**Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in The Methodist Church, Brompton on Tuesday 18th February 2020.**

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

There were 7 members of the public present.

1.         APOLOGIES AND  DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Apologies were received from County Councillors Mrs S Haynes and S O’Sullivan.

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 21st January 2020, having been previously circulated be taken as read and signed by the Vice-Chairman as a correct record.

3.                 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC.

AGREED – That due the confidential information to be discussed the public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of items 24, 25 and 26 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.                 NORTH YOUTHSHIRE YOUTH.

Panda Gledhill referred to the previous consultation undertaken by Richie Bastow with young people to see what they wanted in Brompton as regards youth service provision and when she had previously attended the Town Council meeting to promote youth services. Ritchie had followed this up by looking for potential volunteers and venues and had visited Weavers Pavilion and had continued to promote the potential youth club holding a consultation event from which one potential volunteer had come forward and five young people who were unfortunately too young for youth services.

In August 2019 during the summer holidays consultation work was carried out around Brompton and in the park where they had spoken to four young people all under 11 and three older boys aged 11 and 12 who had said that they would definitely like something in the village as they had previously attended Northallerton Youth Space but didn’t any more.

The potential volunteer was still interested however venues were the most difficult to organise as the Village Hall was only was only free on Friday nights and the Rugby Club had been mentioned in the past but the young people thought it was too near to Northallerton to be useful to them in Brompton.

The Village Hall would be the preferred venue but was frequently booked. It was suggested however that there may be young people from the new North Northallerton development who would like a Youth Club and with this in mind the Rugby Club could still be an option.

The Chairman suggested that it would be appropriate to carry out a further consultation exercise on the 25th of May with this being Carnival Monday where the Youth Service could possibly have a stall to advertise it’s intentions to people of the village.

Panda added that she would visit the Primary Schools at the end of Year Six which was a transition period to secondary school to speak to the young people. The Chairman commented that information could be put on the Brompton Community Facebook page and on the Councils website and it was also agreed that forthcoming newsletter together with their contact details.

5 . LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

The Clerk reported that the two PCSOS’s who had covered the village lately had both been successful in transferring to Durham Constabulary.

A crime report for the previous month had consequently not been received to date.

6. MATTERS ARISING.

(i) Tree Works.

The Clerk reported that tree maintenance works were currently taking place around the village. The Council was very pleased with the high standard of the works at a much lower cost than had been estimated.

(ii) The Pinfold Sign.

The Clerk reported that it was hoped that a manufacturer had been found who could replicate The Pinfold iron street sign that had been missing for some years. The Chairman had suggested that if this could be achieved then two such signs be acquired – ie one for each end of The Pinfold – this was AGREED.

(iii) Planting of Wildflowers at Water End.

The Clerk reported that the seeds for the wildflower planting on the Village Green at Water End past the Water Splash had been received from Boston Seeds. The grasscutting contractor had been informed not to cut any grass post the Water Splash and the Councils workmen would in due course cut out the pathways.

The two areas for planting had been roped off and leaflets had been delivered to all houses at Water End explaining what is happening about the wildflower planting.

(iv) Footpath – West side of Northallerton Road.

The Clerk reported that the footpath on the west side of Northallerton Road from opposite the Rugby Club to the new development was being well used by pedestrians since it had recently been dug back by the Councils workmen.

(v) Scots Pit Lane.

The Clerk reported that the Councils statement of support for the inclusion of Scots Pit Lane on the Definitive Rights of Way map had been submitted to eh County Council together with further evidence from the public after the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 4th February in response to the information consultation. It was however known that an objection had been made to the making of the Order that would permit the route to be included on the map. Therefore it was now likely that a Public Inquiry would be held into the matter either later in 2020 or in 2021.

(vi) Bus Shelter.

The Clerk reported that the bus shelter had been painted inside and that the Smoking bin and the No Smoking notice had been put up.

(vii) Bus Services.

It was reported that the Over 50’s Forum was currently pursuing the restoration of the shuttle bus from The Friarage Hospital to James Cook Hospital.

(viii) Web Site.

The Clerk reported that the Councils web site is now up to date at Bromptontowncouncil.gov.uk

(ix) Event held at the Rugby Club.

The Chairman reported that the Hunt Ball would possibly be held elsewhere in 2021.

(x) Standing Flood Water, Northallerton Road, Brompton.

Received from NY Highways –

This matter had been investigated by the Area 2 Highways Officer responsible for the Northallerton and Brompton area who had reported as follows - .

Following aborted works to jet the gully connections and main drain run along Northallerton Road it is believed that, when constructing the new access into the show home area, Taylor Wimpey have severed the highway drain at this location – leading to the problem with standing water that you have mentioned.

Given that this site forms part of the North Northallerton Development, which is being delivered centrally by the Development Control team in County Hall, this matter has been referred to them. Development Control has since taken this matter up with Taylor Wimpey, and has requested a site meeting with them to resolve the issue.

7. CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN’S ACTIONS.

No actions were reported to the meeting under this agenda item

8. REPORTS.

No actions were reported to the meeting under this agenda item

9. PLANNING MATTERS.

(i) Decisions.

Application for approval of reserved matters with access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale to be considered relating to planning application 15/01083/HYB and associated with the construction of 246 residential dwellings on Persimmon Homes' second phase

Phase 2 (Persimmon Homes) Darlington Road Northallerton North Yorkshire - Granted

Application for the discharge of condition 43 (Bridge details) for previously approved application 15/01083/HYB - Granted

Retrospective application for the sitting of 5 number static caravans on agricultural land for agricultural workers .

Lowfields Farm Fullicar Lane Brompton – Granted

(ii) Applications.

20/00191.FUL – Retrospective application for construction of Garden Amenity Shed at Mill Hill House, 33 Northallerton Road - No objections.

The Vice-Chairman reported that the planning officer was currently looking at the work the Flood Group had done as regards the planning application for the pedestrian bridge at the school however the Environment Agency didn’t consider that this was sufficient and that a proper flood report was still necessary. The chairman suggested that the YLCA may be able to provide advice on the matter

10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

John Duckworth Funeral Directors (Ashes fee) 40.00

Payments –

Mrs L Huang (Street Sweeping) 40.00

P Atkin (Salary) 322.64

P Atkin (Expenses)

HMRC (PAYE) 68.00

NYCC – Yorwaste Ltd (Advance charges) 21.86

Hillside Tree Surgeons (Tree works) 780.00

Classic Graphics (8 Water signs) 336.00

YLCA (Membership) 582.00

Sam Turners 34.90

Mr P Toman (70 hours labour) 840.00

Mr P Toman (Expenses) 30.00

Great North Air Ambulance (Donations) 400.00

Bank Balances

Current Account - £200.00

Business Savings Account - £18,088.67

High Interest Account - £13.20

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

11. FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE 2002/21.

To endorse the schedule of anticipated expenditure to support the Council’s request to HDC made in December for the annual Precept – see monthly update.

Comments were made about the anticipated high expenditure on labour costs.

AGREED – That the updated end of year out-turn and the proposed 2020/2021 financial year estimated expenditure be brought to the March Council meeting.

12. BROMPTON RECREATION GROUP - Update.

It was reported that works regarding the WI Fi connection were currently going on and that the traffic lights had been put up to enable this to be done. The WiFi connection was important so as to increase bookings of the Pavilion.

It was also reported that unfortunately a motorbike had been brought onto the field and damage had been caused in getting the motorbike onto the field with the fence having been damaged which had been repaired by the Councils workmen.

A Councillor asked that when the fencing was erected at the BRG field there be sufficient room left for children to step onto adjacent to the car park so that they could stand on it near the kerbs when they got in and out of vehicles. The Chairman of the BRG who was present at the meeting agreed to look into this.

As regards the use of the Northallerton Road Recreation Ground by the younger footballers the pitch had been marked out and cut but to date it had not been used.

13. NORTHALLERTON ROAD RECREATION GROUND.

It was generally accepted that at the present time the Council did not have the funding to install a Zip Wire at the Recreation Ground, added to the fact that this may be something that the Council would wish to install at Water End at some time in the future. Consequently the Council could proceed with new junior swings and a junior slide together with another piece of toddler equipment similar to the horse and the fire engine.

The Chairman suggested that the development of the area on the Green at Water End be a separate project perhaps involving adult fitness equipment and the zip wire in the future.

The reasons why a locally based play equipment company was preferred to a national or foreign company was explained to the meeting.

District Councillor Mrs Sanderson suggested that there could be a possibility of obtaining some grant funding from the District Council in the following year.

Complaints had been received about a group of youths moving the picnic tables into the far corner of the Recreation Ground at night-time and this was disturbing nearby residents. All of the tables and benches at the Recreation Ground had now been secured to the surface near the play equipment.

AGREED - That - (i) the Councillors meet with Matthew Day of Streetscape prior to the March Council meeting at the recreation ground as it is considered that Streetscape should be the preferred contractor; and (ii) Standing Orders be waived so that less than three tenders be required for the play equipment if considered appropriate.

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

(i) Mr Carter stated that he was disappointed with the advice that had previously been obtained regarding the bus layby on Northalleton Road as reported to the last Council meeting which had had two cars parked in it over the last weekend. He also suggested that the grassed area adjacent to the bus stop should be tarmac rather than the grass surface which became rather muddy and should not have been laid to grass in the first place as it was on an incline. AGREED - That the Clerk arrange for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and himself to meet with the Highways Engineer to look further into this matter.

(ii) District Councillor Mrs Sanderson reported on the current consultation regarding the District Councils proposals to construct the crematorium at Skipton on Swale.

(iii) District Councillor Mrs Sanderson reported that she had taken on board together with County Councillor Hugill the issues of recent flooding on Stokesley Road adjacent to the North Northallerton development.

(iv) Mention was made of the bench on Brompton Banks which needed to be repaired and it was AGREED - That this would be carried out by the Councils workmen.

(v) Mr Waring reported that the highway gullies outside numbers 1 and 3 Mill Hill Close never appeared to have been emptied and it was AGREED - That the Clerk ask NY Highwaysthat they be cleaned out and ascertain the timescale as to when they would be emptied on a regular basis.

(vi) Mr B Walker reminded the Council that it had previously been agreed to place a bench along Stokesley Road on the approach from Brompton to Northallerton and it was AGREED - That a bench be placed opposite Cudsworth Cottages towards the new housing development.

(vii) Mrs B Slater asked the whether during the recent flooding the leaky dams had worked although the beck did not overflow during the recent flooding along Water End there was a need to have some feedback from the Flood Group about the issues of holding floodwater back. The Chairman added that the Flood Group had received an indication of the receipt of grant moneys but there were issues concerning how the Group could hold the monies. The Clerk suggested that there could be a possibility of the Council holding the money however he had to date have not been approached on this matter.

(viii) Councillor Mrs Sanderson reported that during the recent periods of heavy rainfall Hambleton District Council had issued 1,000 sandbags over the Friday and Saturday

14. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

It was reported that the Chairman and Vice-Chair had met with Highways Engineer and the following was subsequently received from NYCC Highways –

*1.)The Green junction with Church View (Cars parking too near the junction) Double Yellow Lines suggested. Having spoken to our Highways Engineers, this is more of a police issue when  cars are causing an obstruction this close to the junction. Also entrance to the church. With white lines already present “ keep clear” it’s down to road users to abide by them.*

*2.)The stretch of road running past the primary school (suggested 20mph zone) Our Traffic Engineering Team at County Hall are already looking into passing the policy on this over to Paul Atkin.*

*3.)Passing over the road from Danelaw Road to the footway opposite.(Suggested 2no bollards to stop cars parking in this location) This is showing that the location mentioned for the bollards in not Highways. Contacting Land Registry and Highways Searches would be the best option to obtain who owns the section of land in question.*

*4.)The water barriers being used on the new road layout on Northallerton road. I will speak with our Development Control Officer involved on the Taylor Wimpey site, see if they can fill them up for us.*

*5.)Marie mentioned about some loose kerbs in between the Rugby Club Entrance and the junction. On inspection no actionable defect was found.*

Having regard to what the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had discussed on site with Highways Engineer the resultant response was rather disappointing.

No response had been received to the questions passed from Area Highways to NYCC Highways at County Hall regarding the 40mph and 20 mph issues.

15. WORKS SCHEDULE – To agree the Working Groups Work Schedule for 2020.

The works schedule for 2020 as circulated by the Vice-Chairman and which included Councillors comments was AGREED.

A small amount of tools had been purchased from Sam Turner’s for the workmen and high viz vests with the Councils name on would be purchased for them as there had been an incident when the workmen had no identification that would have resolved the matter.

16. ANNUAL NEWSLETTER – ARTICLES + CIRCULATION.

The Clerk reported that local bodies had been asked to submit articles for the Newsletter and it was AGREED – That the distribution be shared between the Clerk and Councillors as had been the case until 2014.

17. MEMBERSHIP OF THE YLCA.

The Chairman had looked to see what the YLCA could offer as a back-up service if needed. The cost of membership seemed to be reasonable and Councillors could access up to date information on any national legislative changes etc. Periodic Branch meetings and training sessions for Councillors are also held. AGREED – That the Council join the YLCA.

18. GREENS INSPECTION.

No new matters were raised under this agenda heading.

19. ALLOTMENTS.

It was reported that as a consequence of the planning decisions with regard to the link road and the Bridge the land originally allocated for allotments on the Brompton Parish side of the North Northallerton development was no longer available due to the realignment of the bridge. However HDC had indicted that they would still look for an alternative site for allotments on the Brompton Parish side of the development.

An allocation for allotments still existed on the Northallerton side of the development but this would be needed by Northallerton Town Council as its existing allotment site next to Northallerton Cemetery would need to be utilised for the cemetery extension land in the near future which would leave Northallerton with only a small number of allotments at the southern end of the town.

The Vice-Chairman reported that Councillor Miles had looked at the car park and he reported that 5 to 6 inches of soil would need to be taken out of the car park area and a membrane and new drainage would need to be added. He estimated that around 40 ton of gravel would be needed and covered so that people could walk on the car park. It was estimated that the works would take three days and would require the use of use a mini digger and JCB.

All topsoil would be blended in as it would be expensive to take this away

20. SUGGESTED CANOPY STYLE BUS SHELTER HILTON CLOSE.

AGREED – That the Clerk obtain prices for a traditional wood constructed bus shelter and bring the matter back to the next meeting.

21. DEFIBRILLATORS – Update.

The Clerk reported that he was still trying to resolve this matter and would ask Romanby and Appleton Wiske Parish Councils who carried out their defibrillator inspections. The Chairman also suggested that advice may be obtained from the CCG

22. CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) Brompton Churches Group Events.

AGREED - that no objections be raised to the following planned events by the Churches Group –

Carnival Praise on Sunday 24  May at 11 am

A Pet Service on Saturday 18 July at 3 pm

Annual Dog Walk & Picnic - Saturday 4 July at 3 pm

Carols around the Village Christmas Tree – 20 December at 5 pm

23. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(i) Date of Next Meeting.

AGREED -That the next meeting of the Council be held at 7.00pm in the Methodist Church on Tuesday 17th March 2020; preceded at 6.15pm by a meeting with Matthew Day of Streetscape in the Recreation Ground

(ii) Christmas Tree.

As regards the Christmas tree in a garden on Corber Hill that had been offered to the Council by the householder the Clerk pointed out that it was now the time of year to take the tree up and he would enquire further into this matter

(iii) Tree Works.

The Vice-Chairman undertook to put in an application in order that maintenance works could be carried out to the tree situated on the small area of green fronting the junction of Cockpit Hill and

(iv) Well-Being Talk

AGREED - That the free Well-Being talk offered by Justine Forest be held at the June Council meeting.

**The following items of business were considered in Private Session**

24. BURIAL MATTERS - To report on negotiations for acquisition of land for the extension of the Cemetery.

The Working Group reported that three meetings had been held with the vendors and there agent since the last Council meeting and the Vice-Chairman circulated a plan of the 1 acre site. Fencing and Drainage had been discussed and the vendors were happy with the information that had been provided to them which included the provision of to soak aways. The issue of whether to take out the full line of 26 trees adjacent to the planned extension area was discussed and it was agreed that this would be the most beneficial solution as the tree roots would not affect the future burial area. It was also AGREED - That for budget purposes the Clerk obtain an estimate from Hillside Tree Surgeons of the cost of taking out the line of trees.

25. Clerks Salary.

.AGREED – That the content of the report be received for implentation from April 2020.

26. Rates of Pay and Letter of Engagement for Workmen for 2020.

AGREED – That the letter of engagement for the Councils workmen to run from 1 April to 30 September and the current rate of hourly pay and a weekly maximum number of hours of 25 be AGREED for 2020 and that the workmen be informed that it is very likely that the weekly hours would fall below 25.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm