

Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in The Methodist Church, Brompton on Wednesday 19th March 2019.

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

There were 16 members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

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 27th February 2019, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

It was reported that over the last the month following crimes and ASB had been reported –

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	-	1 report
Autocrime	-	0 reports
Dwelling burglary/other	-	0 reports
Commercial burglary/other	-	1 report
Criminal damage	-	4 reports
Theft (all including from shop)	-	1 reports
Violence against the person	-	2 reports
Other crimes inc Drugs	-	1 report
Total inc other crimes	-	10 reports

Other News

Man charged with Northallerton jewellery robbery - A man has been charged in connection with a robbery at a jewellers in Northallerton earlier this month.

A 38-year-old man from Lazenby, near Middlesbrough, has been charged with robbing Bradley’s Jewellers on 11 March 2019 He was arrested in Fareham, Hampshire, on 16 March 2019. He was due to appear at York Magistrates Court this morning.

A resident expressed concerns about a knife and injection needles being found in the vicinity of Lodge Lane where the street lighting was very poor. The Clerk undertook to check as to who was responsible for lighting Lodge Lane and the PCSO urged residents to report any concerns they had in that vicinity to the Police at the time of any occurrences.

A Councillor expressed the view that local residents would expect additional Policing resources in the area in view of the recently agreed increase in the Police Precept.

4. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING FOR ITEM 19 ON THE AGENDA.

AGREED – That the public be exclude from the meeting during consideration of item 20 on the agenda following a request for non-disclosure.

5. NY HIGHWAYS PRESENTATION.

Mr John Summers a North Yorkshire Highways Team Leader addressed the meeting about the recent events that had occurred on Lead Lane when temporary traffic lights were put up. The matter had related to the connection by Yorkshire Water to a property on Lead Lane and NY Highways had been informed that the works would be minimal and would not affect the carriageway but this had not been the case and in hindsight NYCC should not have permitted the works to take place whilst the current traffic diversion was still be place. Mr Summers added that at some stage there would be a need to connect the property to electricity and gas. The process had been reviewed and Mr Summers said that he was 99% certain that such an event would not happen again.

As the electricity supply was on the opposite side of the carriageway there was a possibility that the road would have to be closed for a period. However Mr Summers stated that he would check whether it would be necessary to close the road.

It was also mentioned that it was unfortunate that at the same time that the temporary traffic lights were in place there had been an accident at the Lead Lane crossroads which had resulted in traffic congestion.

A Councillor remarked that although the new road was now open the traffic on Northallerton Road was very light and people still seemed to be using Lead Lane. In this respect the main signage at the roundabout had still not been uncovered to point traffic to Brompton.

Roadworks.org was a useful site that provided information about traffic lights and road works etc and could be targeted to Brompton or any other locality.

6. AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Representatives of Broadacres Housing attended the meeting and provided information about the current planning application to construct 72 affordable houses in the Parish of Brompton. It was clarified that in the first instance local people would be allocated the houses, but not all of them, and the scheme included one-bedroom quarter houses, two and three bedroom houses and two bedroom bungalows. Forty four of the properties would be available to people who had a local connection, after which they would be available to those who lived within Hambleton.

The remaining 28 houses would be offered for shared ownership however these could not just be offered to local people but there would be an agreement with Hambleton District Council to market them to those who had a local connection.

There was also a requirement to comply with the Affordable Housing criteria of people in need. It was anticipated that the first occupations would be towards the end of the year.

In order to apply people needed to register with North Yorkshire Home Choice and meet the allocation criteria and would be assessed on their housing need, how many bedrooms they needed and how long they had been on the register.

When properties became available they would be allocated over a period of five days on North Yorkshire Home Choice. An Awareness Event was being proposed to be held three months prior to the properties becoming available and it was planned to work closely with Amanda Madden from HDC and with Brompton Council.

Application forms were available from Broadacres Housing and anyone interested could phone up to be registered.

As regards employment in the area people would need to be in employment locally for 12 months before they would qualify on those grounds. As regards the rent this would be 80% of the open market current rent.

The Chairman pointed to the need to bus transport having regard to the location of the site.

It was stressed that should anyone know anyone who was likely to qualify then they should be asked to contact Broadacres.

It was clarified that as there were no open spaces in the scheme the Town Council would not be expected to cut the grass.

Environmental enhancement issues such as bat and swift boxes were included in the scheme.

It was also pointed out that this development did not contribute towards the Affordable Housing criteria in the North Northallerton development.

In conclusion the representatives of Broadacres Housing undertook to forward to the Council a copy of the criteria for the letting of their properties at The Orchards and to look into the restoration of the damaged street signs at The Orchards and Hilton Green.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(i) Bus Services.

County Councillor Hugill reported that the shuttle bus service had been paid for by the developer and that NY Public Transport Services was open to considering all options and was hoping to get volunteer drivers to take people into town. However the current 16-seater would probably be full by the time that it reached Hilton Green and to continue this service would not be the best option. There was also the issue of people living in Manor Court and The Orchards being able to access the doctors. It was pointed out that Community House had a team of volunteers.

The Vice-Chairman undertook to look into what had happened to the Section 106 monies from the developer that had been earmarked for passenger transport.

AGREED – That a Working Group of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk together with County Councillor Hugill and Mr B Walker meet with Diane Pottage from NY Passenger Transport to look at the various options and costings.

(ii) Annual Newsletters.

The Clerk reported that all Newsletters had been delivered to every property in the Parish and residents responses about the spending of the CIL monies were now coming back in.

(iii) The Future of The Friarage Hospital.

The Clerk reported that there would therefore be a public meeting about the future of The Friarage Hospital on Friday, March 22nd at 6.15pm in the main hall of Northallerton School and Sixth Form College, in Grammar School Lane, Northallerton.

(iv) Works Schedule.

The works to the two bridges would be as per what had been discussed at the site meeting.

Also there were two trip hazards where the metal path on both sides of the middle bridge met the paths across the Green. These would be taken care of by using cold tarmac so that the paths were level.

The bridges needed painting again as it had been two years since they were last painted and galvanised paint had not used.

The climbing frame at Water End had dangerous worn grasscrete underneath it - therefore it would be moved to in line with the swings. A number of large cracks in the safety surfacing beneath the swings also needed attention.

The seats on the swings all needed renewing - the ones that are there now were about 40 years old.

The swings at Water End and the climbing frame also needed a good repaint.

A number of cracked manhole covers were renewed around Water End Green four years ago but a number of these were standing above the grass level therefore they would be back-filled so that they did not present trip hazards.

The other jobs were all the seats to be refurbished, the BMX jumps in the Recreation Ground, the car park resurfacing and repair of headstones in the Cemetery. .

(v) Bowe Bridge.

In answer to a question the Chairman reported that he was endeavouring to contact a representative from Network Rail about the traffic priority scheme.

(vi) Rope Swing at Water End.

The Clerk reported that the rope swing on the tree at the bridge over the beck from the car park had been removed on the following health and safety grounds as the tree belonged to the Council -

1. The rope was not in any way a proper safe rope - it was very old and probably would come apart with a bit of weight swinging on it
2. When there is little water in the beck to fall from a height would be very dangerous as the surface of the beck is strewn with stone and rock at this point and even a couple of boulders, there is nothing to break the fall - risk of breaking a limb in a fall is very high.
- 3, The bank sides are steep on both sides and when wet they would be extremely slippy and it would be very difficult to scramble up to the top grass again.
4. If playing in dry weather after rainfall when the beck is full of water there is serious risk of drowning if falling in or of being washed downstream. There are no lifebelts that can be thrown in.
5. There is risk of someone getting tangled up in the rope and perhaps being hung.

To summarise the Risk Assessment - Risk of injury or worse was VERY HIGH.

The Insurance Brokers had emphasised that in this day and age such rope swings were not appropriate pieces of play equipment.

(v) Post Office Consultation

At the recent Public Consultation event in the Town Hall the Post Office representatives said that it would have to be something exceptional for the deal to be stopped especially as the existing Post Office was losing money.

All in all the move into W H Smiths seems very much to be a done deal. If it goes ahead the Post Office will be at the far end of W H Smiths but at present the layout does not meet with the Post Office

requirements about accessibility with it being a requirement that the baskets placed inside the front door will have to go. There will also need to be improvements for wheelchair access.

Nationally across the UK and Northern Ireland there are a number of W H Smiths stores that incorporate Post Offices.

In other consultations representatives would make notes on objections or questions but none of this was evident.

There will be fire exits near the post office counter as the counter is a distance from the entrance.

The plan provided was very small and another example of a done deal. It was suggested that it would have been helpful if there had been some computer images showing what the access was expected to be - the plan of the proposed layout provided was extremely small scale and difficult to read.

Whilst wheelchair manoeuvre ability has been taken into account to some extent along the sides of the aisle leading to the Post Office counter there will still be racks of goods on the walls therefore people looking at these could impede the post office queues.

Another question asked was if W H Smith went into administration they would have to give Post Office Counters 12 months notice and the latter are committed to having a post office in Northallerton and would look for another partnership in the Town. Tescos are major partners in the South and in the Midlands.

Northallerton W H Smiths would become their 131st in store Post Office. Public consultation has now ended with the proposed month of change is June 2019.

Apparently the extra opening hours is actually standard practice.

Parcels can be left at the counter and will be collected from there by Royal Mail - unlike several other such arrangements there will not be a need for people sending parcels to go to W H Smith to pay and get a label and then take the parcel to the Royal Mail behind the current Post Office, where Royal Mail intend to remain.

Unfortunately there will be no self-service parcel-drop provision as there is in York at present - where you go and print off your parcel label (or take it with you) and pay at the machine (or take the paid label with you) without waiting, and dropping the parcel in a self-service box

There will be three service points (rather than the current four) which are to be permanently staffed + a photo booth.

There is to be a priority area for high value transactions for businesses.

It is understood that none of the current staff have accepted the offer of a transfer - the current W H Smith staff will be trained in Post Office duties.

Existing staff will be offered a transfer to W H Smiths, the possibility of a transfer elsewhere or a redundancy package. None of the staff working at the current Post Office are local

At 8.15pm the meeting was opened to the public for the asking of questions.

1. Mr M Langthorne drew attention to the fact that the HGV sign on Lead Lane needed to be reinstated as soon as possible.
2. Mr R Carter pointed to the two bus stops opposite each other on the new road and was informed by the Chairman that NY Highways had informed him that such matters had been for decision by the developers.

8. CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the meeting of the Northallerton and Villages Forum on the 7th March and the meeting at HDC Civic Centre for local election candidates.

9. REPORTS.

(i) Meeting with Doctor James Dunbar re The Friarage Hospital - Thursday 7th March 2019.

Dr Dunbar is the Clinical Director at the Friarage Hospital and Consultant Physician running the Acute Emergency Unit. He lives locally and after training at the hospital 13 years ago returned there as soon as a vacancy occurred.

The biggest problem is the lack of overnight anaesthetists to provide an overnight anaesthetists service. This has been an issue for three to four years and is a factor in not being able to recruit the doctors needed at a time when doctors are being lost from the hospital for a number of reasons, with yet another one leaving at the end of this month, consequently the rota for anaesthetists will be unviable.

The Senior Doctors have met and resolved that it is unsafe to continue as there is too much risk that one night there won't be able to find an anaesthetist for the service.

When Acute Intensive Care Units close they then only deal with general Outpatients and not acute patients – as has happened at Bishop Auckland and Hartlepool. The model that would be followed would therefore be that which had been adopted at Leamington where representatives from The Friarage had visited two years ago which would retain the vast majority of current cases although losing on average three patients a day who would have to be treated elsewhere. If the acute medical team was retained there would be a continuing risk of recruitment and continued uncertainty.

There is a national shortage of anaesthetists and The Friarage being the smallest hospital was at the bottom so far as recruitment was concerned. Continued uncertainty would only lead to more staff leaving the hospital and an unsafe service could not be run there.

Unfortunately the rural population weren't on the Governments radar therefore there needed to be a 15 year plan for The Friarage. The culture whereby people could walk into small hospitals for treatment was very different from working in large referral hospitals. There was a need to accept what was happening and how the changes would be made in view of the fact that the workforce required to maintain existing services simply wasn't there.

Regretfully demonstrations and petitions aren't going to magic up the anaesthetist staff who simply aren't there to be recruited.

Dr Dunbar commented that the hospital had been engaging with local politicians for some time and exploring the difficulties for the communities however the situation had worsened in the meantime. Dr Dunbar added that the hospital wouldn't close but patients needed somewhere to go when they acutely unwell.

A question was asked as to whether any assurances had been given by South Tees Hospital Trust as to how they wanted to see The Friarage in the future. Dr Dunbar responded that this was being worked on as it had only been in the last week that the staff had been told about what was to happen and presently the model was still being worked up. It was emphasised that The Friarage Hospital had not been working at the proper level for some time, at least the last two years.

Dr Dunbar commented that there was a need to accept what was happening and to think how changes could be made. Local practitioners had been engaged with for some time in exploring the difficulties for the communities, however the problem had worsened in the meantime.

Unfortunately there had been little information from South Tees Hospital Trust as to what the future would provide. It was considered that there had been a breakdown in communication and the public still needed to know what was to be provided at the Friarage Hospital in the future.

Urgent Treatment Centres were only for those who had walked into the Department and were staffed by nurses with additional skills, for example dealing with broken bones. This would operate in the future for 12 hours a day, Mondays to Fridays at the Friarage with a 24 hours a day minor injuries service. However the more poorly patients would go by ambulance to Ambulated Care in the new model. A decision would also be made as to whether a patient could remain in The Friarage or would have to go to Darlington Memorial or James Cook Hospital.

It has been estimated that over 90% of the people currently treated in the Friarage will continue to be treated there. However if an incident occurred overnight they would go to Darlington or James Cook and if prolonged care was required they would be taken back to The Friarage the next morning. The only patients who would remain at James Cook would be those requiring specialist health care.

It was clarified that as far as the Ambulance Service was concerned patients did not have a choice between going to Darlington or James Cook as the Service was mandated to go to the nearest hospital.

As regards any “temporary” situation at the Friarage Dr Dundar explained that the situation has to be considered to be temporary as changes could not be made without a public consultation and to date there hadn’t been time for this to take place. The Commission was to carry out that consultation process.

It was pointed out that ever since the South Tees Hospital Trust had been involved The Friarage had lost services. However Dr Dunar clarified that this hadn’t been the South Tees Hospital Trusts fault as the issues concerned very specialist services which for with the outcomes for patients were better at James Cook. Similar contractions of such services had been happening elsewhere.

A question was raised about the sustainability of the out of hour’s service at The Friarage. It was explained that this was currently commissioned through Harrogate. Currently there were three different centres for out of hours with a doctor at each centre. These were now sleeping shifts rather than working shifts as calls were directed through the 111 service. The average being 0.8 patients per night at Catterick. In Darlington the service would equate to one doctor for 100,000+ patients. The Whitby out of hours service was provided from Hull. Work was currently taking place with Harrogate to devise the out of hours service and although there was uncertainty as to what the out of hours service would be in the future it was a fact that there would always be an out of hours service of some description.

The Ward that would be lost at The Friarage would be the one used for those patients requiring major level treatment, for example bowel cancer with the Colorectal team moving to James Cook. This team has the best results of any team in the UK.

Those with abdominal pain will still come to The Friarage but the Alverton Ward would close releasing time for more Theatre surgery to be carried out at the Friarage as the Colorectal Team take up a lot of Theatre time.

The Critical Care Unit has been asked to move to James Cook however no-one was being forced to move and as much flexibility as possible would be incorporated to cover such issues as childcare etc and for staff who did not wish to move they would be relocated at the Friarage. The staff had been urged to transfer to James Cook if possible as the best care was needed for the people of North Yorkshire.

Major injuries, for example head injuries would remain at the Friarage.

All Wards will be converted to being dementia friendly. There was also an alliance being formed for medical students from Hull and York to come to The Friarage for a year of their training at a time and also a similar arrangement with a London hospital. The hope being that they would return to work at the hospital after their training. In recent years up to 42% of the local doctors had been trained at The Friarage Hospital.

However the biggest fear was getting into the realms of Judicial Reviews.

There was a period of 6 months in which to prove that the new model works, and as this had been worked up over two years already it was hoped that more information could be released next week.

There is also a plan to pay for a paramedic ambulance to bring people back to The Friarage.

Dr Dunbar also accepted the need to address a large number of local people at a venue such as The Forum that could cope with the large numbers who would wish to attend.

He again emphasised that the public needed to get behind the model that was being suggested and to avoid political arguments getting in the way.

(ii) Northallerton and Villages Community Forum - Thursday 7th March 2019.

Northallerton & Villages Community Plan 2018-2021

There would be an emphasis on festivals as these had been proved to put market towns on the map. In this respect there was a need to work closer with BID. Marshalling of events as regards insurance, kit, and job descriptions etc needed to be worked up.

It was suggested that the town would benefit from the holding of a Literary/ Book festival.

History and heritage was seen as being very important to Northallerton as there was no plan currently existing for a Museum.

Litter picking was being carried out in the local communities by a number of groups.

The efforts of Brompton Flood Prevention Group and the works they had undertaken that would in essence prevent Northallerton from flooding were reported. The Group had been successful with a bid for monies from the Government for an additional leaky dam.

A Heritage Resource for Northallerton.

A meeting had taken place between the Chair of the Forum and District Councillor P Wilkinson. The District Council was supportive of the idea of a Heritage Resource but did not see itself running it, with it instead being operated by a Voluntary Management Committee. A pro-active response had been received from around 30 local people about artefacts that could be put on exhibit and it was suggested that an "Antiques Roadshow" type event be held at The Forum for people to bring items of interest that could be examined by experts. Provisionally this event was earmarked for 8th September. This idea could be published at such events as the World War II event.

42 children from Mill Hill School had recently visited the Town Hall to look at items kept there of historical interest and The Applegarth School had also expressed interest in this therefore this proved that there was interest in the history of the town.

There was however a need to obtain some heritage expertise on the issues involved in running a museum.

Northallerton as a Vibrant Market Town: The Future High Streets Fund

The Government has recently called for proposals to take up investment it is providing under its' £675m Future High Street Fund. Projects of the order of £5-10m are invited though there is a maximum investment request threshold of £25m. Projects will only be accepted from one town centre

per bidder and must demonstrate significant challenge, though the nature of challenge is not defined. Projects must fit under the themes

Investment in physical infrastructure

Acquisition and assembly of land including making improvements to the public realm
Improvements to transport access, traffic flow and circulation in the area
Supporting change of use including (where appropriate) housing delivery and densification
Supporting adaptation of the high street in response to changing technology

The fund will not support surface level projects that only make a difference to the appearance rather than use of the area or those that only have a short term impact. On examination of evidence it is considered that Northallerton is the most likely centre in the district to be able to demonstrate challenges sufficient to have a chance of a successful bid.

The two stage application process is inviting expressions of interest by the 22nd March 2019, with full business cases for shortlisted projects, announced summer 2019, to be submitted 6-12 months after this date. In two tier government areas bids are to be led by District Councils but will require the support of all key stakeholders.

The Business and Economy Team at HDC is therefore in the process of developing a bid for Northallerton. A range of proposals are being considered which build on current ambitions and some more aspirational projects tackling a range of issues in the town. Currently these include:

- Change of use of empty office spaces above shops on the High Street, some of which have been empty for many years, to form affordable residential units, improving upper floors and their appearance, bringing more people into the town centre and providing starter accommodation for young people.
- Explore the potential for land assembly for office/retail incubator/residential development around the Friarage Street/East Road gateway to town replacing the current not fit for purpose office stock with a vibrant attractive offer to stimulate new business in the town centre well connected to transport networks.
- Zetland Street Shop Front Improvement Scheme to complement the planned Connections project
- Enhanced cultural offer to further develop the night time economy exploring the potential for an enhanced Forum venue
- Parking improvements through the implementation of intelligent parking. This would provide spaces with sensors that link to an app allowing navigation to available spaces, allowing flexible charging by the minute. Potential to extend the app functionality to link in businesses offers and appointments which could be booked via the app.(This is currently in operation in Harrogate)
- Developing an Augmented Reality History Trail linking in key aspects of the town's history, including the prison but also utilising Ginnels and other elements of historic fabric providing an opportunity to enhance the public realm.
- Highway and footway improvements to Friarage Street which would seek to alleviate congestion in Friarage Street and the three roundabouts.
- Green Links and Infrastructure - connecting areas of town to the town centre via pedestrian and cycle links with high quality natural environment encouraging more people to access the town centre on foot.

The team will be engaging with a range of stakeholders to identify sources of match funding and investment and ensure their buy in and support for these proposals including Northallerton Town Council, Northallerton BID, North Yorkshire County Council and the YNYER LEP.

It was pointed out that there was a need for dedicated cycle rack parking with the possibility of double height racks as at the railway station. The lack of a coach park also needed to be addressed as coaches no longer stopped in the town and this was a loss of visitor numbers to the economy. The lack of toilets was also an issue in the town and was another reason why coaches didn't stop in Northallerton.

Another challenge for Northallerton would be the development at Scotch Corner which would see the largest Designer Centre in the Country being established there.

It was also noted that Northallerton had below the average number of independent shops.

The Friarage Hospital.

42% of local GPs had been trained at The Friarage Hospital in the past. There would be the loss of The Alverton Ward where the hospital no longer had the specialisation and this would be moved to James Cook Hospital. The GP out of hours service would be decided at Harrogate and the future was unknown. However when A+E was moved then there would be a reliance on the out of hours service.

Since 2004 there had been a reduction for beds at the Friarage Hospital from 340 to the present 120.

It was reported that at the Over 50's Form earlier that day 70 to 80% of those present supported the model that was being prepared by Dr Dunbar.

It was generally felt that there was a distinct communications problem with South Tees Hospital Trust which had failed to inform the public what services in the future they could expect at The Friarage. It was apparent that although Critical Care would be lost The Friarage would gain Optometry and Orthopedics therefore there would be a net gain in services.

It was mentioned that the Hospital Trust appeared to have missed the point about the extension of Northallerton by 6,000 houses and the vast extensions that were taking place at Catterick and Thirsk. There was a distinct need for information to be put out to people about when and for what they could attend The Friarage Hospital.

It was considered that the anaesthetists issues should have been dealt with many years ago nationally as the current situation affects the whole Country.

Blue Badge Scheme.

It was reported that some people were having difficulty with the Blue Badge Scheme now that it was all on-line.

Post Office Closure.

Disappointment was expressed about the Post Office Consultation exercise that had been held earlier in the week in the Town Hall. Access to W H Smiths still appeared to be a major problem especially as although there would be an aisle leading to the Post Office section it was still planned to have racks of items on the walls along that aisle. No notes of peoples concerns were taken at the event and the plans submitted of the layout were very unsatisfactory

The UCI Cycling World Championship: 25th September 2019

This would be a massive event for Northallerton.

BID had produced a booklet and logo, there now being a new BID Manager Graham Bell.

The event would be live on BBC with a world side potential viewing audience of 285 million.

The possible legacy for Northallerton would be to make it a cycle friendly town.

(i) Decisions.

18/02625/FUL – Extension to form hall, laundry, boiler room, breakfast area and replacement domestic garage at Firtree House – Granted.

18/02625/FUL – Granted.

(ii) Applications.

18/01259/FUL – Construction of a footbridge at Brompton Sports and Recreation Field, Station Road – No objections as the applicant.

In answer to a question the Clerk confirmed that it would be the Council's responsibility to insure and maintain the footbridge.

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

Mr K Pratt (Burial fees)	1,120.00
Watson Memorials (Memorial fee)	55.00

Payments –

Mrs L Huang (Street Sweeping)	80.00
P Atkin (Salary)	322.64
P Atkin (Expenses)	41.28
HMRC (PAYE)	68.00
NYCC (Printing)	14.90
Sam Turner and Sons (Hammerite paints)	19.36
Printroom (1,150 Newsletters)	575.00
Hambleton District Council (Cemetery Rates)	348.77
Brompton Methodist Church (Room Hire – 1/04/18 to 31/03/19)	216.00
Classic Graphics (No Smoking sign for Bus Shelter)	26.40

Bank Balances

Current Account - £200.00

Business Savings Account - £23,141.42

High Interest Account - £13.16

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

12. MODEL POLICEMEN IN THE SCHOOL LAYBY.

It was reported that the school had ordered the two "Policemen" signs for locating in the layby outside the school.

AGREED – That the Council pay for the cost of the two parking signs in the layby at the School and also arrange for the supply of a sack barrow so that they could be easily moved.

13. DOG FOULING.

The Clerk reported that Church View and Church Green was still an area of concern as regards dog fouling. However it needed to be acknowledged that although there were a large number of dogs there were still a lot of responsible dog owners in the village. The Clerk reminded the meeting that as a Town Council it was not possible to issue penalty tickets for dog fouling. AGREED – That the Clerk ask the Dog Warden to visit Brompton more often and to put new Dog Fouling signs up in the worst of the places affected. AGREED – That an additional dog bin be ordered for Water End.

14. BROMPTON RECREATION GROUP - Update.

Councillor O'Sullivan reported on the recent meeting of the BRG Committee. As there was an issue regarding parking when the car park was full the operators of the coal yard had been asked if they could open up their yard for parking on busy days. Monies had been received from Brompton Junior Football Club and The Sportsmans Inn. The Committee was looking to putting an event on over Easter. Plusnet had given a sum of £530. There was a need for the training and servicing of the defibrillator to be sorted out and the Official Opening would be held on Friday 29th March at 3.00pm.

15. NORTHALLERTON ROAD RECREATION GROUND + IMPROVEMENTS TO PLAY EQUIPMENT AT WATER END.

The Clerk had forwarded a catalogue of Produlic play equipment to all Councillors and they had marked their preferences for play equipment for 2019. The Clerk also undertook to obtain catalogues of more traditional play equipment to circulate to Councillors.

A Member of the public suggested that this was an opportunity to give consideration to adult gym equipment outdoors in the village. The Chairman suggested that there may be access to Well Being grants for such a purpose.

16. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Resurfacing of Church View.

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

Approximately 3 weeks ago (I think it was a Tuesday) I was dropping my wife off at Church View as she street sweeps around the Church area once a week.

I couldn't get along Church View due to a large white heavy plant vehicle being parked on the highway near the Manor Court entrance and had to drop her off at the Post Box near the shop.

I saw that a planing machine (I think they are called) and other equipment had been take off the haulage carrier and at a guess there were 4 or 5 workmen stood around.

Obviously I thought that they were there to repair areas of Church View and around the entrance to Manor Court which Brompton Council has requested to be rectified several times.

About three hours later I collected my wife but picked her up at the Bus Shelter so I actually didn't go along Church View that day.

At last weeks Town Council meeting I asked a Councillor who lives on Church View near Manor Court how much resurfacing had been done and he said that nothing had been done.

I was in the village this morning and could see no sign of any repairs having been carried out

Considering that machinery and workmen were on site for a considerable time that day what were they supposed to be doing?

Perhaps these were Sub-Contractors for NY Highways and NYCC has paid for them to carry out works - however there is no sign of any works having been carried out.

Brompton Town Council would therefore like an investigation to be carried to in regard to this matter. A reply was still awaited.

17. WEB SITE UPDATE.

The Clerk reported that information regarding Minutes, Agendas, Monthly Update, the Annual Newsletter and Links had been sent to NYCC for inclusion in a draft of the web site. The only outstanding information needed currently was the photographs and it was suggested that the Camera Club may be able to assist in this matter.

18. KEEP BRITAIN TIDY LITTER PICK - APRIL– GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN.

Noted.

19. GREENS INSPECTION.

AGREED –That (i) Councillors walk around the village to locate an area that would be appropriate for a community patch and (ii) the daffodils be replanted along the beck sides at the appropriate time of the year to replace those that have died off in recent years.

A resident commented that in years gone by the far end of the Village Green at Water End was full of wild flowers and the grass wasn't cut so that the flowers would continue to grow.

It was also suggested that the entrances to Brompton could be improved with flower planting and perhaps the Council could invite sponsorship for this as Northallerton Town Council did for its roundabouts.

20. CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) Minutes of the meeting of the Flood Prevention Group held on 5th March 2019.

The Minutes are included in the Monthly Update.

21. 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 16th April 2019 and that for this year the Annual Parish Assembly be held in May due to the Local Council Elections.

(ii) Tourist Signs.

The Clerk reported that he was making enquiries about getting brown Tourist signs for Brompton particularly for directions to St Thomas's Church.

(iii) Flooding Lighting of The Church.

AGREED – That the PCC be asked if it could assist in moving this matter forward.

(iv) Signs for the Heritage Trail.

AGREED – That the Council work with the Heritage Group to provide signs for the Heritage Trail.

(v) Broken Glass.

The Clerk reported on recent incidences of glass being broken in the Recreation Ground and around the Bus Shelter. The Clerk had helped his wife clear the glass as there was a risk to injury.

(vi) Car Parking affecting Emergency Vehicles.

Attention was drawn to parking around Church View affecting access for Emergency vehicles.

(viii) 30mph Roundels.

AGREED – That the Clerk ask NY Highways to provide more 30mph roundels around the village.

The following matter was considered in Private Session

22. REPRESENTATIONS ABOUT IMPOSING A DOG BAN ON THE BRG FIELD AND ABOUT THE STILE NEAR THE WINDMILL LEADING ONTO THE BRG FIELD

The Clerk reported that representations have been made about imposing a dog ban on the BRG field and about the stile across from The Windmill to the BRG Field. The Councils representative on the BRG Committee commented that although dog walkers seemed to have increased there did not seem to be any increase in dog fouling that owners were not picking up. The Clerk added that from his Greens inspections incidents of dog fouling appeared to have decreased on the Green at Water End. The Chairman of the BRG Committee who was present for the discussion added that the BRG had been asked about the situation and were of the view that the problem had not worsened.

The Chairman of the BRG undertook to speak to the landowner about putting a kissing gate on the access to the path used to access the BRG field that was not currently on the Definitive Footpaths Map and to obtain a view from the Committee at its forthcoming meeting with regard to commencing the process of having the path added to the Map as it had been in use since 1988.

23. BURIAL MATTERS.

No matters were raised under this agenda item.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm