

Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in The Methodist Church, Brompton on Wednesday 15th October 2019.

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

There were 8 members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No apologies for absence were received – all Councillors being present at the meeting.

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 10th September, 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 20 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.

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

Anti-social behaviour (Environmental) – 1
Anti-social behaviour (Nuisance) – 1
Anti-social behaviour (Personal) – 1

Abandoned Call – 1
Suspicious Circumstances – 2

Criminal Damage – 2

Highway Disruption – 1
Road Related Offence – 1
Road Traffic Collision (Damage Only) – 2

Total incidents – 12

Other News

Great results

Over the last couple of months we have had some excellent results which I would like to share with you –

The male responsible for the £441,640 Bradleys Jewellery Robbery on 11th March 2019, 38 year old Victor Okumu from Middlesbrough, was found guilty at court on 12th July and was sentenced to 10 years and 6 months imprisonment. The judge commented that this had taken a very dangerous man off our streets.

Following a number of vehicles being attacked in Brompton a male was arrested near to the scene and has subsequently been charged with theft from motor vehicle and vehicle interference.

A drugs warrant was executed at an address in Bullamoor Close, Northallerton resulting in a male being arrested on suspicion of drugs offences. This male has been released under investigation whilst enquiries continue.

Poachers warned as police step up rural crime operation

The seasonal trend of illegal hare coursing matches the farming calendar, meaning there is typically an increase in poaching offences in September and October, after crops have been harvested, and fields are left empty and open.

North Yorkshire Police have joined Operation Galileo, a major clampdown on poaching offences. Galileo is a national campaign, pioneered by Lincolnshire Police, and bringing together forces particularly affected by this offending. Forces will work together to ensure the issue is tackled in a co-ordinated way, by sharing information and working across force boundaries.

As part of the operation in North Yorkshire, vehicles previously linked to poaching will be identified and targeted. Suspects will be stopped and dealt with robustly, and victims will be visited to obtain witness statements. Police intelligence and the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) network will be used to ensure an effective response to suspicious vehicles and activity.

Days of action will be planned using officers and specialist resources from the Rural Taskforce, Proactive Policing teams, Neighbourhood Policing officers and Mobile Rural Watch volunteers. During

The Clerk reminded Councillors that it had previously been agreed with the Police not to include such incidents as Highway Disruption, Road Related Offences and Road Traffic Collision (Damage Only) as crime figures.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(i) Mr Keith Collins.

The Clerk reported that Keith Collins who had undertaken handyman work for the Council for a period until 18 months ago had passed away.

(ii) Wild Flowers.

Councillor Haynes reported on the possibility of utilising areas of the Village Green at Water End past the Water Splash for wild flower meadows. She had measured out two areas of 87 sq metres and 260 sq metres. The areas would need to be scarified and it was also suggested that the crossroads at Lead Lane be also planted with wild flowers. The Clerk undertook to make enquiries about getting the areas scarified. There was also a need to purchase some dahlia sticks from Sam Turners.

It was also AGREED - That a mix of perennial and annual wild flowers be planted as the perennials would not flower for two years.

As regards the planting of the daffodil bulbs a date was still awaited from the school.

(iii) Water Can be Dangerous Signs.

AGREED – That the existing “Water Can be Dangerous” signs be replaced with metal signs that be fixed on both approaches to each of the bridges.

5. CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS.

The Chairman reported on his actions in connection with fallen tree on Little Green.

He had also looked into the question of the Council re-joining the Yorkshire Local Councils Association but accepted that this would need careful consideration of all the facts having regard to the Councils previous experiences.

The Chairman had also attended the AGM of the Northallerton and Villages Forum when there had been a presentation from the Museums Trust about the possibility of a museum for Northallerton which would be more on the lines of a display perhaps as a pop-up shop.

6. REPORTS.

Walks around the village by Councillors on 27th and 30th September.

Friday 27th September

30mph signs need to be renewed and cleared of vegetation near Rugby Club - **PA** to chase up NY Highways

Seat to go next to Notice Board at Hilton Green - **PA** to check to see if we have a spare one

Hedge to be cut so that it can grow to same level at Recreation Ground - + infilling where necessary - **workmen** to do

Gravel to be put in potholes in lane to rear of Orchard Grove - **workmen** to do

Lychgate roof to be cleaned off and woodwork to be painted with appropriate protective coating to permit the wood to breath - catch on gates to be renewed and large hinges to be repainted black with smooth Hammerite - live woodworm on one gate to be treated - **workmen** to do

Recreation Ground - investigate cost of zip wire to run north - south - mini goals to run east- west - PA to obtain price of two new junior swings (these were removed after 60 years as they were past their best)

PA to chase up NY Highways re hatching on the carriage at The Church

Church Green - **Chairman** to contact Braithwaites Nursery regarding replacing the damaged tree

PA to report to NDEL that large metal electricity pole on The Green side of Lead Lane is rotten and needs immediate attention

Lead Lane - measured out that is sufficient width for a footpath if the hedge were to be moved back - both owners are now known - **on next Council agenda**

Areas of common ground outside properties at the bottom of Cockpit Hill which has in the past been cobbled but is now neglected needs attention as this is an eyesore - **workmen** to do - **PA** to do letter drop to the 5 houses

PA to chase up joiner re Notice Boards

Cut back old Electricity Sub-station site - this has grown back substantially since being attended to last year and is again affecting visibility from the car park - **workmen** to do

Chairman to check out details of wildflowers for area past the Water Splash

Bulb Planing - **PA** to check with the Anchorage Tool Hire about a machine for cutting hoes for the daffodils - **SARAH** - please provide your suggestions on Monday - **STEVE/EMILY** - you were to contact the schools - suggested that bulbs be planted a little away from the edge of the beck

Little Lane - **PA** to check if the Brompton sign is now back on the plinth

Station Road - hedge to be cut back between Weavers Pavilion and the level crossing as it is overhanging the pavement - **workmen to do**

PA to again contact Network Rail to see if the three derelict buildings can be removed from the former BR yard site

Tree outside 2/4 Cockpit Hill - **PA** to apply to HDC for this tree to be cut back as it is affecting these two properties and is nearly affecting overhead power lines.

Monday 30th September

Lych gate – as agreed above (site meeting held on 27th September) + crown lift tree overhanging the Lych gate to remove braches affecting the roof.

Recreation Ground – as agreed above + consider additional seating at the far end of the Recreation Ground near the Methodist Church and additional litter bins.

As dogs are not permitted in the Recreation Ground it wasn't considered appropriate that there is a bin with "Litter/Dog Waste" and this should be swapped over for a bin that has just "Litter" on it.

Also to retain the suggestion of some BMX jumps - perhaps a line of ten at the far end of the field away from the football area.

It was noted that there was still a pile of surplus soil at the new house on Lead Lane – **PA** to enquire as to whether this can be made available for the BMX jumps.

Considered whether there was a need to alter the gates to the field from Northallerton Road to allow youngsters with bikes to get through but it was considered that they already accessed the field with bikes through the gate near the Dance School.

Also agreed that CCTV needs to be installed at the Recreation Ground to protect any new play equipment that is to be purchased over the next two years and to discourage any anti-social behaviour.

Suggested that a toddler slide be added to the play equipment.

The broken wood fencing be taken out of the boundary hedge.

Lead Lane – make enquiries of landowners as to possibility of footpath inside the hedge line however it was concerned that even if consent could be granted the whole exercise would be a major project at enormous expense. Therefore the following was a preferred option -

Public Right of Way near The Green Tree Inn – To discuss with the landowner the improvement of the public footpath alongside the field at the rear of Danes Crest Estate so that it was accessible during the winter months especially by people with pushchairs, (ii) in this respect to consider whether there would be a need for some form of low density LED lighting, (iii) to request Muir Housing to give consent for Brompton Council to clear overgrown vegetation etc on the route through the housing estate, (iv) to improve signage of the path so that it becomes better used including metal way marker signs "Public Footpath to the Village"

Dog and Litter Bins – It was pointed out that residents may not be aware that they can put dog waste in the litter bins. The newly acquired litter/dog bins all had "Litter/Dog Waste" on them whereas previously they had been separate bins.

At Church Green there was the possibility of moving one bin from near the bus shelter to a more appropriate position opposite.

The Green – Street Sign – This needs to be renewed or re-painted black on white. Also a number of highway signs (including the No Footpath for 350 yards sign) at the crossroads are in need to renewal due to severe wear.

Pedestrian Access from Danes Crest Estate onto Cockpit Hill - Considered that the crossing onto the east side Cockpit Hill where there is a footpath is unsafe. Suggested that there needs to be a proper crossing point either by a signalled crossing or with a traffic island – accepted that this may lose two car parking spaces on Cockpit Hill but thought that this was over-ridden on pedestrian safety grounds. **PA** to check if this can be incorporated in the conditions to the developer for the new development on Danes Crest.

Dropped kerbs would need to be put in near the Muir Housing garages along this route.

Water End – Bulb planting – considered that a machine to dig the holes was not needed as the tow workmen could cut the turf back. Also that more than 1,500 bulbs would be needed however more can be purchased next year. The 1,500 to be planted between the first bridge and the middle bridge on both sides of the beck and that infilling further long the Green be carried out in 2020.

Planting to take place the week before the October half term assisted by two classes from the Primary School

Play equipment – agreed that the new dark green colour was appropriate for play equipment at Water End. Also agreed that this would be a suitable area for any adult gym type equipment in the future. Councillors to look at the adult equipment at the Knayton/Borrowby site.

PA to ask Mr Whitehead to look at the condition of the tree nearest the play equipment.

Wild flowers – agreed – that an area at the far end of Water End Green adjacent to Fullicar Lane needed to be treated with a scarifier to remove moss and debris etc so that it could be prepared for the planting of wild flowers. If the area was defined specifically then it would be easier for the grasscutter to avoid that area until it needed cutting later in each year. Therefore it was suggested that the area should be to the far end of the Green.

MSD/SH to mark out the area that needs to be treated with scarifier.

Water Signs – agreed that these be replaced by metal signs to be attached to both sides of each of the bridges with similar wording – **PA** to contact Classic Graphics.

Also noted that the lock on the kissing gate on John Waltons field was broken. Reported by a member of the public.

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

(i) Decisions.

19/01257/FUL – Replacement conservatory and single storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse at 35 Linen Way – Granted.

19/01110/FUL – Construction of new healthcare building providing office and assessment spaces for multi-disciplinary based mental health teams at OS Field 6504, Northallerton Business Park, Thurston Road.

19/01628/FUL - Retrospective application or construction of a garden amenity shed at Mill Hill House, 33 Northallerton Road - Granted.

(ii) Applications.

19/01855/CLP – Application for certificate of lawfulness of proposed use for the siting of a caravan for ancillary use to the main dwelling, 69 Northallerton Road – AGREED - That the Planning Authority be recommended to refuse this application as it would establish an inappropriate precedent.

(iii) Proposed Pedestrian Bridge.

The Clerk reported that The Flood Prevention Group had undertaken to draft the Flood Risk Assessment to accompany the planning application. The Vice-Chairman asked Councillor Kelly to speak to the school to encourage parents to support the planning application.

9. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

J Barthrams Funeral Services (Burial fees)	310.00
Macklins Memorials (Memorial fee)	50.00
Co-operative Funeral Services (Memorial fee)	50.00
Northern Powergrid (Annual Wayleave payments)	348.55

Payments –

Mrs L Huang (Street Sweeping)	20.00
P Atkin (Salary)	322.64
P Atkin (Expenses)	43.48
HMRC (PAYE)	68.00
NYCC – Yorwaste Ltd (Advance charges+ outstanding Invoice)	54.66
Sam Turner + Sons (netting, screws, barrier tape etc)	190.29
CE + CM Walker (September grasscutting)	1,632.00
NYCC (printing of agendas)	12.00
Mr E Darby (98 hours labour)	1,176.00
Mr P Toman (118 hours labour)	1,416.00
Mrs A Trew hitt (Annual Allotment Rent)	1,200.00
The Poppy Appeal (Donation)	100.00
Northallerton Town Council (Donation – Bonfire and Fireworks)	500.00
Brompton Sports and Carnival Committee (2 years Insurance)	540.00

Bank Balances

Current Account - £200.00

Business Savings Account - £34,921.81

High Interest Account - £13.19

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

10. TREES.

The Clerk reported that all trees on the Greens had been inspected on the 3rd and 4th October by the NEDL Tree Inspector as NEDL was required to carry out works every three years to ensure that they do not interfere with electricity lines. However for some reason it was now six years since NEDL last undertook this inspection in Brompton. The Agreement for NEDL to go onto the Greens was signed on the 4TH October and works to approximately 30 trees that were currently interfering with the electricity lines would commence in three weeks time.

The Clerk also reported that on the evening of 4th October at around 10.30pm a large tree fell down on the corner of Little Green just past the bus shelter. NEDL Emergency Services were contacted as part of the tree was entangled in the electricity lines. The Chairman notified the Police as the tree was laid across the roof of a car parked on the side of the road at The Green.

NEDL cut the tree away from the electricity line sometime after midnight on the 5th October but the whole tree was then laid on The Green and the car. Hillside Tree Services, who are used by the Allotments Group, were contacted and arrived around 10.00am on Saturday morning. Their first observation was that the tree had suffered from root rot which could not be detectable in any surveys.

Mr Whitehead the Councils Arboriculturalist from Ripon also arrived on site and later telephoned his findings. He also confirmed that the cause of the fall had been root rot, adding that tree was in a healthy condition as could be determined by its trunk and leaf growth. He confirmed that root rot is impossible to detect.

The tree concerned appeared in the last Tree Survey as clear of the need for any works in January 2018, having been surveyed by Mr Whitehead in December 2017. Due to large bows having been removed some years ago from the tree due to encroaching across the highway the tree fell in the direction that it did which was onto the Green and not onto the carriageway.

Mr Whitehead has stated that the root rot may have happened as recently as over the last 6 months as evidenced from fresh fungus growth at the base of the tree. Although legally obliged to carry out tree surveys every 4 years, as most Councils do, Brompton Town Council has always had full surveys carried out by Mr Whitehead every two years with the Horse chestnut an Ash tree surveys being carried out every 12 months as these are under threat condition-wise nationally.

Mr Whitehead had pointed out that for a tree to fall as this tree has is extremely rare.

The Chairman added that Hillside Tree Services had done an excellent job in cutting the tree away from the car and disposing of what was a very large tree and tidying the whole site up. The car owner had since been in touch with regard to the damage to her car.

Mr Whitehead returned to the village on Saturday afternoon to look at two trees that the NEDL Tree Inspector suggested needed a full inspection as soon as possible – one on the Green at Water End just past the first bridge and another on Water End Green near the middle bridge. Whilst he has not yet finished his report on the first tree he has said that it is highly likely that the second tree (a rowan) will have to be felled.

As the last full inspection was carried out in December 2017 Mr Whitehead has stated that he will be commencing a full tree survey of all 164 mature trees as soon as NEDL had completed their works. However he strongly advised against any re-shaping of the tops of trees to lower their height unless absolutely necessary on safety grounds as to do such works were likely to cause wounds to the trees which would adversely affect their future health. Such works would also be likely to cost in the region of £100,000.

As all the trees were in the Conservation Area as is the usual practice Mr Whitehead would apply to Hambleton District Council for planning permission for the works to be undertaken..

AGREED – That the actions taken be endorsed and that Hillside Tree Surgeons be engaged for future tree works.

11. CCTV.

County Councillor Hugill reported that Appleton Wiske Parish Council had a CCTV camera that they no longer wanted and were keen for it to go to Brompton. This was a number plate recognition camera and it was AGREED – That Councillor Hugill pursue this matter

As regards CCTV coverage in the village it was AGREED –That further consideration of this matter be deferred until Spring 2020.

12. BROMPTON RECREATION GROUP - Update.

Councillor O’Sullivan reported that the BRG was still waiting for the pole for the WiFi. This required the necessity to carry out a traffic survey and a Stop/Start system to put the pole up.

Network Rail had agreed to cut back the trees in the next couple of months that were overgrowing the boundary fence.

It was also reported that the MacMillan Coffee Morning had raised £220.00 and that the café was doing good business when there were football matches.

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

- (i) Councillor Mrs Sanderson reported on the opening of the Mens Shed on Tuesdays at the former Allertonshire School where woodworking etc as carried out.
- (ii) Councillor Mrs Sanderson also reported on the successful ICU cycle event which had provided a lot of publicity for Northallerton. As regards feedback from the shops the Clerk as a Northallerton Town Councillor reported that he was only aware of one adverse comment having been made by a shop owner in the High Street.
- (iii) A resident reported on two incidents of traffic speeding by tractors on Cockpit Hill that had caused damage to the adjoining wall. The Chairman emphasised the need to record evidence of such incidents.

13. ALLOTMENTS PROGRESS – REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP.

The Vice-Chairman reported that the landowner had signed a ten year extension to the Lease that would run until 2030 with a five year rolling programme after which there would be a two year notice period.

The landowner was very keen for the Group to remain on site and had agreed that a Summer House could be installed as there was nowhere on the site for members of the group to sit together.

District Councillor Mrs Sanderson reported on the land earmarked for allotments within the North Northallerton Development would not now be necessarily be available for that purpose due to the need for the redesign of the railway. However there was still a definite commitment to provide allotments although no specific site had been as yet agreed. It was however known that when this was decided it would be on the Northallerton Parish side of the development and would probably extend towards Strikes; though there was a possibility that the allotments could be within Brompton Parish.

It was also reported that the landowner was delighted with work on the new fence to partition off the Alpacas, the Clerk reported that the labour costs on this had been £640.00 to date.

14. NORTHALLERTON ROAD RECREATION GROUND + FUTURE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The Clerk reported that Littlejohns the External Auditors had once again asked details about the Recreation Ground, as they and their predecessors Mazars had done intermittently over the years.

This had gone on now for over 15 years – some auditors being happy that it comes under the Council. Others not so happy.

Last year it was thought that an agreement had been reached that the Recreation Ground remained within the Councils jurisdiction as it is something of an oddity as to why the Auditors seem unable to make their minds up depending on who carried out the audit. The strength of the Councils argument lay in the fact that to change the Council's Bank Accounts so that the Recreation Ground had its own bank account Bank Charges would be incurred across the whole Council – and for what advantage? – absolutely none.

The Recreation Ground was many, many years ago run as a Charitable Trust. However, no one seems to recall how the Council ever got involved with it; it being suspected that the Charity (to whom the land was granted) some 60+ years ago had no money and some arrangement was made whereby the Council put play equipment in and carried out the grasscutting – there is of course no income to be gained from the Recreation Ground.

Many years ago someone had asked if any of the Trustees were still alive and enquiries revealed that all had passed away. At that time the Charity Commission were happy for the Trust ie – the Recreation Ground to continue to fall under the then Parish Council and in effect for all serving Councillors to become in effect "Trustees".

As there was no Income then there was no Annual Return made to the Charity Commission as all expenditure when through the Councils accounts.

At some stage an Internal Auditor may have ticked the "Yes" box to the Annual Financial Return for the External Auditors to the question – "Does your Council administer a Trust".

In hindsight the answer should probably been "No" as the Charity Commission were happy for it to be transferred to the Council and a Local Authority cannot be a Charity anyway.

From that day until now it all depended on who carried out the External Audit.

But all these years down the line it has come up again so it was hoped that the External Auditors would accept the following –

The Councils Bankers, Barclays have made it clear that to alter the Councils Banking Arrangements so that Recreation Ground operates under a separate account would mean that the Council would lose its free banking - indeed any changes it makes to the banking arrangements will cause this to happen, therefore the Council in the interests of its ratepayers needs to be very careful in this regard..

The Recreation Ground as explained last year has since 2017 not had any expenditure at all other than its annual grasscutting, which is part of the Councils overall grasscutting contract and for the Recreation Ground is between £650 and £700 a year depending on the number of cuts occasioned by the weather.

There is also a small amount of hedgecutting and litter picking which would be somewhere in the region of £150 per annum.

There will of course never be any Income from the Recreation Ground.

However it is planned over the next two financial years to update the play equipment in the Recreation Ground and in each year they could be somewhere in the region of £8,000.00

Therefore instead of a standing item for Recreation Ground items being included in the middle of each monthly Council agenda it seems that so as to make a distinction between the normal Council matters and the Recreation Ground this item should be considered at the end of each Council meeting agenda – though of course it will be the same nine Councillors sitting to deal with such matters.

However it is intended to keep a separate financial analysis of expenditure with regard to the Recreation Ground in the Councils accounts and to list these separately in future Annual Financial Returns.

In essence from 1 April 2020 the Recreation Ground will therefore Precept the Town Council for the monies its needs for its maintenance and updating of equipment etc. This of course will merely be a paper exercise.

This expenditure will no longer therefore be included in the Councils Annual Financial Return but will be submitted to you separately.

I hope that such an arrangement will meet with your agreement especially as the matter to my knowledge has dragged on for over 15 years – ie since District Audit ceased to undertake the Councils External Annual Audits.

A response as currently awaited from the External Auditors.

15. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

The difficulties of crossing from Danes Crest to the west side of Cockpit Hill had been seen by Councillors during their site visit on the 30th September; a lady present at the location at the time having difficulty crossing to the other side of Cockpit Hill with children. It was also considered important for parents to walk with their children to school to lessen the number of car journeys on school runs. The Chairman added that the Northallerton Over Fifties Forum was planning on setting up a bus group for the area.

Councillors also pointed to problems with cars parking on junctions around the north end of Church Green that made it difficult for other motorists and pedestrians. Councillor Kelly undertook to take photographs of the vehicles concerned and to forward them to the Clerk so that he could progress the matter.

A Councillor asked if the new highway Hedgehog signs could be put up in areas that were well used by hedgehogs to cross roads as she knew where these were. County Councillor Hugill undertook to look into the matter.

Councillor Hugill also reported that he had met with resident who was affected by motorists parking across the access to the rear of her property on Station Road, following which she had asked for a white line to be installed. Councillor Hugill had therefore included this in his locality budget so that it could be included on the works list and was presently waiting for a price. The Chairman indicated that this was something that the Town Council could assist to pay towards. County Councillor Hugill also undertook to take up the matter of the yellow hatching near the Lych Gate on the Councils behalf.

16. GREENS INSPECTION.

No new matters were raised under this agenda item.

17. CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) HDC – Parish Precept Financial Year 2020/21.

The Clerk reported receipt of notification from the District Council of the deadline for the submission of requests for Precepts for the next financial year. The date in December allowed Brompton Council to set its Precept at its December Council meeting.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(i) Date of Next Council meeting.

AGREED – That the next meeting of the Council be held in The Methodist Church at 7.00pm on Tuesday 19th November 2019.

The Chairman submitted his apologies for the meeting at which a presentation would be made by a representative of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust.

(ii) HDC's Budget Consultation.

The Clerk reported that Hambleton District Council was consulting on its budget and council tax levels for next year (2020/21). This is the public's chance to comment on the Council's priorities for its budgeted expenditure, its council tax and proposals to improve services and increase efficiency.

The online survey was available at www.hambleton.gov.uk/survey/budget by 25 October 2019. Alternatively paper copies were available from the main council office at Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton, the area offices at Easingwold and Stokesley, the four council leisure centres and the six main libraries in Hambleton.

(iii) Trans-Pennine Train to Manchester Airport.

The Chairman reported that he had heard that direct trains to Manchester Airport may cease at some time in the future with changes having to be made at Manchester for persons travelling to the Airport.

(iv) Planning Training Seminar.

The Clerk undertook to circulate the Power Point slides from the recent Planning Training Seminar to all Councillors.

(v) Church Clock.

A Councillor reported that he had received a complaint about the Church Clock as it had seemingly been broken again and the chimes could not be heard. The Chairman undertook to take this up with the PCC. In answer to a question the Clerk clarified that the representatives of the Council and the PCC only met when there were issues of joint concern such as the condition of the Church wall.

(vi) Notice Boards.

AGREED – That Councillors meet with the joiner when he returns from holiday and that the Clerk email all Councillors with the date of the meeting.

(vii) Bollards – Station Road.

AGREED – That (i) NY Highways be asked to provide bollards at Bowe Bridge on the entry into the village to be sited on the edge of the pavement, and (ii) this request be supported by a letter from the Parents Association.

(viii) Christmas Tree.

AGREED – That the Clerk ask Sam Turners if they could kindly provide a larger tree than they did last year.

(ix) Lamp posts along the West Side of Water End.

AGREED – That the Clerk ask the District Council for permission to repaint the street lamps along the west side of Water End.

19. BURIAL MATTERS.

AGREED – That the Vice-Chairman speak to the vendors Agent about progress in this matter.

The following matter was considered in Private Session.

20. POTENTIAL INSURANCE MATTER.

The Clerk reported on the circumstances of the damage to a vehicle following the fall of the tree on Little Green. The Council's Insurers had stressed that due to the estimated costs of repairs the matter should be handled by themselves as it was for the injured party to take the matter forward.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm