you are mindful of becoming a Councillor so long as you are able to attend meetings when you are free to do so do not think that being away on holidays or for work commitments some of the time will exclude you from being considered

What does the Council do?

Local Councils have a number of legal powers defined by various statutory provisions (e.g. Local Government Act 1972; Parish Councils Act 1957; Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984; etc). Their main role is to exert influence on the decisions of District and County Councils. They are consulted on local Planning Applications, Highway/Road Safety issues, long term planning and wider community involvement strategies. .

In most cases, Local Councils are directly responsible for providing the following services to their villages:-

- Bus Shelters, and their maintenance
- Street Lighting (other than that which is the responsibility of the County or District Councils), and its maintenance
- Maintenance any lands it holds (including Car Parks), Village Notice Boards, etc
- Maintaining/Improving the Village Greens/Common Land
- Provision of Grit/Salt bins at strategic points
- Supporting the maintenance of village burial grounds
- Insuring the use of play equipment in Recreation Grounds for the benefit of the wider community
- Grants to support local voluntary groups/associations
- Planting trees/shrubs to enhance the surroundings and to commemorate key events
- Commenting on all Planning Applications and making appropriate representations to the Planning Committee of the District Council
- Providing a focus within the village for action/representations on key issues
- Organising 'Parish Appraisals/Plans', and acting on their recommendations

However, just a reminder to say that whilst the Council is a consultee on any applications for planning consent that are made in the Parish the actual decision as to whether any application is approved, deferred or refused is one for Hambleton District Council to make as the Planning Authority for the area. If you are concerned about a planning matter in the Parish, whilst it is useful for the Town Council to be made aware of such matters, it is

important that you actually take the matter up with the District Councils Planning Officers (planning@hambleton.gov.uk).

The main items of business with which the Council has been involved in the past extremely busy year have been as follows –

Road Closure –North Northallerton Development.

Residents will be well aware that all the efforts taken to press their concerns about the current road closure and diversion forward with the developers and NYCC Highways proved on the whole unsuccessful. The Council was also disappointed that the MP also managed to make little progress on these matters when he took them up on the Council's behalf.

Many suggestions were put forward to try to improve safety whilst Lead Lane is being used as a diversionary use, these included temporary traffic signals, a reduction in the speed limits, a separate route for HGV vehicles, the possibility of the T Junction being constructed without any road closure and a number of other possibilities which all seemed quite sensible to the Town Council.

The Council remains very concerned about the increased traffic volumes along Lead Lane which it still considers is not suitable for this traffic.

Use of Land off Station Road as a Waste Site.

Recently there have been fears in the village that land off Station Road behind Linen Way would become a waste site of some description, perhaps involving the movement of waste materials and skips. At the present time there is no planning consent for such use and residents will therefore need to look out for planning notices around the site should a planning application be made for such use of the land. When these notices are erected there will be a time limit in which anyone wishes to make observations on the proposal may do so to Hambleton District Council.

Should any activity be seen on the site before any planning permission is granted then the most effective way to record such actions as evidence is by photographs and for these to be submitted to the Planning Authority.

Construction of a footbridge - Brompton Sports And Recreation Field Station Road Brompton

After several meetings with officers of the Highway Authority discussions regarding possible schemes for highway safety improvements in the vicinity of Bowe Bridge proved unsuccessful; alterations to the bridge and the adjoining footpath not being possible for engineering reasons.

The Council therefore decided that to progress the issue of pedestrian safety it would consider the possibility of an alternative solution. This will involve the construction of a metal footbridge from the school grounds across the beck to the BRA car park land. The existing footway across the bridge would remain as existing however pedestrian movements at peak times would be considerably lessened through use of the foot bridge.

Planning Application Number - 18/01259/FUL - The Councils proposal to install a pedestrian footbridge across the beck into Brompton Primary School is lodged under this application number with HDC.

Would all residents please visit Hambleton District Council's web site Planning Portal and view the application and lodge letters of support so that this matter can progress.

CIL Monies

Hambleton District Council's Planning Committee resolved in November 2015 to grant planning permission for the development of 900 houses, a link road and bridge, a primary school, a neighbourhood centre and a sports village on land between Darlington Road and Stokesley Road, Northallerton (application number 15/01083/HYB).

On the basis that the Council has adopted a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule, and that the development is liable for CIL payment based on an amount of £55 per square metre of residential gross internal floor area (on market dwellings only), Hambleton District Council is required to transfer a 15% share of CIL receipts to the Town Council.

As the development is intended to be phased, each phase of the development becomes a separate chargeable development and therefore CIL is required to be calculated and charged on a phase by phase basis. There would be 189 market houses in Phase 1 within the Brompton Town Council boundary, which would result in a CIL requirement of £995,639 (rounded up). The 15% share of this CIL equates to £149,345 (before indexing); however, due to the CIL cap imposed by CIL Regulation 59A(7), Brompton Town Council can expect to receive a sum of £99,900 at today's rates.

To obtain this money for the benefit of the village it is important that the Town Council consults all residents for their views on what the monies should be spent on – **PLEASE RESPOND ACCORDINGLY USING THE LAST TEAR-OFF SHEET OF THIS NEWSLETTER**

Allotments

Brompton Allotments situated on Fullicar Lane are looking for villagers to add to their name to waiting lists for plots.

Rent plus insurance for site - £50 per year.

Contact- Maria Shiel Dods (07972 022405) or Eric Darby (07758 696933)

Car Parking on Station Road.

The Council has asked the Highway Authority to consider implementing double yellow lines along that part of Station Road adjacent to BS Autos and DS Trading that will have force during school hours.

Defibrillators

There are now four defibrillators around the Village – one at The Shop on Northallerton Road, one at the corner of De Bruce Road, one at Weaver Pavilion (provided by the Junior Football Club) and one outside the Village Inn. The Council has worked with Restarting Hearts Northallerton to ensure that the whole of the village is now covered. A training session for using the defibrillators will be held in the coming weeks in the Village Inn – all are invited and this will be advertised on the Notice Boards.

Affordable Housing – Next Steps

Further to the Housing Need Survey undertaken in 2018, the Affordable Housing Co-ordinator has inputted the names and housing tenure of those persons who completed the survey forms.

If you have registered your housing need you now need to register on www.northyorkshirehomechoice.org.uk, this is the new mechanism where all affordable housing is advertised. When you register you will be given a banding (Gold, Silver, Bronze) in line with your circumstances. Properties are advertised from 1 minute past midnight on a Thursday until one minute to midnight on the following Tuesday. You are able to bid (click to show you want to be considered for the advertised property) up to three times per week. A shortlist is pulled off on a Wednesday and Housing Officers work their way through the lists until they are a point to offer.

Broadacres are the zone agent for Hambleton if you require any further help.

If the Affordable Housing Co-ordinator is working on any schemes in Brompton, that includes affordable housing provision she will contact you to keep you informed.

If you are in housing need and have not yet registered with please contact Amanda Madden on 01609 767048 or amande.madden@hambleton.gov.uk and request a form.

Works around the Village

Since April the Council has been using two local self-employed workmen for a vast variety of tasks – these are listed below. This has proved very cost-effective compared to having to get contractors in for each job. Further works are planned during 2019.

The full schedule of works completed is set out below –

Recreation Ground -

- 1. Re-painting and repair where necessary of all play equipment and safety surfacing in the Recreation Ground and at Water End.**
- 2. Reinstatement of netball hoop**
- 3. Reinstatement of benches, tables etc in the Recreation Ground**
- 4. Removal of old goalposts from the Recreation Ground**
- 5. Treatment and wood protection of the fencing alongside the Recreation Ground from Northallerton Road to the Methodist Church + repair of fencing where necessary**
- 6. Repair of front gate**

Cemetery -

- 1. Treatment and repainting of outside fence at the Cemetery**
- 2. General tidying up at the Cemetery including the car park – including restoring all of the pathways in the Cemetery**
- 3. Filling of all large depressions in the Cemetery – including constant re-filling of holes dug by rabbits,, an leveling of sunken graves**

4. Hedge cutting in the Cemetery and removal of brambles from root level where necessary
5. Cutting back of overhanging branches at the Cemetery

Churchyard –

1. Removal of all weed growth from the Church wall
2. Recovering a number of grave spaces and headstones overgrown by self-seeding holly and other overgrown trees in the Churchyard

Greens –

1. Removal of boundary hedge at the car park
2. Repainting of all wood fencing on both sides of the road in the vicinity of the Council's car park and on both sides of the first bridge
3. Painting of the first road bridge at Water End
4. Painting of the wood work along both sides of the fencing at the Water Splash.
5. Removal of all epicornic (secondary growth from trees around the Greens and in the Churchyard
6. Adjustment of boulders on Water End Green as necessary
7. Tidying up of wind-blown branches etc around the Green following Gales
8. Strimming of beck sides
9. Repainting of all wood fencing on both sides of the road in the vicinity of the Council's car park and on both sides of the first bridge
10. Painting of the first road bridge at Water End.
11. Painting of the wood work along both sides of the fencing at the Water Splash.

Other -

1. Repair of the broken metal barrier fencing on the east side of Cockpit Hill which was a highway safety danger and painting of the iron fencing on the west side.
2. Removal of boundary hedge at the car park.
3. Removal of all epicornic (secondary growth from trees around the Greens and in the Churchyard
4. Adjustment of boulders on Water End Green as necessary
5. Works on the opening up of the pathway alongside Stokesley Road from Hallikeld Corner to Lead Lane to further increase the width and further remove vegetation.
6. Filling grit bins and re-siting where necessary
7. Reinstatement works at the Bus Shelter
8. Erection of signs

Removal of all overgrowth from the former electricity sub-station next to the Council's car park as this is causing a highway safety hazard – and when the level of the beck is low removal of overhanging vegetation from the beck side between the first bridge at Water End around to the rear of the school - Party done.

Some remedial works to the unadopted roadway that runs from Northallerton Road to the rear of the flats at Orchard Grove

Battle of the Standard Memorial site -

1. Removal of substantial amount of rubbish from the adjoining ditch + construction of large wood litter bin and notices to use the bin
2. Erection of fencing similar to the bridge at Water End along the southern edge of the site to prevent HGVs from churning up the verge sides
3. Reinstatement of kerb stones along the hedge side of the layby
4. Repair and reinstatement of the Information Board metal surrounds that are currently rotten
5. General strimming back of the whole area

Filling grit bins and re-siting where necessary

Reinstatement works at the Bus Shelter

Erection of signs

BRG -

1. Bringing the childrens play area at the BRG field up to standard.
2. Removal of dangerous tree at the BRG field.
3. Dealing with broken manhole cover at the BRG field

Protection of the Greens

The Council intends to place another 200 boulders around the Green at Water End during 2019 to further protect the grassed areas.

Car Park Land off Cockpit Hill

It is the intention of the Council to resurface the car park in the Spring. The hedge fronting the car park had died off and has been removed; this area should provide car parking space for a few more cars.

The Council has approved a set of rules regarding parking on the site which are available on request – the main rules are –

Car park spaces will only be available on a “first come first served basis”. No parking space will be allocated to any particular resident or vehicle.

Only vehicles having current Road Fund Licence and valid Insurance cover will be permitted to park on the land. Any vehicle not complying with the aforesaid will be reported to the Police.

Only vehicles owned by residents of the Parish of Brompton are permitted to park on the land.

Only private cars, motorcycles or vans no larger than a SWB Ford Transit may be parked on the land.

The parking of any trailers, camper vans, caravans, horse boxes, tractors, boats or boat trailers is not permitted without the previous written consent of the Council.

Christmas Tree

Once again Sam Turner and Sons kindly supplied the village with a Christmas tree free of charge for erection on Church Green by the local Scout group.

Local Policing

The Council is pleased that its local Community Police Support Officer tries to attend the monthly meetings of the Council whenever possible. Brompton has over the past few months had the lowest crime figure rates for quite a long time.

Overgrown Hedges

The Council has taken over responsibility for overgrown hedges adjoining footpaths and highways from the County Council. This means that any overgrown hedges in such locations can be dealt with quickly. The Council will take steps to recover the costs of this work from the landowners or occupiers who do not cut hedges that hence obstruct safe pedestrian or motor passage.

Tree Works

Expenditure on tree works is very difficult to determine. In the past year very little work has had to be carried out as no large mature trees have needed to be felled. Annually the Council budgets in the region of £7,000 for works to the 165 mature trees around the village just in case. Much work is however needed annually following stormy weather to ensure that broken branches etc do not fall on pedestrians and vehicles below.

Dog Fouling

Unfortunately there has been an increase in dog fouling especially around Church Green, Cockpit Hill and Water End Green.

If anyone has any information about regular dog-fouling in the village please contact either the Clerk to the Council or any Councillor so that the matter can be reported to the District Council; in particular making a note of the description of the animal and owner involved and the date, time and location especially if the same owner and animal are seen on a regular basis committing an offence.

The District Council has been asked to be proactive in ensuring that penalty tickets are issued to dog fouling offenders throughout the Parish.

Dogs in general have been an issue in recent months – hence the Notices around the Greens which indicate –

**Brompton Town Council welcomes well behaved dogs and responsible owners.
It is an offence not to clean up after your dog.**

**You are expected to have control of your dog at all times.
If they cannot return to heel at your command, then please
keep them on a lead.
Thank you. Enjoy your walk.**

Northallerton Road Recreation Ground

It is planned this year to buy another piece of new play equipment for the Recreation Ground. The old goal posts have been removed, having given good service for around 60 years and are to be re-placed with mini-goal posts. The basket-ball hoop has also been repaired. This years project will be to install a series of BMX jumps around the area to the outside of the area used for football, this will be 10 to 12 jumps varying in shape.

The Cemetery

The Council also acts as the local **Burial Authority** –

The Council has applied to the Planning Authority to extend the Cemetery as it has been estimated that the current burial areas could be full by 2022 and it will take a number of years for a new area to be properly established before any burials can take place.

If you are wishing to trace burial details of a relative who is buried in the Cemetery the Clerk is able to answer questions relating to burials in the Cemetery back to the early 1950s. Please note that the Clerk does not have the details of persons who are buried in the Churchyard.

This year for only the second time in 15 years the Council has decided to increase the current level of burial fees in respect of the purchase of a single burial plot from £150.00 to £250.00 as in the next three to four years land adjoining the Cemetery will need to be utilised as an extension for the current Cemetery. Although the Council can borrow Government monies at an attractive interest rate for the acquisition of the land for the extension there will be a substantial cost necessary for land preparation, drainage works, the laying out of paths and landscaping etc which the Council will have to bear.

The current burial fees are as follows -

- £250.00 per burial plot
- £60.00 per interment in a burial plot
- £50.00 for Memorials (half size headstones – half fee)
- £40.00 for the purchase of ashes plot
- £20.00 for interment of ashes
- No fee for deceased persons under 16 years of age.

Fees are doubled where the deceased person did not reside within the Parish boundary but in such cases proof is required that the person still had immediate relatives in the Parish, unless they had moved out of the Parish within a period of less than 12 months.

For the information of relatives the details of the rules and regulations concerning the erection of headstones and memorials in the Cemetery are set out below –

Please note that granite kerb stones are now permitted around grave plots in the Cemetery subject to each application to position such kerbs being considered on its merits.

Headstones are not to exceed - 1050mm (3.5ft) in height; 675mm (2.25ft) in width + 100mm (0.33ft) in thickness with a base not exceeding 400mm (1.33ft) in breadth (inclusive of first inscription).

Vases are not to exceed 300mm in any dimension.

Where a headstone is already positioned on any grave space (whether a single or double plot) no additional memorial plaque may be placed in any position on that grave space where it has been subsequently decided by relatives to then place ashes within the said plot. Except that – a small flower vase may be permitted in such circumstances subject to the Burial Board having agreed the proposals in advance and to the vase not being placed on a cement or other hard base.

In respect of Plots purchased for the sole purpose of the burial of ashes the only plaques which will be permitted to be placed on plots will be in the form of a tablet laid in an inclined position on the ground not exceeding 18” x 18”. Any such tablet/plaque must not be affixed to a concrete or other hard standing which is positioned above the level of the ground - ie it must be positioned at the level of the grass when cut.

Where it is the intention to erect a headstone in respect of ashes which have been buried in the Cemetery then a full size burial plot must be purchased for this purpose. Headstones are not permitted to be erected in that part of the Cemetery which has been allocated for the burial of ashes.

No headstone may be erected on any grave until the expiration of the period of six months from the date of any burial in the grave space concerned. Furthermore, no headstone shall be placed on any part of the grave space which may have been excavated in order to accommodate the interment of the deceased. Consequently any headstone and any associated plinth shall be erected at the head of the grave on unexcavated land.

In severe weather conditions which give rise to adverse ground conditions in the Cemetery the Burial Board will reserve the right to suspend the erection of any headstones or memorials until such time that the ground conditions improve, regardless of the fact that the application to erect such a headstone or memorial may have been received after the expiration of the six month period since the date of the burial itself .

All headstones are to be erected vertically. Permission will not be granted for any headstone to be laid flat unless it is of such an age or condition that it has been deemed by the Burial Board to be of a danger to the public in it's present state. If this is the case then that situation will only be regarded as being temporary with the intention that the headstone is re-erected as soon as is practically possible.

Any headstones (or grave spaces including the older kerbs) which fall into disrepair will be reinstated by the Burial Board and the cost of so doing will be pursued where possible through any surviving relatives or family of the deceased.

No permanent plants, shrubs or trees may be planted on any grave space regardless of the fact that they may be considered to be a memorial. In addition no wooden crosses or headstones not constructed by a recognised Stone mason may be erected in the Cemetery.

Solar lights are not permitted on any grave spaces.

No fences of any description are to be erected around grave spaces.

No chippings shall be placed on any grave spaces other than for the renewal of chippings on grave spaces that have traditionally been kerbed in the older parts of the Cemetery.

No inscriptions, pictures or any such engraving may be included on any headstone which depicts anything which in the opinion of the Burial Board contravenes what could be considered as being in good taste or promotes anything which is contrary to the law existing in this Country at that particular time. In this respect the Burial Board reserves the right to remove any said headstone and to recover the cost of so doing.

Any headstones which do not meet with any testing undertaken by the Burial Board in respect of Grave Memorial Stability will be laid flat and a notice placed thereon that the memorial in question has been found to be unsafe and has been laid flat in the interests of safety. The Burial Board will not be responsible for the re-erection or any costs of re-erecting any headstones or other memorials which have been found to be unsafe.

ANY RELATIVES WHO WISH TO REMOVE A HEADSTONE OR MEMORIAL FROM THE CEMETERY FOR REPAIR OR RE-INSRIPTION PURPOSES MUST ADVISE THE CLERK OF THEIR INTENTIONS BEFORE ITS REMOVAL.

The Council's Budget

The Council's annual Precept for 2019/20 has been set at £45,000.00. Details of all accounts are available for inspection upon request.

Any resident who wishes to obtain further information on any matters relating to the Council's accounts may do so by contacting the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. The final accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2018 were approved by the External Auditors who have indicated that the Audit for the financial year ending 31st March 2019 will take place in June.

The Financial Return for the financial year ended 31 March 2018 was as follows –

Balances brought forward – £38,201
Precept - £42,000
Total other receipts - £3,149
Staff costs - £3,196
Loans – Nil
All other payments - £56,129
Balances carried forward - £24,025
Total value of cash/short term investments - £24,025
Total fixed assets - £62,000
Borrowings - Nil

The following articles have been submitted by other organisations for inclusion in the Town Council's Annual Newsletter:-

BROMPTON RECREATION GROUP

July 2018 saw a new Committee being formed to run Brompton Recreation Group, we are working hard for the pavilion to be accepted as part of the community, which can be enjoyed by all. We are always looking for new Committee members or friends of the Committee who can offer their services as and when needed. We have formed a close working relationship with Brompton Junior Football Club who is fully behind us.

At present we have a small 'café ' which runs on a Saturday morning from 9 till 12 where anyone can join us for refreshments, a bacon roll or a sausage sandwich - you are more

than welcome to come along. We have applied for planning permission to open at different times and await the decision. We would like to open to cater for parents and children visiting the play park or when parents are dropping or picking up children from school. Change of use for the pavilion will enable us to expand the range of activities for the Village.

All workers for the Group are volunteers so if anyone would like to offer their services in any way - please check out our web site or contact any Committee member.

In December we held what we thought was a successful Christmas Fayre which was well attended and helped boost the funds a little.

The building needs funds to keep going so we would like you to support any events which you see advertised, as all donations, and cash raised goes towards the upkeep of the building and play area.

Please let us know how you would like to see the pavilion used.

Barbara Slater
Chairman of the BRG

The Brompton Flood Prevention Group

This year due to bad weather we had to abandon the desilting of the beck. Geoff Spence couldn't put the silt anywhere because he still had huge mud piles in his yard. However there wasn't that much silt anyway, so we can leave it until next year.

Peter Wright valiantly agreed to continue the quest to get permission from Network Rail to make an attenuation pond near the bottom of their embankment. The plans were passed by the asset manager last year, but there had to be a site visit and then subject to some recommendations the plans were at last passed and eventually we now have written confirmation. However planning permission may be needed. This has taken 3 years of hard work altogether.

We put in another leaky dam, then put one more log on each of the 4 leaky dams at Northfield Farm and the other one at Kettlewell Farm, having first got permission. James Coxon our contractor also put in a wing wall as there had been erosion at the side of the beck at Northfield farm. We also need repairs at another leaky dam. Repairs are proving very costly as a wing wall costs £1430 and our group is responsible for maintenance.

We now have proof that the dams are working as we were lent some time lapse cameras, which have been monitoring the water flow from December 2017 to March 2018. They have shown that the water was being held back well, as there was quite a lot of water passing through, especially when the snow melted. Unfortunately we missed the terrible downpours in April as the cameras had to be removed while work on the dams was in progress.

We have also enlarged the attenuation pond at Kettlewell Farm, having got permission. This was extended by 300 tonnes, (or 15 wagon loads), about 400 cubic metres in total.

Luckily we got a farmer to take 298 tonnes of unwanted soil from the work and another farmer took 2 tonnes so we were sorted! All this work meant that we had

very little money left, even though the Parish Council gave us £2000 and NYCC gave us £1000.

We now have permission to make another attenuation feature at Kettlewell and 3 other farmers at Bridge House, Fir Tree and Mount Pleasant have allowed us to do surveys and we have identified a need for another 8 leaky dams there as well as a wildlife feature.

Luckily the EA and YDRT are now working with us and have secured just over £100,000 for this extra work, but unfortunately the money has not been released yet after a year of the EA working on the bid for the money and all the money has to be spent by March 2021 or we lose it. The contractors will charge the EA much more than a community group so the money will be gone in no time. The money is purely for natural flood management so we still have to fund de-silting the beck and any maintenance in the future.

So far BFPG has identified all the work to be done and the EA and YDWT has made a leaflet for Brompton residents which will be distributed soon! There will also be a mobile demonstration unit for the residents to be able to find out how to help contribute to stop flooding in their own home, which will be situated on the Green opposite Church Green at a later date.

We have had another successful Music Night and raised £355. Thanks to all the residents who supported us, the donations and raffle prizes given. **We will be having another fund-raising quiz night on Saturday 16th March in The Village Inn** and hope the residents will continue to support us, as it is always a popular night.

After having significant rainfall earlier in the year, after quite a lot of snow, the beck was full, but for the first time the water did not go over the beck sides onto the green, which was directly due to the pond holding the water back in times of heavy rainfall. Another pond would make a significant contribution to keeping Brompton safe in the future. Also more leaky dams will play their part in slowing the flow.

Sue Butler-Smith Chair of BFPG

BROMPTON CARNIVAL AND SPORTS

Jumble sales will be held in The Village Hall at 7.00pm on 29th March and 5th April 2019.

SAINT THOMAS' CHURCH

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

We are one of a plurality of five churches in the local area under the leadership of our Vicar, Reverend Jonathan Cooper. Services are held every Sunday at Saint Thomas, Brompton except, when there are five Sundays in a month, then the five churches join together at one or other of the plurality churches. Once a month on a Wednesday evening at 6.15 p.m. we hold a short informal service with music and refreshments called "Connect 2" and this is proving very popular

Brompton Churches Group, compiled of Saint Thomas Church, and Brompton Methodist Church, is very active. Joint services are held at both churches and we have a busy

calendar of events - the highlight of the year is joining with the village to sing carols around the Christmas tree, kindly provided by Brompton Town Council. Last Christmas both churches were open for visitors to see the wonderful Christmas wreaths provided by individuals, families, various organisations and businesses. Further details of service times and other events can be found on our website - www.bromptonchurches.org.uk and Facebook Page – Brompton Churches Community

We very much appreciate the support of Brompton Town Council for allowing the many activities we hold to take place on the various greens. We are so fortunate to have such beautiful, open, tree-lined spaces for recreational activities, including the village Annual Carnival.

Pupils and Staff from Brompton Primary School are always welcome to visit Saint Thomas', especially on Remembrance Day when they attend a service led by Reverend Cooper and a poppy wreath is laid at the Lych Gate to commemorate the fallen of the village in two world wars. The children also make their own artistic wreaths which are exhibited in church. Once a year Doreen Newcombe is invited to go along to the school for a 'Question and Answer Session' on growing up in Brompton, attending the local school and being a pupil there during World War Two.

It has once again been a very busy year at St. Thomas' with lots of visitors, both individuals and history groups coming along to view our world- famous collection of Anglo Viking hogback stones and Anglo Saxon crosses. We have in our care a Grade 1 listed building housing precious historic relics which necessitates the building being locked at all times, except when a service or other activity is being held. However, access can be arranged by phoning one of the numbers posted on the notice board outside the main door. Please help us to protect our inheritance and should you witness any untoward happening at the church or in the churchyard, please immediately get in touch with the local police office.

In 2016, a Church Re-Ordering Steering Committee was formed of PCC members, with the sole aim of working towards the re-ordering of the church interior and thus rendering it a more versatile and adaptable building, which in future could accommodate a variety of events other than regular services. The wider re-ordering is still in the planning stage but we are hopeful that plans will be submitted to the Diocese in 2019. Work has already been undertaken in the Chancel following a temporary licence being issued by the Archdeacon. This gave permission to remove the choir pews and replace them with individual chairs which can be arranged to fit any occasion ranging from a concert to our Connect 2 services. The Victorian pews, which sat at odds with the lighter coloured George Pace timber work already in the chancel area, have been replaced with eleven, attractive chairs, chosen to blend with the existing oak panelling around the altar, the preacher's desk, altar rail and the handrail at the chancel step.

We will keep the village informed when work commences on the re-ordering of the church and look forward to your support in what will be a major operation over a considerable time.

Rita Laverick and Doreen Newcombe (Churchwardens)



St Thomas' Church Tower Clock and Dials

We would like to invite all parishioners, and anyone with an interest in the church, to help repair the Church Clock to keep it running in good order.

Following the annual maintenance check of the clock by The Cumbria Clock Company they reported that there is an on-going problem with one of the two copper convex dials being loose at the twelve position and this in poor weather conditions may move catching the hour hand which in turn causes the clock to stop. This is obviously not going to get better and will get worse in extreme weather conditions.

Our options are as follows:

Option 1 - To approach both dials using rope access equipment, check the dial fixings on both dials, fit new non-ferrous fixings to the twelve position on the dial which is loose & replace any fixings which are in a poor condition. **The cost of this is £1,290 plus VAT.**

Option 2 - While on site this would be the ideal opportunity to remove the hands, dismantle & clean the dial motion works as although the clock is serviced, access is not available to the outer bearings which protrude through the dials thus being exposed to all weather elements. **The additional cost of this is £810 plus VAT.**

Option 3 - The dials are in a faded condition and would benefit from being restored; this would involve removing them from the tower and bringing them back to our works using our rope access equipment. Where details of the roman numerals and minute marks would be taken, the dials would then be cleaned down primed, undercoated and finished in a blue gloss paint finish [exact colour to be confirmed]. The roman numerals, minute marks and hands would then be restored using 23³/₄-carat double thickness English gold leaf. The dial motion works would also be dismantled & cleaned. **The alternative cost of this is £6,710 plus VAT**

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP? - We would very much appreciate any donations.

You can give:

a) By direct bank transfer to PCC of St Thomas Church Sort code: 40-35-03, Account Number: 80649104, marking it 'Clock Appeal'. If you are willing to give a donation with a Gift Aid declaration (to add an extra 25% from HMRC at no cost to yourself), please complete the form below and send it to: The Vicarage, Northallerton Road, Brompton, Northallerton, DL6 2QA

b) By cheque made payable to PCC of St Thomas Church. If you are willing to give a donation with a Gift Aid declaration (to add an extra 25% from HMRC at no cost to yourself), please complete the form below and send it with your gift to: The Vicarage, Northallerton Road, Brompton, Northallerton, DL6 2QA

Rita Laverick and Doreen Newcombe
Churchwardens

WELCOME TO BROMPTON HERITAGE GROUP

We are a non-membership association of people who care about the past and present of this ancient village; its surroundings, history and special features. The Group was formed in 2003 in response to the demolition of the distinctive Wilford mill chimney, the last remnant of the former thriving linen industry in Brompton. Its bricks were salvaged and have been re-used by the Group in projects around the village. Everyone is welcome to participate, contribute to the archives, attend talks or bring matters of local interest to our attention.

Our annual programme of talks, given by both local and visiting speakers, is now an established feature of village life and these meetings are enjoyable, social occasions. Talks usually take place in January, March, May, July, September and November and are held in Brompton Methodist Church on Thursdays at 7.00 p.m. This year we have presented a variety of topics including "Detecting Brompton's Heritage" We have had speakers from Stokesley, the Dorman Museum at Middlesbrough and committee member, Colin Narramore, who presented a Photographic Miscellany of old pictures of Brompton from the 1890's to the 1960's to name just a few. In addition, we paid a most interesting visit to Snape, where we enjoyed being taken around the village and afterwards were invited to a delicious supper. The group also participated in and contributed to a Heritage Open Day in Saint Thomas' Church.

The programme for 2019 is being prepared and will be distributed as soon as it is finalized and posters will be on show in the village throughout the year advertising our events.

All out talks are held in Brompton Methodist Church and this year it has been our pleasure to give a substantial donation to this church towards the installation of a smart, new kitchen. For further information contact 01609 780633 or visit our website 'Brompton Matters'.

BROMPTON VILLAGE HALL

So yet another year has passed by and the Hall still remains very much a hub of activity and continues to be used by local groups and organisations. This has seen both new and old groups using the facilities offered by the hall, including church, fitness, dance groups and the hire for children's parties, all on a regular basis. This time of year sees the return of Brompton Players as they get ready to perform their annual Pantomime.

In 2018 we were very lucky to be nominated to take part in the Co-op Local Community Fund. Two fundraising events took place at the Co-op, Stonecross in order to raise the profile of the Village Hall and promote the benefits of the Local Community Fund. The money raised will be used to aid the renovation of the front windows, stone window sills and a new front door. This will hopefully contribute to reducing the heating costs but also provide a new look to the front of the building. Thank you to everyone who nominated the Village Hall as their local cause.

The Village Hall Face Book page has been fully established for some time now and displays the email address which can be accessed to book the hire of the hall. Should people not have access to the internet contact details can also be found on the new banner displayed outside the front of the hall.

It is also with great pleasure to receive a donation from the family of Ada Todd who donated the hall to the village in her memory and provide the family with details of the future plans for the hall.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who has supported the hall and donated prizes over the past 12 months and previous years, please keep an eye out for new and exciting fund raising events scheduled for the next 12 months. Our aim and vision remains to achieve a building that the village can be proud of and continue to be used for many years to come.

Sarah Charlton

Chairperson

WOULD ANYONE REPRESENTING A LOCAL ORGANISATION THAT WISHES TO PROVIDE AN ARTICLE FOR INCLUSION IN NEXT YEARS ANNUAL NEWSLETTER PLEASE LET THE CLERK HAVE A NOTE OF THE ARTICLE FOR INCLUSION BY THE END OF DECEMBER 2019.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER IN 12 MONTHS TIME WILL BE ON THE COUNCIL'S NEW WEB SITE WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION ALTHOUGH A NUMBER OF PAPER COPIES WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE SHOP AND THE LOCAL PUBLIC HOUSES AND CHURCHES

Finally – Meetings of the Council are held monthly in The Methodist Church commencing at 7.00pm, usually on the third Tuesday of each month. However occasionally the date of the monthly meeting needs to be changed from the third Tuesday of the month to an alternative date. The Council meetings are opened to the public for a ten minute period for the asking of questions at 8.00pm. Any elector for the Parish of Brompton is invited to attend the monthly meetings of the Council.

An Annual 'Parish Assembly' is held in April each year to enable residents to hear reports about matters relating to the Parish and to provide an opportunity for discussions on topics of general interest. The Annual Meeting of the Council is held in May.

Mr P Atkin
Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer
Brompton Town Council
c/o 61 Quaker Lane
Northallerton, DL6 1EE

THIS IS A TEAR-OFF SHEET

FOR ALL RESIDENTS TO COMPLETE – ONE PER HOUSEHOLD

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of

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Brompton, Northallerton, North Yorkshire

Wish that Brompton Town Council allocates the monies it receives from Hambleton District Council through CIL Monies to –

Delete as appropriate –

Highway matters including a mini-roundabout in the centre of the Village and improved highway signing to improve traffic flow issues

OR - Enhanced community Facilities in the village

OR - A Community Mini - Bus

Or - Other-

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Signed

Date

RETURN BY 30TH MARCH TO –

Brompton Town Council, 61 Quaker Lane, Northallerton, DL6 1EE

OR - to any Councillor listed on Page 1 of this Newsletter

OR – as an attachment to an email to BromptonPC@aol.com

