

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

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

There were 18 members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B Martin (holiday commitment) and from Councillors Kelly (illness).

No declarations of interests in any of the items on the agenda were made by Councillors.

2. MINUTES.

AGREED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th October, having been previously circulated be taken as read and sign by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC.

AGREED – That due the confidential information to be discussed regarding an insurance matter the public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of item 180 on the agenda under the provisions of Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 – paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

4. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

As the monthly Police Report had not been received in time for the meeting the Clerk undertook to circulate it by email when it had been received.

At this stage in the meeting a presentation was made by Dan Turner of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust

It was explained that the Brompton Flood Prevention Group had been working alongside Dan for some time in order to take steps to reduce flooding; the organisation being under the umbrella of the Rivers Trust. There were 62 such branches in the Country catering every river; the Rivers Trust being the largest environmental charity.

Many different projects are undertaken the Trust including –

- Leaky Dam Construction
- Hedge Planting
- Woodland Planting
- Low Level Earth Bunds
- Riparian Buffer Strips

In the last year 250,000 trees were planted and work was carried out on 168 flood risk sites. As what goes down the drains usually ends up in the rivers drainage projects are undertaken with schools.

As regards flood management the aim was firstly to hold back the water, secondly to interrupt the water before it got to the catchment and thirdly to slow down the water movement. This was already being achieved by the Brompton Flood Group. It was however a fact that national flood management could not stop flooding.

With regard to flooding in general London was the 7th most at risk City from flooding in the world with the UK being the least wooded area in Europe and with an additional 30 million trees being less than 0.5%.

However there was not a lot of standing water in the UK and over 50% of the UKs wildlife had deteriorated over the past 10 years. The UK currently receives approximately 10% more rainfall year on year.

The project for Brompton after the 2015 floods released Defra monies in the sum of £167k over a three year period to try to reduce the flood risk to Brompton and promote the benefits of flood risk management through a series of natural flood defences, including hedges. It was pointed out that the project for Brompton had started in 2017 and was being monitored to provide a good case for the future. There was a need however to get to a baseline level and then to monitor for ten years. There would also be a new weather station that anyone could access.

It was hoped that in the next six months the proposed off-line storage system for storage of flood water on agricultural land and the formation of a 2,200sqm basin to a maximum depth of 1.5m with modifications to existing weir across Ing Beck to divert spate flows into the proposed basin at Kettlewell Farm could be proceeded with.

Much monitoring was being carried out with series of cameras and accessing environmental impacts such as the presence of ammonia. The Trust also had an educational mobile classroom which had visited Brompton in the Summer and which also travelled around schools in North Yorkshire. The Flood Group displayed a model of a leaky dam and pointed out that all of the photos were downloaded onto the Flood Groups web site.

A discussion took place about the ways to reduce algae in the beck in the summer months and the availability of National Lottery funding across the County. In addition the wildlife elements would also draw in money.

The Council thanked Dan for his presentation and the Flood Prevention Group for the excellent work that they carried out.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(i) CIL Monies

The Clerk reported the receipt of the following from the District Council –

Apologies for the delay, we have been trying to confirm with third parties on when the likely trigger dates are for the s106/CIL are to occur.

As you are aware, the CIL payment to the Parish Council for the North Northallerton scheme is triggered by either the adoption of the road and bridge infrastructure (which is scheduled to complete in October 2020) or through the drawdown of the Sports Village and School Land. I've just had confirmation today of a potential land transfer date of March 2021 for the land for the Sports village and the at the Council (as Local Planning Authority) can expect discussion shortly with regards to planning the school site. It is therefore likely that the CIL payment to the Parish Council will be in the latter part of 2020/21 at the earliest.

I understand that Ann Rawlinson wrote to you earlier in the year (I've attached a copy for your convenience) that provided an estimate of the CIL payment that Brompton PC may expect and we continue to expect the CIL payment to be in the order of £99,900; as explained in Ann's letter there is a requirement for the land value to be assessed at transfer.

A meeting with the developers this week confirmed that the date for the delivery of the bridge and road remains on schedule and we have advised them to apply for discharge of conditions with regards to the design of the bridge, this should provide additional confidence locally on the deliverability and hopefully allay the rumours that the bridge will not happen.

(ii) Flooding.

The recent heavy rainfall caused a degree of flooding on the highway along Stokesley Road just past the new roundabout and on the entrances to the Persimmon Homes development off Darlington

Road. NY Highways have responded that the situation on Stokesley Road is being investigated as this resulted from drainage problems. However the other area of flooding off Darlington Road was on a highway not yet adopted by the County Council.

(iii) Notice Boards.

Councillors met with the contactor and agreed the style of Notice Board for each location. The Vice-Chairman reported that one would be constructed to ensure that the design is correct and then the others will follow. AGREED – That the contractor be asked to complete all notice boards with glass fronts.

(iv) Bank Mandate.

The Bank Mandate forms are currently with Councillors Langthorne and O'Sullivan.

(v) Recreation Ground – Waste Bin.

The Dog/ Litter bin in the Recreation Ground has been re-located to the west side of Church Green as it was not appropriate to have a Dog bin in the Recreation Ground where dogs are not allowed. The bin has been replaced by a new Litter only bin.

(vi) CCTV Camera.

The Clerk reported that both County Councillor David Hugill and Appleton Wiske Parish Council were anxious to know if Brompton Council still wanted the surplus CCTV camera. AGREED – That County Councillor Hugill and Appleton Wiske Parish Council be informed that Brompton Council is interested in acquiring this CCTV camera.

(vii) Tree Works.

The Clerk reported that after removing the fallen tree from Little Green the tree contractors returned to remove dangerous storm damaged branches and had also felled a Sorbus tree and a Cherry tree both of which had been reported as being in unhealthy condition in the last tree survey report. Very recently they had also removed a tree from the bankside of the beck near the first bridge at Water End which was in danger of being swept away and causing a blockage to the water flow.

(viii) Screwfix Account.

The Clerk reported that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had agreed to the opening of a Council account at Screwfix which has recently opened in Northallerton. This would give the Council a third option adding to J T Atkinsons and Sam Turners. AGREED – That the actions taken be endorsed.

6. CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS.

No actions were reported under this agenda item.

7. REPORT.

Report of the meeting re Yorkshire In Bloom held on 7 November 2019.

The Clerk reported on a meeting held in the Town Hall of interested parties on the 7th November attended by John Stanley of Yorkshire in Bloom.

The aim of the project was to make Northallerton more attractive by moving forward not as individuals but in partnership, with Chopsticks being very interested in getting involved as are BID.

Yorkshire in Bloom is a regional division of Britain in Bloom and carries out campaigns in the regions to try and get uniformity across the UK.

The competition has changed since it was last entered by Northallerton as in the past it was all about flowers but now Yorkshire is the lead region driving change so that today the event is 40% horticulture, 30% based on the environment and 30% on the community element.

This having changed from 60% - 20% - 20% four years ago which reduced the horticultural element and put more emphasis on the environment.

Northallerton would go into the towns category, however this does not mean that it has to cover the whole town and could for example only be the town centre. This would provide a core element to look at and to be able to concentrate more on.

Not many towns and cities enter as town centres - ie central areas, therefore this could be the best route for Northallerton. This would need to be defined by the Council.

There has already been success in Northallerton with the Secret Garden (which was viewed after the meeting). This was an entry under the Neighbourhood banner which has been successful after a very short period.

There is encouragement for schools to get involved as the Royal Horticultural Society can support the staff in schools with an educational criteria.

The largest numbers of entries are from businesses as the event gives them some recognition outside to their own towns through media publicity and mail shots.

Judging can be once a year or twice a year with all regions being judged at the same time to the same criteria and standards, it being known in advance what is being looked for. Awards are made in September. Judging does depend on whether the season is early or late.

The region is allowed to choose five groups to represent Yorkshire in the national finals.

Applications are made on-line with these being looked at by the allocation team in March.

Photographic evidence is required and informal assessment days are held; there being a need to demonstrate year-round involvement so that all the boxes are ticked. This is important for Councils as regards community involvement.

The information pack outlines what will be judged (I have a copy).

Other gardens could be included in an entry - eg Northallerton could include the Secret Garden.

There is a Yorkshire example of a village in its first year being 18th out of the 18 entries but now very shortly after that same village is ranked at number 5.

Whilst the level of input into the horticultural aspect is high the environment and community sections are just a matter of bringing things together as they are already there.

Judging for towns takes two and a half hours plus half an hour for media involvement.

In its first year a meeting in a town in Yorkshire attracted only 4 people but through their contacts the very next meeting was attended by 47 people as they had put the word out amongst their contacts, therefore the project is really about pulling community groups together.

The meeting was informed about recent and proposed bulb planting in Brompton and the proposed wild flower areas. It being recommended that 2021 would be appropriate for an entry from Brompton.

District Councillor Mrs Sanderson mentioned the gardens competitions that had been held in the past and the Clerk explained why these had fallen by the wayside. Mrs Sanderson also suggested that Great Smeaton may be a village that the Working Group would like to look at.

AGREED – That a Working Group consisting of Councillors Mrs Haynes and Mr O’Sullivan, together with the Clerk be formed to take this matter forward.

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

(i) Decisions.

19/01855/CPL - Application for certificate of lawfulness of proposed use for the siting of a caravan for ancillary use to the main dwelling – 89 Northallerton Road – Granted.

019/01674/FUL - Retrospective Application for Construction and Siting of Domestic Car Storage Building, Shipping Container, and Timber Shed - Rose Cottage, Darlington Road – Granted.

19/01245/FUL - Construction of a detached dwellinghouse and double garage Land Adjacent 53 Water End Brompton – Refused.

19/01499/FUL - Construction of 22 affordable residential dwellings with associated landscaping and parking - Land off Danes Crest – Deferred.

(ii) Applications.

19/023/09/CAT – Works to fell two Silver Birch trees in a Conservation Area at 37 Church View – Councillors to inspect the trees and forward their observation to the Clerk.

19/02209/FUL - Construction of a new industrial manufacturing building and associated service yard - Allerton Steel Limited, Allerton House, Northallerton Business Park, Thurston Road – No objections.

Councillor Mrs Haynes asked about the intentions of Broadacres Housing Association to provide affordable housing units at Orchard Grove where there were currently garages and parking spaces. The Clerk reported that Broadacres Housing Association were currently looking at developing all their existing garages to provide affordable housing and had recently held a residents drop-in community consultation on Tuesday 29th October. However to date no planning application had been submitted.

9. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

Co-op Funeral Services (underpayment on memorial fee)	5.00
Dales of Thirsk (Memorial fee)	55.00
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Payments –

Mrs L Huang (Street Sweeping)	100.00
P Atkin (Salary)	322.64
P Atkin (Expenses)	
HMRC (PAYE)	68.00
NYCC – Yorwaste Ltd (Advance charges)	21.86
J T Atkinsons (Bag of gravel)	41.00
Sam Turner + Sons (including Stihl Shredding machine)	1,042.83
CE + CM Walker (October grasscutting)	816.00
NYCC (printing of agendas – 2 months)	28.00
Hillside Tree Surgeons (Tree works)	710.00
Mr P Toman (90.5 hours labour)	1,086.00
Anchorage Hire Centre (Hire of scarifier + chainsaw)	93.60

NYCC (.gov domain name + site management)	259.20
P Atkin (reimbursement of OSMO oil based wood treatment)	99.36

Bank Balances

Current Account - £200.00
 Business Savings Account - £30,218.74
 High Interest Account - £13.19

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

10. BROMPTON RECREATION GROUP - Update.

Councillor O’Sullivan reported that Network Rail had cut back the trees from the fence And it was AGREED - That Mr Toman be asked to liaise with Mr O’Sullivan to finish off tidying that area up. It was also reported however that Network Rail had not yet arranged for the traffic stop so that the pole for the Wi Fi could be erected. In this respect a complaint needed to be made to Network Rail as there was a risk that the BRG would loose funding by this continuing delay.

There was also a necessity for a larger litter bin as the current one became over-full after football matches. AGREED – That the Clerk together with Councillor O’Sullivan and the Chairman of the BRG look at the options for bins that are available from Hambleton District Council.

It was of concern that one of the football coaches had been verbally abused by a person when they had asked them to walk around the temporary fence that. AGREED –That this be featured on the Councils web site.

It was also reported that there was currently a bike in the beck adjacent to the BRG field.

On behalf of the Recreation Group Councillor O’Sullivan asked whether the Councils cark park could be used as over-flow car parking when the Weavers Pavilion car park was full. AGREED – That permission be refused as the car park had specifically been acquired for the sole use by Brompton residents.

11. ALLOTMENTS PROGRESS – REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP.

The Vice-Chairman reported on the recent meeting of the Allotment Groups AGM.

The Group had elected Val Cole as its Chairman and Maria Shiel Dods and Andrew Arrowsmith as it Vice-Chairmen, with the officers remaining as existing.

Talks had taken place with the landowner about a new communal space and a local company was willing to sell the Group a Summer House for half price. It being hoped that it would be erected in January so that it would be ready for the Spring.

As the car park was not fit for purpose the landowner had agreed that half of it could be turned over to hard core so that it would remain open all year round.

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

(i) Mr B Walker said that the Town Council had recommended to the District Council that the planning application for 21 affordable houses on land off Danes Crest be approved. However at the recent meeting of the Planning Committee meeting the Clerk as one of the local District Councillors had asked that this be subject to improvements for pedestrians at the Danes Crest/ Cockpit Hill junction. Consequently the application had been deferred by the HDC Planning Committee. The Clerk reported that Mr Walker was not entirely correct in his recollection of the Town Councils recommendation as it had added that there should be some improvements of highway safety at this location. Brompton Councillors had held a site visit at the location one afternoon and had been approached by a lady with children who had outlined the difficulties of crossing the road at this point. It was also disappointing that the Highways Officer in his report to the Planning Committee had

indicated that in his view there would only be two additional pedestrians at peak times and one additional bus user. As the houses were to be affordable dwellings there could be an assumption that there would be children living in then therefore the Highway Officers view was not logical. He added that the application had also been deferred by the Planning Committee due to further investigation of the three storey houses proposed on the site.

It was suggested that one solution could be flashing lights at school times and Children Crossing signs.

- (i) Mr P Wright said that HDC had previously intimated that some of the CIL monies could be obtained up front, however this did not appear to be the case.

12. NORTHALLERTON ROAD RECREATION GROUND.

See litter bin item under Matters Arising above.

13. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

20mph speed limits.

The Clerk reported that was not wholly true that the Government had stopped all 20 mph speed limits however although the report put to the Government seemed to have been considered in private by NYCC when the Clerk had enquired about its outcome, it having been considered in October he had received a reply to his questions had been passed up to central management at County Hall and as yet as response had not been received.

Urban Highway Grasscutting.

The Clerk reported that a small sum of £168.00 was due from the County Council to Brompton Council as a contribution towards the cutting of grass verges. The Clerk had therefore questioned why this money, albeit small had not been paid in the past.

Street Lighting.

Received from a resident -

I wonder if it is at all possible for a street light to be erected on the corner of Hilton Close/ Northallerton Road. As you travel to Brompton from Northallerton to turn into Hilton close, it is very very dark, and some nights you cannot see the corner of the street at all and it would be very easy to drive past the entrance of the estate. The lights are all on the opposite side of Northallerton Road, and are not strong enough to throw light over the road. There used to be a telephone box on the corner which gave a bit of light but that has now been taken away. I also think on dark nights it is dangerous for pedestrians especially ones with poor eyesight, I have a neighbour who has struggled in the past.

Hambleton District Council has been asked to provide an estimate of the cost of installing a street light in this location for the Councils budget meeting in December. There is an electricity supply still at this location that could be connected into.

This is also where the bus stops on this unlit junction.

AGREED – That HDC be asked for the costs of a street light at this location and that the matter be again considered at the next Council meeting.

Renewal of Highway Signs.

Following an inspection of all highways signs in Brompton NY Highways had confirmed that they were in the process of putting together a works order to renew the following signs –

- 2x 7.5t weight Limit Signs (Little Lane)
- 2x Except for access Signs (Lead Lane cross roads)

1x No Footway for 350yds Sign (Lead Lane cross roads.)
1x Pic of pedestrians Sign (Lead Lane cross roads.)
8x Weight Limit Derestriction Signs (both Lead Lane and Little Lane)
1x 30mph Sign (Lead Lane)

This addresses the issues that were raised by Brompton Council.

Parking on the Corner of Church Green.

The Clerk reported that NY Highways had been asked to place double yellow lines around the corner of Church Green ie near the finger post sign and on the opposite carriage so that vehicles do not park there causing visibility problems for other motorists.

Also as the criteria for hatching near the Church entrance cannot be met NY Highways had been asked to put double yellow lines in so that funeral corteges etc are not impeded.

PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION - 23587 - Brompton Lane, Brompton

The Closure will be in place for a period of 2 days between 23:10 18th January 2020 and 06:00 19th January 2020 to allow Network Rail to uplift level crossing units for stoneblowing through the crossing.

The Road Closure and any associated Diversion Routes can be viewed using this URL link <https://one.network/?tm=115485739>

14. DAFFODIL AND WILD FLOWER PLANTING.

Two areas of the Village Green past the Water Splash had been scarified for wild flower planting.

On Wednesday 6th November children from the Primary School planted a number of daffodil bulbs on Church Green. The original intention had been for them to plant daffodil bulbs alongside the beck at Water End however the height of the water in the beck following the recent heavy rainfall meant that this would have been unsafe for them to do.

AGREED – That the Clerk inform Mr Toman of the excellence of his work in assisting with the bulb planting and that Vice-Chairman inform the Clerk as to when Mr Toman needs to dig the next holes.

It was also suggested that bulbs could be planted along the fence at eh BRG Field and at the entrances to the village.

15. GREENS INSPECTION.

No new matters were raised under this agenda item.

16. CORRESPONDENCE.

No new matters were raised under this agenda item.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- (i) Date of Next Council Meeting.

AGREED – That the next Council meeting be held in the Methodist Church at 7.00pm on Tuesday 17th December 2019: this being the Councils Precept setting meeting for the financial year 2020/21.

- (ii) Condition of Lead Lane.

Councillor Langthorne drew attention to the surface water sewage pipe exposed near the surface along the south side of Lead Lane. AGREED – That NY Highways be asked to inspect this as a matter of urgency.

The Clerk also undertook to check with HDC how many times Lead Lane and other areas of the village were being machine swept.

(iii) Overhead Electric Cables – Lead Lane.

The Chairman reported that around 4.45pm on the 31st October a resident informed him of an incident at the end of Lead Lane. Apparently a car transporter came down Cockpit Hill turned left into Lead Lane and pulled the overhead cable that crosses from the electricity pole on the Northallerton side of Lead Lane and supplies electricity to the corner house on Cockpit Hill.

The cable fell hitting two parked cars and landed on the pavement. A resident contacted the emergency services of electricity company and as the end of cable was live they informed them to keep away. The residents organised a barrier of red and white tape. The Chairman tried to contact police but could not get through.

There is a sign prohibiting heavy vehicles which is constantly ignored and in this case the vehicle did not stop. Apparently this is the second time this had happened to her house

The residents asked that District and County Councillors support them in trying to restrict these HGV's from using Lead Lane. In this case there is the issue of height restriction as well and there was a risk of fatality to pedestrians.

(iv) Bollards.

The Clerk reported as the works to install the bollards was a two-man operation this had been put on hold until the Spring.

(v) Merger – NHS Hambleton Richmondshire and Whitby CCG, NHS Harrogate and Rural District CCG, NHS Scarborough and Ryedale CCG.

Approval has been received with conditions, from NHS England/Improvement to merge the three CCGs – NHS Hambleton Richmondshire and Whitby CCG, NHS Harrogate and Rural District CCG, NHS Scarborough and Ryedale CCG – on 1 April 2020 to create the North Yorkshire CCG.

This is a testament to the hard work of everyone across the three CCGs to get to this point.

(vi) The Friarage Hospital – Reminder – Public Consultation.

The formal public consultation on the future of the Friarage Hospital in Northallerton runs until 6 December 2019.

Event – Monday 2nd December – 9.15am to 11.15am – Upper Hall, Northallerton Town Hall.

Please register to attend an event online by visiting www.friarageconsultation.eventbrite.com or call 01642 745401 if you do not have access to the internet

For more information including a full copy of the Consultation document visit www.hambletonrichmondshireandwhitbyccg.nhs.uk or telephone the number above.

The following matter was considered in Private Session.

18. BURIAL MATTERS.

Cemetery Extension – The Vice-Chairman to report.

The Vice-Chairman reported on her meeting with the vendors Agent. The vendors had asked that the red line site area be reduced from 1.5 to 1.2 acres and it was currently awaited for the vendors agent

to confirm this smaller area of land but in the meantime was AGREED – That this would be acceptable to the Burial Board.

The vendors were also happy with there being one entrance into the site.

A Member pointed out that one large conifer tree adjacent to the path would need to be sympathetically dealt with as it was hiding a grave space.

AGREED – That a Working Group consisting of Councillors Mrs Sheil Dods, Mr M Langthorne and the Clerk continue to move this matter forward with the vendors agent particularly as regards drainage matters.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm