

**Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in The Methodist Church, Brompton on Wednesday 18th June 2019.**

PRESENT – Councillors Mrs S Haynes, Mr M Langthorne, Mr B Martin (in the Chair), Mrs M Sheil Dods and Mr S O’Sullivan.

There were 10 members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Dr K Carveley (holiday commitment).

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 21st May 2019, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2019.

AGREED – That the Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Annual Parish Assembly held on the 21st May 2019 be received for information.

4. CO-OPTED VACANCY.

The Clerk reported that the Co-opted Vacancies on the Council had been advertised with a deadline date of 14<sup>th</sup> June however no interested persons had come forward.

5. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

Over the last the month following crimes and ASB have been reported –

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	-	<b>1</b> report
Autocrime	-	<b>0</b> reports
Dwelling burglary/other	-	<b>1</b> report
Commercial burglary/other	-	<b>0</b> reports
Criminal damage	-	<b>0</b> reports
Theft (all including from shop)	-	<b>2</b> reports
Violence against the person	-	<b>4</b> reports
Other crimes inc Drugs	-	<b>0</b> reports
Total inc other crimes	-	<b>8 reports</b>

Other News

How are we making our town safer in the future –

You may already be aware but your local Neighbourhood Policing Team constantly strive towards making Northallerton the safest it can be and to give you an insight into this I thought it might be

useful to share with you a snap shot of some of the projects we are currently developing and working on –

i) We are working with Northallerton BID to trial an information sharing App with retailers and pubs which would allow premises to share with other members live and real time suspicious activity, photos and cctv of offenders, information and intelligence and also details about events and meetings.

ii) We are working with retailers who sell vouchers in the town to contact us if a customer purchases large amounts of gift cards which is a sign the customer may have been a victim of fraud. Fraudsters contact vulnerable people and deceive them into sending the voucher codes over email and facebook which are then sold on.

iii) We currently working with multiple agencies and schools to look at getting early intervention for vulnerable primary school students who are assessed as being likely to be involved in crime and anti-social behaviour in the future hoping with support and advice we can steer them away from this helping them make the right life choices.

iv) We continue to develop the Northallerton Youth Space which goes from strength to strength.

v) We continue to meet with our local Children's Homes to discuss their residents and look to support the schemes with early intervention and advice.

vi) Our work with the Street Angels continues as this project thrives and has now become a permanent fixture with the support and care that is offered in our night time economy and we have had requests from other areas asking how we set our scheme up and what processes are required to replicate it. A real sign of success for this flag ship project.

This is just a few of many projects that are currently being progressed by your local team in partnership with the towns other agencies, all driven by the information and intelligence we receive from our community.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

### (i) Questions Put to CCG Meeting – 23 May 2019.

The Clerk reported that he had put the following questions at the recent meeting of the CCG -

**Q1.** Is it accepted that there is currently a failure to the residents of the catchment area of The Friarage Hospital, Northallerton in not providing a facility at the hospital of secondary care provision and which has consequently caused untold inconvenience to an extremely large population in North Yorkshire especially through travelling issues and travel expenses in having to access secondary care that is outside of the County?

Secondary care being medical care that is provided by a specialist or facility upon referral by a primary care physician and as such requires more specialized knowledge, skill, or equipment than the primary care physician can provide and which is expected to be provided at a patient's District General Hospital, for which for many is the The Friarage Hospital.

If secondary care is withdrawn from The Friarage, would The CCG meet it's responsibility and obligations to the public by providing full reimbursement of all travel costs for patients, their carers and immediate family members over and above what they would normally have expected to expend in travelling to The Friarage Hospital should secondary care have been available thereat.

**Answer** - The Friarage Hospital, Northallerton remains a fully functioning secondary care hospital.

The 'front of house' at the hospital is now operating as a 24/7 Urgent Treatment Centre, as part of a necessary temporary change.

All patients who would have 'walked up' to the front of house will continue to be assessed and wherever possible treated at the Friarage.

90% of patient care previously given at the Friarage will continue to be delivered there.

The transport costs of any patient conveyed via ambulance are automatically paid for by the CCG through our contract with Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

The majority of patients who would previously have attended the Friarage for their colo-rectal surgery and are now being seen at the James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough. The James Cook University Hospital is a centre of excellence for this specialty.

We are delighted to report that the first 8 weeks of the temporary arrangements have seen high quality care continue to be given to our patients without harm or disruption.

**Q2.** However - What about the travel costs of the next of kin of the 10% of patient's who are now forced to travel to James Cook to visit their relatives?

**Answer** - Urgent transfers are paid for as they will happen by ambulance. The patients that need transferring will be brought back to the Friarage as soon as they are stable if they still need hospital treatment again by ambulance. The NHS does not pay for visitors travel costs and that is something the CCG will be very unlikely to do in the future. Public transport is a county council issue and that should be addressed through the appropriate councillor.

The decision to temporarily close the Friarage A&E was made on safety grounds. It does not save money for the CCG as the care still needs to be paid for. In the meantime every attempt will be made to treat as many patients at the Friarage Hospital as long as it is safe for that individual.

AGREED – That the Clerk ask the CCG to ensure that fuel costs are paid to the 10% of relatives referred to by the CCG.

(ii) Youth Provision – Brompton.

The Clerk provided the following updates -

The recent event for youngsters at Weavers Pavilion was only attended by a few youngsters as it happened to clash with the young Northallerton teenage girls funeral at the same time.

Youth Services also think it was a mistake to advertise on Facebook that the session was for Brompton youngsters only.

The event was mainly put on to ask youngsters what is it that they want + do they actually want a youth club?

It is planned to put the same event on again in the village when it will hopefully be much better attended.

There are three volunteers who have come forward from Brompton to date. The pool of adults that would be required would be a minimum of 6 so that holidays, sickness etc can be taken account of and youth sessions do not have to be cancelled as there are insufficient volunteers on any particular night.

Most youth clubs run for 50 weeks of the year.

It is unlikely that sessions would be arranged in Brompton on Friday nights as that is when Youth Space operate their session in Northallerton.

However if the Village Hall was able to accommodate a Youth Club the only free night was Friday night. As regards Weavers Pavilion it had been suggested that the changing room accommodation

could be utilised however the football club were unlikely to agree to this as it was endeavouring to promote girls football and would therefore needed the separate changing rooms.

Under the NY Youth Services rules the age group must be 11 to 19s - probably in two sessions - 11 to 14s and then the older ones.

A younger age group could not be supported.

If a paid Youth Worker is required then this would cost £12.50 an hour plus 15% on-costs. They are paid a minimum of 4 hours.

NY supports 69 volunteers youth clubs and only 5 have a qualified youth worker.

Catterick Town Council pays for a qualified youth worker for its youth club.

The younger age group look for a more structured session with activities being put on for them whereas the older ones are happy with playing games on the television/ IPad, playing table tennis and pool but more importantly having somewhere where they can come in safety off the streets to chat together with some food and drink.

A basic kitchen of at least a hob and microwave and running water would be needed.

Any location would need to have some storage for the equipment and if possible access to outside for such as rounders would be great.

Some places have outside storage for equipment.

There is no funding for equipment such as table-tennis tables (although there are couple of surplus ones in stock at present), pool tables or televisions etc so funding would need to be raised locally.

Northallerton currently runs with an average of 25 11,12s and 13 year olds and 10 to 30 older ones.

AGREED – That the Clerk enquire of Northallerton Rugby club and Youth Services whether the Rugby Club would be a suitable venue in which to host a youth club for Brompton youngsters.

(ii) Bus Services.

Councillor Mrs Sheil Dods outlined the S106 Agreement provisions with regard to new bus services to service the new houses. A resident commented that a lot of people weren't using the service and that it needed to be advertised better. AGREED – That a representative of NYCC Public Passenger Transport be invited to a future meeting of the Council.

(iii) Boulders in the beck.

The Clerk reported that a wagon had dislodged two large boulders at the Water Splash and the workmen had moved them back into position.

(iv) Schedule of Works.

Welding and making safe of the climbing frame at Water End + painting.

Preparing land at the Cemetery for consecration + filling rabbit holes.

Play area at Water End.

Barriers to the bridges at Water End and repainting.

Erection of gate to path across to BRG field.

Cutting back of overhanging tree at The Water Splash.

(v) Dog dirt.

The Clerk reported that dog dirt on the Green had again been the subject of a complaint. The Clerk was therefore to meet with the Dog Warden. Councillors discussed the need to protect the play area at Water End from dogs and it was AGREED – That the childrens play area at Water End be fenced off and gated similar to the childrens play area at the BRG field.

(vi) Tree at Water End.

The Clerk reported that the weeping willow tree at the Water Splash was overhanging the bridge and could be a danger to pedestrians. A 5 day notice had been submitted to the District Council as the tree was in the Conservation Area.

(vii) Outstanding Matters.

The Clerk reported that he was still chasing up the following matters –

The hatched yellow box in the highway on Church View at the Church

Provision of Notice Boards

Keep Clear sign at The Methodist Church

6. CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the meeting of the Northallerton and Villages Community Forum held on 23 May 2019 and the Karbon Homes event on the 11<sup>th</sup> June in The Methodist Church relating to the development of land adjacent to Danes Crest.

He also reported that the Church clock had been sent away for repair.

7. REPORTS.

The Clerk reported as follows on the Northallerton and Villages Community Forum held on 23 May 2019 -

Heritage Resource Museum.

The main focus of the meeting was in respect of the establishment of a heritage resource museum in Northallerton.

A presentation was made by York Museums Trust – Museum Development Yorkshire which provides advice and support, free of charge to museums in Yorkshire and Humberside.

Of the 140 museums in Yorkshire 44% are run by Charities, 33% by volunteers and 38% by Local Authorities.

Small museums average around 7,000 visitors per annum with an average turnover of £6,000. Ticket prices tend to be around the £3 mark. The exhibits can number anywhere between 250 and 12,500 objects.

There is a UK industry standard for museums concerning how they are run, how they manage their collections and how they engage with users.

Museums must be open to the public on a regular basis and be so placed that the public can see and engage in the collections.

They must also have a long-term purpose of at least 25 to 30 years, and hopefully longer.

There are also accreditation standards concerning the organisational health - ie appropriate governance and management, be able to plan ahead and have the resources to deliver its plan, and also be able to deal with risk – both economic and other liabilities.

Museums must – hold and develop their collections, hold useful collections and care for and conserve their collections.

They need to have proper asset management to be able to look after the collections and protect them against degrading – particularly in regard to such materials as wood and leather.

Details of users and their experiences need to be kept so as to understand and maintain their audiences and engage the users.

As regards Northallerton the issue was raised as to whether there were any gaps in the market that could be targeted. This needs to be approached from the angle as to what is the purpose of the museum and whether the museum is to be a specialist or a general museum.

Once established museums tend to test their markets by putting Exhibitions on.

Whilst there is a demand for a museum in Northallerton it isn't really known what is actually wanted – possibly the heritage of the area from which themes can be developed.

The Yorkshire Museums Service supports museums that are accredited or are working to meet the standard.

8. However museums cannot get going until they have funding, with independent museums, surviving or dying by investments and donations.

Some organisations do however choose not to be part of the standard and all museums that meet the standard do need to reapply for re-accreditation every 5 years.

Some museums operate on more than one site – eg Ripon which operates over three sites – the Workhouse museum, the Prison and the Courthouse all under the Ripon Museum Trust.

Whilst the process can be negotiated quite quickly it is recommend that it be not rushed with ideas being tested over a couple of years and set a track record with the funders.

Volunteers are needed to both govern the organisation and to operate the attractions – therefore there could be as many as 50, many tending to be the older age group or people using it as part of a return to work plan.

An important addition is the ability to supply food and drink, however this is quite high risk with quite small profit margins.

Annual ticket offers depend on Gift Aid and the market place in which the museum is operating, eg are return visitors likely?

As regards local collections it was mentioned that local people may be in the process of selling off their collections whilst they were still alive. If anyone knew of such local people then they should get in touch with them to discuss the heritage centre idea for their collections. Accepting loans of objects was a usual form of building museum exhibits especially for exhibitions and for learning materials.

Borrowing from other museums was also a possibility, especially for exhibitions, but there were the added issues of bringing the objects out of storage, transportation, insurance and returning them

afterwards but as most museums only had a small art of its objects on actual display this was a distinct possibility.

#### What next –

A Building

Objects

Photographs, documents, films

Stories about people

Volunteers or a community group

Who owns it?

#### What want to do –

Exhibit

Tell Stories

Research the local community

+ who is the museum for – local people or tourists?

#### A fact finding exercise is to be held at Northallerton Forum on the 8th September.

The problem with The Treadmills development is that there is only the incorporation of display space on offer.

Many museum organisations put their catalogues on line eg Google Culture and this would be another possibility for Northallerton.

The Community Forum has decided to call a special meeting to further pursue the matter prior to the event at Northallerton Forum in September.

#### 880 Group.

It was reported that at the conclusion of the 880 Group there had been a surplus in finances of £435 held in the NVCF accounts. The representatives of Brompton Council reported that the final figure for restoration works at the monument site had totalled £2,850 which was considerably above the estimated sum however the Council did not want any money back as it was happy with the project that it had undertaken.

It was agreed that the surplus monies be retained to go towards future heritage projects.

#### CCG.

It was reported that there was an intention to combine the three CCGs from April 2020 and to set up a Primary Care Network.

#### Cycling World Championship.

BID is working closely with HDC and others in preparation for the event and two road shows would be held including the 13th June at The Forum to publicise the event to businesses etc.

Billboards would be erected in Northallerton town, along Boroughbridge road, at The Treadmills site and at the railway station. The layout of the town centre and logistics were currently being reviewed with 1,000 international visitors expected. Painting competitions would also be carried out at local schools.

The town centre would be closed for at least two and a half hours with the event starting at 2.30pm and the market would be moved to the southern end of the town as the event was on a Wednesday.

Race guides would be published and there was a need to locate overspill car parking as The Applegarth would be used by the cycling teams.

#### Northallerton Flood Warnings.

This item was deferred to a future meeting. There is a need for residents to register with the Environment Agency so that they receive information about flood warnings in their area. This requirement would also be included on Brompton Town Councils new web site when it was established.

#### Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be the AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> August when the theme will be the Heritage Museum.

#### 9. PLANNING MATTERS.

##### (i) Decisions.

19/00838/CLE Proposed extension to side porch, 21 Fernwood Close – Granted.

##### (ii) Applications.

19/01110/FUL - Construction of new healthcare building providing office and assessment spaces for multi-disciplinary, community based mental health teams.

OS Field 6504 Northallerton Business Park Thurston Road Northallerton – No objections.

19/01254/FUL – Development on Land adjacent to 53 Water End - AGREED – That due to the fact that this planning application had only just been received on the day of the current meeting the Clerk request that an extension for comments be granted so that the matter can be fully discussed at the July Council meeting.

#### 10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

##### Receipts –

Brompton Allotments Group (Annual plot rents)	1,200.00
G Crow (Rent of Green)	150.00
Co-operative Funeral Services (Burial fee)	120.00

##### Payments –

Mrs L Huang (Street Sweeping)	80.00
P Atkin (Salary)	322.64
P Atkin (Expense)	40.11



HMRC (PAYE)	68.00
J T Atkinson (paving slabs, sand + cement)	28.57
Sam Turners (Hammerite paint + grass seed)	54.11
CE + CM Walker (May grasscutting)	1,632.00
Classic Graphics (signs for cemetery etc)	220.80
Anchorage Hire Centre (hire of welder and tree pruner)	59.40
Mr P Toman (100 hours labour)	1,200.00
Mr E Darby (85 hours labour)	1,044.00
Mr P Toman (Fuel for welder and van + reimbursement for steel)	139.93
Mr E Darby (reimbursement for steel)	67.20
Mr P Toman (Float for cash purchases for works)	200.00
NYCC (Agenda printing)	14.00

Bank Balances –

Current Account - £200.00

Business Savings Account - £33,402.19

High Interest Account - £13.18

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

A discussion took place and it was the consensus view of Councillors that it would be of advantage for the workmen to have the facility of a £200.00 cash float so that they could take advantage of cash purchases on occasions for items for works that they were carrying out.

10. REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019.

The report of the Internal Auditor in respect of the Annual Return for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2019 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

AGREED – That – (i) the report of the Internal Auditor be received and (ii) the following recommendations within that report be approved –

That Brompton Burial Board adopt an Invoicing procedure for receipt of burial income

That the Burial Board Precepts the Council for the sum of £3,000 per annum (ie anticipated fee income less other)

That manual system for accounting of Invoices etc is transferred for future transactions to a computerised system .

That the Clerk's Contract of Employment and Salary Spinal Point be reviewed during 2019.

That the Council adopts a Financial Risk Strategy during the current financial year.

12. SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019.

AGREED - That the final Return figures be submitted to the July meeting.

13. BROMPTON RECREATION GROUP - Update.

Councillor O'Sullivan reported that the recent meeting of the BRG had also been its AGM. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Officers had been appointed and the budget had been approved.

The Council's offer to provide a wooden gate at the fence across Mr Walton's land had been accepted and the Chairman of the BRG was pursuing the matter of the permissive path.

The meeting had also been told about metal fishing by two adults and two children in the beck near the car park and it was AGREED - That it be left to the BRG to put up a sign in this respect if they considered it was necessary.

A shopping trolley and other metal had been "fished" out of the beck and the Clerk undertook to report the matter to the Flood Prevention Group.

14. BROMPTON ALLOTMENTS— RENEWAL OF LEASE.

The Clerk reported that he had had a lengthy discussion with the landowner who confirmed that she was only interested in pursuing a 10 year extension on the Lease. She also not interested in a 25 year Lease or in a 15 year Lease and had no interest in selling the site at any time in the future

She also wished to have some new clauses included in the new lease which would need to be discussed in Council in due course.

Apparently these clauses were so that when the lease did eventually expire the land could more easily be returned back to agriculture.

There was to be a meeting of the Allotments Group on the 30<sup>th</sup> June, the uncertainties for the Group being the length of the new Lease and the uncertainty as to what the rent review would reveal.

15. NORTHALLERTON ROAD RECREATION GROUND.

No matters were raised under this agenda item.

16. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Heavy Goods Vehicles Using Lead Lane.

The Clerk reported that the Council had raised with NY Highways and Trading Standards the issue about extremely large agricultural tractors and trailers using Lead Lane on which there is a weight limit in recent weeks to carry silage using this as a short-cut from Leake to East Cowtons and the fact that Brompton Town Council would like this weight limit strictly enforced to stop this practice.

NY Highways had responded as follows –

Enforcement of weight limits in North Yorkshire is the responsibility of the North Yorkshire Police so I can only suggest you direct this request to them for attention. I must just point out that any weight restriction carries an exemption for access purposes, so it may prove very difficult to enforce this.

On the same issue a resident had received this response from the Chief Constable –

*This is by way of an acknowledgement of your letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019 addressed to our Chief Constable, Lisa Winward.*

*Please be advised that your letter has been forwarded through to Supt Steve Thomas in order for enquiries to be made.*

*Once enquiries have taken place a further letter will be sent to you.*

#### Lead Lane – 30mph Speed Limit.

The Clerk had asked NY Highways that 30mph speed limit on Lead Lane be moved to the Lead Lane crossroads in view of the fact that a new dwelling had been built and there was now only a very short length of de-restricted highway. A response was awaited.

#### Pavement on Corner of Station Road.

The tarmac pavement on corner of Station Road by the Crown was deteriorating deterioration and could become more of a trip hazard. NY Highways had therefore been asked to carry out an inspection of the area.

#### North Northallerton Development.

The Clerk reported that the large white partly unpainted sign had now been removed from the new roundabout junction and a white “Brompton” directional sign had now been erected.

#### PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION - 21457 Brompton Lane, Brompton

The Closure would be in place between 23:00 31st August 2019 and 09:00 1st September 2019. Closure required for works at the level crossing – a period of ten hours.

A Member raised the question of the future adoption of the estate roads on the North Northallerton Development as it had been rumoured that the roads would not be adopted. However the planning conditions had included the adoption of these roads as would be the sewers when the estate was completed. County Councillor Hugill undertook to look into these matters.

As regards the new highway directional signs at the new development Councillor Mrs Sanderson indicated that the words that had not been revealed pointing to the first location on each sign did not apparently say Brompton but seemed to read either Darlington or Teesside. AGREED – That NY Highways be informed that the first direction on each sign needs to show Brompton.

Since the last meeting a small white Brompton sign had been erected off Stokesley Road as had been previously requested.

It was also AGREED – That NY Highways be requested to forward details of the Cycle Path proposed when the road is opened leading into Northallerton and that they be requested to lay the cycle path in coloured tarmac.

The Chairman reported that hopefully he had been given the name of a contact who may be able to move the priority traffic issue at Bowe Bridge forward.

As regards parking on the corner of Station Road at the bottom of Cockpit Hill it was AGREED- That a bollard be installed at the corner of Station Road in the cobbled area so that parking could not take place up to the carriageway edge as such parking obstructed visibility for drivers approaching Station Road from Cockpit Hill.

#### 17. GREENS INSPECTION.

AGREED – That the dead tree on the west side of Church Green be replaced with a semi-mature Rowan tree.

## 18. CORRESPONDENCE.

### (i) District / Parish Liaison Meeting.

The Clerk reported that the next District / Parish Liaison meeting would be held in The Civic Centre on the evening of Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

### (ii) Standards Hearing Panel.

The Clerk reported that Mr Peter Hull of Tanfield Parish Council had been appointed to the District Councils Standards Hearing Panel.

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

- (i) District Councillor Mrs Sanderson referred to the proposed planning application for 22 dwellings on land at the rear of Danes Crest. She emphasised that no planning application had yet been submitted but expressed the view that the Flood Prevention Group needed to speak to the developers as the whole site would be covered in concrete and questioned whether there were to be any flood holding ponds. However the landowner who was present at the meeting commented that there would be flood water holding tanks incorporated. It was apparent that as water was not discharged into the beck the EA would not be consulted on the application. However there were concerns that as all water would go into the sewerage system that system could not cope anyway,

The Chairman added that it was unfortunate that the letter drop had been after the event held in the Methodist Church and that reference was made to an email consultation. Neither was it known how many letters had been delivered or where to and it was pointed out that many elderly people did not have access to email. In comparison the Clerk added that when Brompton Council produced its Newsletter or other circular information it did 1,160 letter drops. There had however been no requirement for the developers to hold such an event.

It was pointed out that the site was an allocated site for housing and as such at some stage housing would be built on it. In addition the current proposal was for affordable housing so that young people could get on the property ladder. However it was disappointing that the purchase price for any tenant wishing to buy a property was to be set at the end of a five year period and not at year one.

The properties would not be freehold and the question needed to be asked as to whether the two bungalows would remain in the rental market and would not be available for later purchase. As regards the bungalows there did not appear to be any allowance for sufficient floor space to incorporate wider doors.

One of the issues that would need to be resolved was the road out of the development as Danes Crest was already an issue especially in winter. District Councillor Sanderson reported that she had asked the developer to look at the garage area so that if possible it could be incorporated within the planning application to make a better entrance.

It was also suggested that the two and half storey houses should be on the Danes Crest side of the development so that they did not overlook anyone.

In answer to a question it was pointed out that there had been no requirement for the scheme to be affordable housing.

## 19. 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 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

(ii) Horse Chestnut Tree on Little Green.

The Chairman asked if the horse chestnut tree on Little Green could be lowered. The Clerk reported that this had been raised many times in the past and that the arboriculturalist had reported on each occasion that there was no reason to take such action and consequently without this approval planning consent would not be given as the tree was in the Conservation Area.

(viii) A Design Guide for Northallerton: Consultation by 28 June 19

The Northallerton Business Improvement District (BID) is working alongside Hambleton District Council on the development of a Design Guide for Northallerton as part of the council's Vibrant Market Towns initiative.

This work is being undertaken by Martin Woolley and Malcolm Barnett who previously published a 'Landscape and Open Space Strategy for Northallerton, Brompton and Romanby' in 2016.

The Design Guide will provide a 'blueprint' for how the town centre should look in the future, determine what gives it character and help preserve what makes it unique. Once adopted as a supplementary planning document (SPD) the Guide will also assist Hambleton District Council's Planning Officers when considering future planning applications.

If you would like to take part in consultation to help in the preparation of the first draft of the Design Guide please visit:

[https://www.hambleton.gov.uk/info/20562/current\\_consultations/948/northallerton\\_design\\_guide\\_consultation](https://www.hambleton.gov.uk/info/20562/current_consultations/948/northallerton_design_guide_consultation)

Please note: the deadline for submitting a response is the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

(ix) Play Equipment at Water End.

Councillor O'Sullivan undertook to speak to the school about what new play equipment the children would like to see at Water End.

(x) Grasscutting - North Northallerton Development.

It was reported that new householders had apparently paid a service charge for grasscutting of the communal areas for a period of five years which lead to the question as to what would happen after that time.

AGREED – That the Clerk clarify with developers the arrangements for grasscutting for the future.

(xi) CCTV.

AGREED – That Councillors Mrs Sheil Dods and Mrs Haynes meet with the Clerk at the Recreation Ground at 1.00pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June to further discuss this matter.

(xii) Brompton Churches Group – Use of Village Green.

The following request had been emailed to Councillors for comments and no objections had been received -

- Annual Dog Walk & Picnic – Saturday 29 June, 2 – 4 pm
- Blue Planet Messy Church event on Saturday, 13 July, 2 – 4 pm

AGREED – That no objections be raised to either events.

(xiii) Allotments Site.

It was suggested that initial enquiries be made as to the availability of alternative land that could be utilised for allotments in the Parish. AGREED – That this suggestion be pursued.

20. BURIAL MATTERS.

(i) Application for Kerbstones.

The Clerk circulated details of an application for kerbstones. The stonemason had already agreed that the fixings were to be such that they could not be dislodged by grasscutting machines. AGREED – That the application be accepted subject to the maximum height being no greater than 3' 9".

(ii) Site Meeting.

Prior to the Council meeting Councillors had met in the Cemetery to discuss the problems caused by rabbits.

Mr Darby one of the Councils workmen had attended the site meeting to look at measures to prevent rabbit damage to graves. It had been agreed on site that erection of plastic netting would not be suitable and was not a suitable colour as it would stand out too much. It had been suggested that 1m high rabbit wire would be more suitable which was at a cost to £45 per 50m roll from a local supplier. It was also suggested that trenches needed to be dug with a mini-digger so that the fence was placed properly into the ground.

The Clerk reported on the recent incidents of rabbits being shot in the Cemetery and hung up on posts etc. Regular patrols had not seen anyone carrying out this shooting although notices had been erected to the effect that it was a criminal offence to shoot rabbits in the Cemetery.

AGREED – That proposal to recent wire rabbit fencing around the Cemetery be proceeded with.

(iii) Other Matters.

A resident who was present at the meeting expressed concerns about the removal of soil from the soil heap to under the hedges around the Cemetery. He expressed the view that the condition of the Cemetery was the worst he had seen in the 60 years he had lived in the village. He also objected to the gates access to land where the soil had previously been situated being blocked off. The reasons as to why the soil had been repositioned and why the gate had been blocked off were fully explained.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

