

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in The Methodist Church,
Brompton on Tuesday 21st May 2019.**

PRESENT – Councillors Dr K Carveley, Mrs S Haynes, Mrs M Shiel Dods (in the Chair), Mr M Langthorne and Mr S O’Sullivan.

There were 7 members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Martin (holiday commitment) and there were no declarations of interests made.

All Councillors present at the meeting signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office forms in the presence of the Clerk.

2. CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR.

The Clerk reported that only Mr Miles Langthorne had submitted a letter asking to be considered for co-option to the Council prior to the date after which co-opted vacancies needed to be advertised. AGREED – That Mr Miles Langthorne be co-opted to serve on the Council.

Mr Langthorne signed his Declarations of Acceptance of Office form in the presence of the Clerk.

The Clerk reported that the other vacancies on the Council would be advertised around the village with a closing date of the 14th June.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

AGREED – That Councillor B Martin be elected Chairman of the Council to serve until May 2020.

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

AGREED - That Councillor Mrs M Shiel Dods be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council to serve until May 2020.

IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIRMAN – COUNCILLOR MRS M SHIEL DODS IN THE CHAIR

5. MINUTES.

AGREED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th April 2019, having been circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

In the absence of the PSO the Clerk reported that over the last the month following crimes and ASB have been reported –

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	-	1 report
Autocrime	-	0 reports
Dwelling burglary/other	-	1 reports
Commercial burglary/other	-	0 report
Criminal damage	-	0 report
Theft (all including from shop)	-	1 reports

Violence against the person	-	5 reports
Other crimes inc Drugs	-	6 reports
Total inc other crimes	-	14 reports

Other News

Update following the death of 15-year-old girl in Northallerton

Police are now in a position to name the 15-year-old girl who died in hospital after collapsing in the Applegarth car park in Northallerton on the night of Saturday 11 May. Her name is Leah Heyes from Northallerton. Officers are continuing their investigation into Leah's death to determine the circumstances that led to the tragic events of Saturday night. A post mortem is due to be carried out to determine the cause of her death. We believe that Leah had taken the drug MDMA – also known as ecstasy or a “bomb” – prior to collapsing and we reiterate our warning to anyone who uses drugs, of the potential consequences. At this stage, two teenage boys have been arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of class A drugs. However, officers have not ruled out making further arrests as the investigation continues.

We urge anyone who was in the area at the time or has any information about the events on Saturday night, to come forward and speak to the police if they have not already done so.

Please call North Yorkshire Police on 101, select option 2 and ask for Northallerton CID.

If you wish to remain anonymous, you can pass information to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Please quote reference number 12190085105.

North Yorkshire Police are recruiting Police Constables

North Yorkshire Police is reaching out to women and those in black and minority ethnic groups, as part of its new recruitment campaign to bring 56 trainee Police Officers into the Force over the next year. This latest campaign, which goes live at 6pm on 20 May, comes hot on the heels of a campaign to recruit 50+ PCSOs. It is the latest step in delivering a pledge made by the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner, Julia Mulligan, to boost the number of frontline police working in North Yorkshire's communities.

To become a Student Officer (the name for Police Officer trainees), potential recruits must be at least 18 years old, physically fit, and have a Level 3 qualification. They must also possess a full driving licence, and have lived in the UK for the last three years as all candidates are vetted.

Candidates are also expected to be effective communicators and problem-solvers, with a passion for serving the public and respect for other people.

North Yorkshire Police's Deputy Chief Constable, Phil Cain, is keen for this recruitment campaign to reach out to all parts of the community in North Yorkshire. He said:

“Last year we attracted the most diverse group of trainees that North Yorkshire has ever had – and we want to try to do the same again this year.

“We'd like to bring more women into the Force at PC level. Although our upper ranks are equally split between men and women officers, we still need more women PCs and Sergeants. We will also be doing everything we can to encourage people from black and minority communities and LGBT+ communities to join our ranks, because these groups are under-represented in our Force.

A Councillor reported that there appeared to be a degree of anti-social behaviour occurring at Water End on evenings between 9 and 10 pm. AGREED – That the Clerk ask the PCSO to visit the area at this time of night.

It was also reported that following the last Council meeting the Chairman had met with Sergeant Wilson as had been suggested at the meeting by District Councillor David Blades. Sergeant Wilson had pointed out that the local PCSO attended Council meetings when able to do so to report on the crimes as outlined in the monthly crime report and on other matters of interest contained in that report. The PCSO was unable to go into the specific details of any crimes under investigation and could only report back to Police HQ on any other crime related matters that attention may be drawn to in Council meetings. Further detailed information must be reported to the Police either by the residents who had been directly affected and for which they would receive an incident number in order that updates could be made to them, or on more general matters that should be reported to the Police through the Council itself.

Individual matters would include damage to personal vehicles, vandalism, crimes to the person etc and more general issues would include traffic related matters such as parking in general or incidents of vandalism affecting the whole community rather than a specific property.

Sergeant Wilson had expressed concerns about the manner in which the PCSO had been questioned at the last Council meeting, especially as she was standing in from another area – a matter already referred to in the meeting itself by Councillor Blades.

It was agreed by all that this was not the appropriate forum to discuss these matters in such detail and if individuals had issues in the future they should contact the Neighbourhood Team directly.

As for future crime statistics the number of “crimes” may go up as the figures would in the future include such reported matters as neighbour disputes; however Sergeant Wilson had given an assurance that the figures would not increase dramatically as they had for part of the last year when such matters as lost cats etc were being included in the figures and which saw an increase in the monthly figures from an average of 6 to over 70.

7. APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BODIES.

AGREED – That appointments to Outside Bodies be made as follows –

Brompton Allotments Group – Councillor Mrs Shiel Dods

Brompton Flood Prevention Group – Councillor Mrs S Haynes

Brompton Recreation Group – Councillor S O’Sullivan

Meetings with PCC – The Chairman, the Clerk and Dr K Carveley

Northallerton and Villages Community Forum – The Chairman, the Clerk and Councillor Mrs S Haynes

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(i) Large Tree in the Beck

The Clerk reported that Councils two workmen had spent two days removing a large tree from the beck adjacent to the car park at the BRG field before it moved any further and completely blocked Bowe Bridge causing serious risk of flooding to the village. They had also removed a second large tree that was in danger of falling in the beck at the same point. It was pointed out that the workmen had carried out this work in consistent rain.

It would seem that years of secondary growth covering the trees on the banks of the beck at the back of the school had been killing the trees off.

It also took some time to cut the trees up with some residents took some wood away but there was still a large amount to dispose of. The Clerk informed the meeting that he was arranging for one of the workmen to have a permit so that in future the Council could make deposits of waste at the Civic Amenity site on Yafforth Road.

(ii) Schedule of Works.

The Clerk reported that much work had been carried out in the Cemetery in clearing the large mountain of surplus soil from the grassed area at the bottom of Plot H.

As a contingency plan should there be delays in acquiring the additional land for the proposed Cemetery extension preliminary enquiries had been made to have this area of the Cemetery consecrated when it was being put into an acceptable condition.

Councillors had also been sent photographs of the excellent work the two workmen had carried out in restoring previously laid flat headstones and kerbs.

(iii) Post Office Closure.

The Clerk reported receipt of the following from the Post Office HQ -

Further to our earlier correspondence regarding plans to move Northallerton Post Office into WHSmith, 190 High Street, Northallerton, DL7 8LF. I'm writing to confirm that, following a period of local public consultation and review, we have made the decision to proceed with the proposal. The branch will be run by WHSmith High Street Ltd, with extended opening hours including Sundays.

The team at Northallerton Post Office has been briefed on our decision this morning and I have attached advanced sight of our decision letter which you will formally receive tomorrow.

The current branch will close at 17:30 on Wednesday 12 June 2019, with the new branch opening at 08:30 on Thursday 13 June 2019.

(iv) Street Signs at Hilton Close and The Orchards.

It was reported that the street signs had still not been replaced by Broadacres Housing. The Clerk reported that he had sent a reminder to Broadacres about this very recently.

(v) Bus Service 72 – Hodgsons Buses Timetable.

The Clerk reported receipt of the following bus service timetable -

Northallerton λ Darlington via Brompton & Dalton on Tees

Northallerton The Buck Inn 07:45 07:45 10:10 12:10 14:30 16:22 18:10

Brompton The Green 07:50 07:50 10:15 12:15 14:35 16:27 18:15

Great Smeaton 08:02 08:02 10:27 12:27 14:47 16:39 18:27

East Cowton 08:09 08:09 10:34 12:34 14:54 16:46 18:34

North Cowton 08:14 08:14 10:39 12:39 14:59 16:51 18:39

Dalton on Tees 08:18 08:18 10:44 12:44 15:04 16:56 18:44

Hurworth The Comet PH 08:25 08:25 10:50 12:50 15:10 17:02 18:50

Darlington Q.E. Sixth Form 08:35 # # # # #

Darlington Town Centre (M) 08:39 08:36 11:01 13:01 15:21 17:13 19:01

Darlington Town Centre (M) 06:45 08:45 11:05 13:05 15:25 17:15 17:18

Darlington Q.E. Sixth Form # # # # # 17:19 #

Hurworth The Comet PH 06:56 08:56 11:16 13:16 15:36 17:29 17:29

Dalton on Tees 07:00 09:00 11:20 13:20 15:40 17:33 17:33

North Cowton 07:07 09:07 11:27 13:27 15:47 17:40 17:40

East Cowton 07:12 09:12 11:32 13:32 15:52 17:45 17:45

Great Smeaton 07:19 09:19 11:39 13:39 15:59 17:52 17:52

Brompton The Green 07:31 09:31 11:51 13:51 16:11 18:04 18:04

Northallerton The Buck Inn 07:37 09:37 11:57 13:57 16:17 18:09 18:09

NB – Operates Monday to Saturday but not Bank Holidays except Good Friday

9. CHAIRMAN'S/VICE-CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS.

The Chairman had met with Clerk and Police Sergeant Wilson.

The Vice-Chairman had accompanied with Clerk on his annual inspection of the allotments site.

10. REPORTS.

The Clerk reported that he made his annual inspection of the allotments site recently with two members of the allotments group. There were no adverse matters of concern. Issues for discussion included –

Fencing of the side of the allotments site adjacent to the field where the land owner keeps her alpacas. Originally a path had been planned to go alongside the boundary of the allotments site and Mrs Terwhitts field however the path was not constructed and the allotments along that side went right up to the fence which meant that the alpacas could reach across. Neither a ditch and mound nor an electric fence were acceptable to the landowner therefore estimates of 6' high green netting were being obtained which could be fastened to the fence posts which would need to be heightened in places. The allotments group was willing to assist with this work.

Renewal of the lease and confirmation of the term of the original lease (see under agenda item 14 below)

Whether the landowner would be willing to sell the 1.3 acre allotment site to the Council so that its future is secure.

Improvements to the car park drainage.

Reduction of the tree overhanging the shed. Councillor Mrs Shiel Dods confirmed that Mrs Trehitt was agreeable to this. The tree was in poor condition due to years of secondary growth growing up it and a large branch had also recently broken off onto the allotments site. If the other very large branch overhanging the allotments site was to break off it would severely damage the shed. The Allotments Group had arranged for a tree specialist to inspect the trees at the site.

11. PLANNING MATTERS.

(i) Applications.

19/00838/CLE – Proposed extension to side porch at 21 Fernwood Close for K Harston – No objections.

(ii) Decisions.

19/00505/FUL – Proposed extension to rear of property, Mill Hill House, 33 Northallerton Road – Granted.

19/00513/CAT – Works to trees in a conservation area, 11 Water End – Granted.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

Hambleton District Council (Half-yearly Precept)	22,250.00
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Dales of Thirsk (Memorial fee)	55.00
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Payments –

Mrs L Huang (Street Sweeping)	80.00
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P Atkin (Salary)	322.64
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P Atkin (Expenses)	51.90
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HMRC (PAYE)	68.00
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NYCC Yorwaste Ltd (Trade Refuse Bin charges)	63.29
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J T Atkinson (various)	58.26
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Mrs A Trehitt (2 years allotments water charge)	144.05
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Sam Turners (bolts, paints drills etc)	96.07
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CE + CM Walker (March/April grasscutting)	2,448.00
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Mr P Toman (77 hours labour)	924.00
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Mr E Darby (82 hours labour)	984.00
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Mr P Toman (Fuel expenses)	25.03
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Parochial Church Council (Donation)	1,750.00
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Brompton Recreation Group (Donation)	1,750.00
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Brompton Flood Prevention Group (Donation)	1,750.00
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NYCC (Agenda printing)	14.60
Came and Company (Annual Insurance Premium)	639.39
P Atkin (Reimbursement of Fair Tickets donation)	150.00

Bank Balances –

Current Account - £200.00

Business Savings Account - £40,721.45

High Interest Account - £13.17

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

Insurance Cover

Following comments from Councillors about the Councils Insurance cover the Clerk had asked the insurance brokers to look at alternatives for this years renewal - which was due this month. They had responded saying that three Insurance Companies were interested.

One was Ecclesiastical - a long standing insurance company that was branching out into Local Council insurance. However the quotation at over £900 was well in excess of the other two and the Clerk had had no feedback from other Clerks as to how good or otherwise this insurance company was with the local government aspect.

Another was Inspire - more or less exactly the same quotation as the one below. However Inspire was the Councils current Insurance Company under a new name and had in this form only been operating for a few months - whether it is a name change only was very hard to determine.

At £639.39 (£20 above what the Council paid last year) was Hiscox, certainly the largest of the Companies dealing with Local Council's Insurance and the terms of cover were better than what the Council had at present.

There was only £10 difference between Inspire (in reality our existing Insurers) and Hiscox and the Brokers had recommend Hiscox. AGREED – That the Council accept Hiscox as its insurance company.

Bank Statements.

AGREED – That the Council's Bank Statements be available on a quarterly basis for inspection.

13. RENT OF GREENS.

AGREED – That rent of the Green remain at £150.00 for the forthcoming Bank Holiday fair.

The Clerk reported that he had paid £150 to the fair people that evening for the 100 tickets for the childrens rides. Unlike other years the tickets were valid for all times expect for Bank Holiday Monday and the tickets were divided between the five Councillors present so that they could be handed out to the children of Brompton.

14. ALLOTMENTS SITE – SECURITY OF TENURE FOR THE FUTURE.

The Clerk reported that neither himself nor Mrs Trehwitt had a copy of the signed Lease for the allotment site, However it was clear from emails from 2010 that the Lease had been intended for 15 years although Mrs Trehwitt was expressing the view that the Lease was only for 10 years. The Clerk had requested a copy of the Lease from the Solicitors/ however Mrs Trehwitt had last year checked out when the rent review was next due and had been told that it was later this year.

That would appear to support the Council's view that the period of the Lease was for 15 years rather than 10 as it would be very strange to have a rent review one year before the term of the Lease fell due as the Lease ran from 2010.

Councillor Mrs Shiel Dods reported that she had received Community Right to Bid forms from the District Council and asked for the Council support in making this application.

The Clerk reported that the total area of the site measured 1.3 acres. Agricultural land valuations were apparently around £7,500 an acre and District Councillor Mrs Sanderson commented that such land valuations could be as low as £6,000 an acre and had tended to be stable over the past ten years rather than having increased in value.

AGREED – That the Council support the Community Right to Bid which would secure the allotments for 5 years.

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

- (i) Mr B Walker expressed concerns about extremely large agricultural tractors and trailers using Lead Lane on which there was a weight limit in recent weeks to carry silage using this as a short-cut from Leake to East Cowtons.

These vehicles were too large and too heavy to be using Lead Lane and should more properly be using the new road that has been opened now that there was no diversions route along Lead Lane.

Whilst this practice had just ceased this week the same vehicles would very shortly be carrying slurry going onto Darlington Road.

It was also mentioned that there were skid marks 30' long on the carriageway which showed the dangers of these unsuitable vehicles and trailers using Lead Lane.

AGREED - That Trading Standards be informed that Brompton Town Council would like the weight limit on Lead Lane to be strictly enforced to stop this practice.

- (ii) District Councillor Mrs Sanderson referred to the multi-agency work being carried out locally with regard to reducing drug related incidents. A Councillor suggested that it would be appropriate to have a page on the Council's web site through which residents could report matters to the Police. Councillor O'Sullivan commented that the Leah Beck video which was shown in schools was very effective.

15. BROMPTON RECREATION GROUP - Update.

It was reported that although Rishi Sunak MP had been unable to attend the Open Day he had since then visited the café at Weavers Pavilion. The costs of the Open Day had been covered by donations. There were now notices on the Notice Boards informing as to when the café will be open.

16. NORTHALLERTON ROAD RECREATION GROUND.

The play equipment catalogues were still being circulated among Councillors.

AGREED – That colours similar to those on the climbing frame be used for the play equipment at Water End, in particular a lighter green that is to be used for the seat near the swings and climbing frame.

17. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

- (i) Installation of wooden or metal kissing gates.

The meeting was informed that a couple of residents had asked that metal kissing gates be installed at the stile leading across Mr Walton's land to the BRG field. Mr Walton had given permission for his land to be crossed and for a gate to be installed. Councillors did not consider that metal kissing gates were appropriate and also questioned whether there was any need for kissing gates at all. AGREED – That a single wooden gate be obtained from Sam Turners and that self-closing springs be installed with signs reminding people to keep the gate closed,

(ii) Cutting of Grass, Vikings Court.

It was reported that following approaches from residents the Clerk had taken some time in inspecting Deeds and other legal documents with regard to the question as to whether certain grassed areas in Vikings Court are public or private.

Subject to some further minor enquiries being made the Clerk was of the strong opinion on the evidence that he has seen the areas of grass verge concerned are within private ownership. Whilst there was also a degree of contrary evidence it was the Clerk's opinion that this is not of sufficient weight to over-rule the more substantial legal evidence. However the only categorical 100% certainty would be through a lengthy legal process that would be extremely expensive to follow through and was in the Clerk's view unlikely to alter what has been put forward unless there was much more substantial contrary evidence (which had not been forthcoming to date).

In the circumstances the Town Council AGREED - To cease cutting these grassed areas in Vikings Court in the future especially as it would appear that they are all being cut by the residents anyway.

As regards allegations of trespass on these areas of grass verge this was not a matter that the Council could get involved with. Actions one way or the other in this respect would again be extremely expensive but that is an issue for the individuals themselves to rectify. Evidence of any damage caused by any alleged trespass as indicated to the Clerk was seen to be very minimal.

(iii) Parking on Church View, Brompton in the vicinity of St Thomas's Church

The Clerk reported that the following had been received from Area Highways -

I have looked into the possibility of a box junction outside the access road to the church. If this was to happen it would restrict the parking of any vehicles including hearses and wedding cars.

A possible alternative would be to place double yellow lines along the extents of the entrance. This would allow for waiting time reasonably necessary for vehicles in connection with weddings and funerals. Please be aware that disabled badge holders may also reasonably park on double yellow lines for a period of up to three hours.

We would also be prepared to meet the cost of the installation of the yellow lines if this is something you are in agreement with?

However double yellow lines would not be appropriate for the very reason stated by NY Highways in the penultimate paragraph above. The Clerk was not aware that there had been any instances of problems with funeral vehicles gaining access to the Church but there had been very few funerals recently anyway. AGREED – That the Clerk go back to the Highway Authority to pursue the Council's original request.

(iv) Wooden Footbridge

The Clerk reported receipt of the following from a resident -

“Just a big thank you for the resolution of a long running issue, not helped by NYCC in any way!

I was across the RofW field (ex Mr Langthorne/Whittaker) at the W/E and just to thank the lads for making a excellent job of the wooden bridge plinth repairs also may I thank the lads for their

excellent work in returning the style back to its original condition, which everyone seems very, very pleased about”.

(v) Bus Services –Section 106 Payments.

It was reported that the Section 106 Agreement for the North Northallerton Development showed that the developer was required to provide a financial contribution over 5 years to service improvements. The developer was to pay £100K per year for 5 years for improvements to bus services and bus stops when the new link road was in place. This included provision for two new bus stops on either side of the new link road which had now been installed.

It would be for NYCC to contact the developer to negotiate when this work could start and when the developer should start paying the 100K.

(vi) Signage – North Northallerton Development.

A Councillor expressed concerns that “Brompton” was not to be shown on the new large white direction sign on Stokesley Road when the new link road was opened and the bridge completed. The only reference to Brompton would be the small yellow sign. AGREED – That the Clerk ask County Councillor Hugill to investigate this matter.

18. GREENS INSPECTION.

The Clerk reported that his next inspection of the Greens would be carried out after the Fair had gone so that he could ascertain what, if any damage had occurred..

19. CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) Northallerton & Villages Community Forum

The Clerk reported the next meeting would to be held at 4.00pm on Thursday 30th May at the Civic Centre. The main topic for discussion would be the creation of a museum/heritage resource in Northallerton

(ii) Use of The Greens.

The Clerk reported that Brompton Churches Group would like to hold the following events on the Village Greens -

Carnival Praise on Sunday 26 May at 11 am and A Pet Service on Saturday 8 June at 3 pm

In view of the short notice Councillors had been asked for their views and all had agreed to the two events being held. AGREED – That the actions taken in this matter be endorsed.

20. 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 18th June 2019.

(ii) Dates of Council Meetings 2019/20.

June 18th

July 16th

August – see decision below

September 17th

October 15th

November 19th

December 17th

January 29th

February 17th

March 16th

AGREED – That as most Councils have a recess period in August the Clerk determine whether a meeting during the month of August needs to be called each year.

(iii) Rural Transport and Access Partnership - Meeting Invitation

The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the Rural Transport and Access Partnership, the focus of which was the creation of a 'bus users forum' and access to bus services for those with disabilities would be held at 2pm on Wednesday 5th June at the Civic Centre in Northallerton.

(vii) CCTV

Councillor Mrs Haynes remarked that she was still trying to have a meeting with Gina Allen the Safer Hambleton Co-ordinator.

(viii) Yorkshire Water Works at Fernwood Close/ Hilton Close.

The Clerk reported that Yorkshire Water had confirmed that works at Fernwood Close/ Hilton works would continue until August although heavy machinery should be removed from the site during July.

It had originally been anticipated that the works would be completed by Christmas 2018 however serious drainage collapses had occurred together with a lot of other unexpected issues which instead of the planned repair and reinstatement works resulted in major capital engineering works having to be undertaken. Five conservatories had had to be demolished as the sewer network collapsed at a depth of 4.5 metres involving major trench works in a number of gardens. Recent annual periods of very dry weather followed by very wet weather had led to ground swell that had affected the 60 year old terracotta pipes.

Yorkshire Water had agreed to write to all residents in the vicinity explaining why the works were taking much longer than had been expected.

(vi) Dogs.

The Clerk reported that a recent incident had been reported regarding the walking of dogs. However this had not been on Council land. The Clerk had spoken to the parties involved and they had both told the same story about what had happened. The Clerk had also visited the person whose dogs were allegedly the cause of the complaint and had offered advice so that the matter should not be repeated but had warned that if it did and this was on Council land then the Council would have no alternative than to take matter further.

(vii) Northallerton Flood Warnings.

The Environment Agency is continuously updating its flood warnings. We use new data to get a more accurate picture to help at risk communities be better prepared for flooding. As part of our latest

updates to the Flood Warning Service, we launched 4 new flood warnings in Northallerton on the 28th of February 2019.

These warnings are: 1. Turker Beck at Northallerton; 2. Confluence of Sun Beck and Turker Beck at Northallerton; 3. Sun Beck at Northallerton; 4. Willow Beck at Low Gates, Northallerton.

There are approximately 670 properties within the 4 Flood Warning Areas. We have written to all residents and businesses in the areas to encourage them to fully register on the Environment Agency's free Flood Warning Service.

Customers fully registered to the Flood Warning Service will receive an advanced warning of potential flooding. There are options to receive warning message as a phone call to homes, places of work or mobile phones, as well as by text message or e-mail. Some customers may already receive texts or phone calls due to being automatically registered by your phone provider company.

We call this Extended Direct Warning or 'EDW'. For example, EE customers who are registered at an address within the warning area were automatically 'Opted In' to receive alerts and warnings. However, customers who fully register can manage their own details and choose different ways to receive the information.

(viii) Notice of next CCG Governing Body meeting – Thursday 23 May 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 23 May 2019 from 1.30pm at Suite 4, Evolution Business Centre, Darlington Road, Northallerton, DL6 2NQ. The meeting, which was open to members of the public to observe only, would hear reports about the progress of specific initiatives being led by the CCG as well as information about finance and performance.

(ix) Seats.

Councillor Mrs Sheil Dods reported that the Allotments Group had some spare seats. It was also reported that the commemorative seat on Church Green dedicated to the little boy who had tragically died some years ago had been repainted by a volunteer.

(x) Proposed Pedestrian Bridge.

Councillor Sheil Dods reported that the Environment Agency had objected to the Council's planning application for the pedestrian bridge on the grounds that the flood risk assessment report was inadequate and required more detail. AGREED – That the Clerk ask Mr K Ward the Council's Architect if this was something he could do or whether the Council needed to engage someone to write a fuller flood risk assessment report.

21. BURIAL MATTERS.

(i) Reinstatement of Headstones in the Cemetery.

Councillors expressed their appreciation of the work that the Council's two workmen had carried out in connection with headstone restoration in the Cemetery.

(ii) Consecration of additional area of ground.

The Clerk reported that now that the soil heap had been cleared he was pursuing the issue of that parcel of ground being consecrated by the Bishop as it could provide space for up to 50 graves if there was any further delay in the negotiations for the Cemetery extension land. He had found the previous Dedication deed and the process did not seem to be over complicated. AGREED – That the vendors Agent be advised that the Council wish to have firm confirmation that the vendors are willing to negotiate the sale of the site for the Cemetery Extension as has been previously discussed but if

that assurance is not given then after a period of three months the Council will take steps to invoke the Compulsory Purchase procedures.

(iii) Shooting of Rabbits in the Cemetery.

The Clerk reported that a number of rabbits had been shot in the Cemetery on Sunday evenings and the bodies had been hung up. This would be very distressing to anyone visiting the Cemetery but the workmen had disposed of the rabbits before anyone visited. The Police, the Clerk and a local resident had kept up patrols of the Cemetery on Sunday evenings and there had not been a re-occurrence for three weeks. It was believed that the shootings may have involved teenagers with an air rifle as anyone else would have taken the rabbits away for the meat value and not hung them up.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm