

Meeting of Brompton Town Council held on line on Tuesday 19th May 2020

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

There were 2 members of the public present on line and County Councillor David Hugill.

At the commencement of the meeting a minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect to Herbert Langthorne who had served on the Council for 50 years.

The Chairman also welcomed of the arrival of baby Matilda Ann Kelly to Councillor Emily White.

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs Kelly due to family commitments.

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

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Mrs Shiel Dods proposed and Councillor Mrs Haynes seconded the nomination of Councillor B Martin as the Council’s Chairman for the forthcoming municipal year.

There being no other nominations it was AGREED – That Councillor B Martin be appointed Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Mrs Hayes proposed and Councillor B Martin seconded the nomination of Councillor Mrs Sheil Dods as the Council’s Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming municipal year.

There being no other nominations it was AGREED – That Councillor Mrs Shiel Dods be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th APRIL 2020.

AGREED – That, subject to the Item 10 – Proposed Expenditure for 2020 – 2021 being amended to read as below, the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th April 2020, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

	Actual <u>2017/18</u>	Actual <u>2018/19</u>	End of Year <u>2019/20 - Actual</u>	Budget <u>2020/21</u>	
Salary	3,195	3,196	3,872	4,140	
Expenses	482	568	475	500	
Grasscutting	9,672	9,403	11,424	12,000	Based on 14 cuts
Cemetery Rates	310	349	408	430	
Hedge Cutting	109	1,522	0	250	
Dog Bins	0	0	1,332	400	
Sweeping	960	940	620	900	
Allotments	1,382	1,200	1,344	2,700	Car park +

				rent
Insurance	834	596	1,179	750
Newsletters	0	575	0	650
Printing	102	179	145	200
Greens	264	0	480	0
Cemetery Works	22,908	0	0	0
Room hire	216	216	216	216
Audit Fees	276	360	456	570
Rec Ground	6,000	0	0	5,000
Hire Charges	0	313	240	200
Miscellaneous	403	2,369	3,974	1,500
Defibrillator	0	2,345	0	600
Tree works	2950	1,650	1,490	3,000
Donations	2,950	4,000	6,250	4,750
Trade refuse bin	2,950	346	303	360
Car Park works	0	0	0	0
HMRC	676	808	762	816
Highways	0	0	0	0
Building materials	477	1,430	2,950	1,500
				Training and pads
Labour	2,940	20,559	18,000	8,000
Fuel	0	339	310	250
Street lighting	1,800	0	2,400	0
Payroll services	100	100	102	132
Cemetery Extension				PWLB
Pedestrian Bridge				PWLB
Notice Boards			1,760.00	3,520.00
Web Site			313.00	250.00
Bus Shelter			0	0
TOTALS –			£60,605	£53,580

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY.

The Minutes the meeting of the Annual Parish Assembly held on line on Tuesday 14th April 2020 had been circulated by email for information only.

AGREED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Tuesday 14th April 2020 be received and that they be submitted for adoption at the next meeting of the Annual Parish Assembly in April 2021.

6. APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BODIES.

Appointments to Outside Bodies were AGREED as follows -

Brompton Allotments Group – Councillor Mrs Shiel Dods

Brompton Flood Prevention Group – Councillor Mrs S Haynes

Brompton Recreation Group – Councillor S O'Sullivan

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

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

7. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

The Clerk had circulated the following report by email prior to the meeting. It was noted that report covered a three month period.

Crime and ASB Data

Qualifier	No of Incidents	
Anti-Social Behaviour	20	
Auto crime	0	
Burglary :	<i>Commercial : 1</i>	<i>Residential : 5</i>
Criminal Damage	4	
Theft (including from shops)	3	
Violence Against the Person	14	
Other crimes including Drugs	0	
TOTAL THIS PERIOD	47	

North Yorkshire Police Updates

Latest number of fines issued under Coronavirus legislation

The following is a breakdown of the number of fine notices issued in York and North Yorkshire for breaches of the Coronavirus regulations

As of 11 May 2020 North Yorkshire Police had issued 926 fixed penalty notices during 509 incidents. Of those, 351 of the recipients had previously come to the attention of the police.

58 percent of the notices were issued to non-residents of York and North Yorkshire.

Area & gender

Local Authority Area where Notice Issued	Notices Issued	Local Residents	Visitors	Male	Female
Craven	198	6	192	175	23

Hambleton	80	22	55	61	19
Harrogate	64	20	44	51	13
Richmond	43	9	34	33	10
Ryedale	19	6	12	13	6
Scarborough	267	148	119	203	64
Selby	76	19	52	63	13
York	179	147	30	145	34

Ages

Age	
18 – 25	380
26 – 35	300
36 – 45	137
46 – 55	63
56 – 65	33
66 and over	13

Top five areas for visitors from out of the area

Residence of those issued Notices	Notices Issued
West Yorkshire	273

Cleveland	64
Humberside	44
County Durham	30
Lancashire	24

The Vice-Chairman expressed the view that she considered that there was an issue in Brompton with anti-social behaviour and drugs especially on Station Road and the corner of Cockpit Hill.

Another Councillor stated that Officers on the ground had told her that there was a major problem confirming my evidence that was at the centre of the village, and higher up in the Police apparently they did not accept that there was an issue. The Clerk reported that information he had been given in confidence revealed that there was a heroin problem in the village connected to a handful of addresses and this was far more serious than what could be termed use of recreational drugs.

It was also suspected that it was such users who were responsible for other crimes which they needed to carry out to obtain monies to sustain their habit.

The Chairman commented that the Doctors Surgeries had informed him that there was indeed a drug problem in Brompton.

A resident had also contacted the Council as follows –

I write to pass on my concerns regarding our village. myself, and others have, on numerous occasions, contacted the police regarding the behaviour of youngsters in Walkers fields. This is a popular dog walking area but has recently been frequented by youngsters who, light fires, leave litter, throw stones, ride motorbikes and personally I was beaten unconscious and required hospital treatment. On police advice, a number of us have telephoned NY Police when spotting them but by the time it takes to relay the information, they have disappeared.

A few days ago whilst in the field, I counted, 6 lads, 1 girl, 4 bikes and an older person who appeared to be handing out packages. On visiting the places they sit and smoke at, there are fag papers and filters laid about.

The youngsters trespass on the railway embankment, sit in close proximity of each other, completely ignoring the social distancing laws and female walkers especially, feel unsafe.

In my own unfortunate recent episode, despite a lady I was walking with, taking photographic evidence of the people involved, the Police are not proceeding with charges due to there being no independent witnesses. On reflection, I cannot understand how I received so many injuries about my head, face and body unless these were inflicted by blows, and by the people congregated around me.

The Clerk reported that with in his position as a HDC Councillor and a Northallerton Town Councillor he was currently pursuing the apparent inaction by the Police with regard to drug related offences and would add Brompton to his enquiries as for many months the Police Crime reports had stated that this statistic was consistently a nil entry.

It was the general agreement that it was becoming more evident that the Police reports for some reason did not reflect the number of incidents that had been reported. A recent email of problems

related to the drug and unsocial behaviour that residents had reported to the Police were not on the list - although these could perhaps be in the next months Police report though was that was doubtful.

The Clerk also advised that hopefully the situation with regard to the underpass off Lodge Lane had been resolved over the past few days.

Councillor Hugill had provided the following link to the Crime and Safety Partnerships that operated in Hambleton.

https://www.hambleton.gov.uk/info/20033/crime_and_emergencies/184/safer_hambleton_hub/4

It was also pointed out that residents were reluctant to provide information due to the fear of any comebacks.

It was also considered that CCTV at the crossroads in the village would be beneficial especially as this may record details of drug supplies coming into the village to deal their Class A drugs. The Clerk undertook to look into the costs of CCTV in this location again and see if any grants could be obtained on the basis that it was to be installed mainly to assist in coping with known drug problems.

AGREED – That - (i) the District Councillors be requested to pursue this matter with the Police in view of the fact that the Town Council is not satisfied with recent Crime Report as submitted; (ii) Letting Agents be asked what the safeguards were in their letting policies that ensured that their properties were not let to habitual Class A drug users; (iii) the Councils concerns about Class A drug use be recorded on the web site and on the Community Facebook page; (iv) a meeting be held with Police when the current coronavirus situation permits; and (v) the Clerk follow up the issues about the installation of CCTV at the crossroads in the village.

8. CORONAVIRUS UPDATE.

The Clerk reported that cases where vulnerable families had asked for support had been forwarded to the Agencies who could help them such as Hambleton Foodshare and feedback indicated that all had been resolved within a matter of hours.

Whilst the Government had relaxed the restrictions on sitting on seats in parks the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had been of the view that firstly Brompton did not have any parks as such and secondly to open up the seats in the Recreation Ground where the play equipment was closed off would be inadvisable - also there was no indication about such as seats that are attached to picnic benches.

Notices had been put up around the village after the last meeting advising people who were coming to Brompton to walk their dogs on the Greens from other locations not to do so. There had been a noticeable increase in the number of dog walkers in the village in the first 2 to 3 weeks of lockdown but the numbers seemed to be far less at the present time.

There had been occasional instances of people sitting on seats and one of a group of adults picnicking on Water End Green.

A notice had also been put up in the bus shelter to remind people waiting for buses to have regard to social distancing.

The Chairman had arranged for the Community Support poster to go to Brompton Churches Facebook and to Brompton Pastoral Group and Mrs Haynes had arranged for it to go on the Brompton Community Facebook page.

It was reported that the newly installed seat at the corner of Hilton Close had had the tape taken off and was regularly being sat on.

AGREED – That the action taken be endorsed and that a wood latt be placed across the new seat at Hilton Close so that it could not be used.

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(i) Trees.

The Clerk reported that a large branch had snapped off a willow tree just past the Councils car park over the previous weekend. Mr Toman had put a barrier around the tree as the branch was in danger of falling and the broken branch was subsequently removed from the tree the next day by Hillside Tree Surgeons.

(ii) Works Schedule.

It was reported that Mr Toman had been carrying out works along Stokesley Road. The path opposite the Rugby Club and the one from Lead Lane in both directions were being very well used at present.

There was quite an amount of grass growing in the edges of the pavements that need to be removed and some tree work in the Cemetery.

A seat had been placed at the corner of Hilton Green where the telephone box stood.

The Vice-Chairman reported on her talks with Mr Toman about the works schedule.

Councillor Haynes commented on works that needed to be carried out at Water End to the trees past the Water Splash.

AGREED - That the Vice-Chairman forward a new version of he Works Schedule to all Councillors.

(iii) Herbert Langthornes Funeral.

It was reported that the funeral of former Councillor Bert Langthorne who served on the Council for 50 years, and was its Chairman for some time had received a good public turnout along the route of the funeral procession through the village. A Memorial Service would be held at a future date. An interesting write up about Mr Langthornes life had appeared in the current edition of the Darlington and Stockton Times.

AGREED – That with the families agreement an article about Herbert Langthorne be placed in the Newsletter and on the web site.

(iv) Website.

The Clerk reported that the web site seemed to be well established and is getting a reasonable amount of traffic. Councillors had been updated about the vast variety of queries that are coming through the web site.

The most recent NYCC information poster was on the first page of the web site advising how people could get help during the current coronavirus situation. This would get updated as and when necessary.

The Council had also put on the web site information about how people could celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day and asking that they observed the 2 minutes silence.

AGREED – That – (i) a Working Group consisting of Councillors Carveley and Mrs Haynes be set up to review the web site and how it could be moved forward for the future and (ii) in the meantime the Clerk report back to the next meeting as to whether it would be cheaper to enter into an annual agreement with NYCC ICT for the regular updating of the web site.

(v) Sandbags.

The Clerk reported that the Allotments Group had been given permission by HDC to take the sandbags that had been near the notice board at the bottom of Cockpit Hill for some time for their use, especially as HDC had at present no way of collecting them back in.

(vi) Wild Flowers in the grass verges along Fullicar Lane.

The Clerk reported that Mr Spence had responded to the Council's letter from the last meeting about not cutting the grass verges along Fullicar Lane until the wildflowers had died off saying that he was not himself responsible for the grass cutting as each landowner arranged it themselves. He added that he had been very disappointed to see the verges cut last year as he was very passionate himself about wild flowers and therefore he would contact each landowner and urge them not to cut the verges especially as there was no problem with visibility if they were left to grow.

Unfortunately in the meantime the grass verges were cut.

Mr Spence had offered to help the Council to urge the landowners not to do this in 2021 until the wild flowers and the butterflies etc have been seen by the public when out for walks.

(vii) Parked Car – Damage.

It was reported that a car parked on Cockpit Hill had been recently damaged. From the height of the damage and the colour of the paintwork left behind it could be that the vehicle that did the damage could have been an agricultural vehicle/ + trailer.

(viii) Silting of the beck.

The following response from Brompton Flood Group was reported following the raising of the fact by Councillor Langthorne that there was quite an amount of silt in the beck under the bridge just past the Council's car park –

"I don't know how many times I have contacted highways (who are the people who control the clearing of silt under the bridge) and only once about 4 years ago did they clear the silt. Now when I ask they haven't even got the decency to reply to me and that was last year. According to Dan Turner from YDRT he has persuaded the farmers not to wash their muck into the tributaries which eventually flows into our beck but as you know some are a law unto themselves and do what they like, so I'm afraid it's a losing battle trying to stop the silt and also to get highways to clear it. The only good news is that we have had very little rainfall so no chance of flooding!"

AGREED – That the response be noted.

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

No actions were reported to the meeting.

10. REPORTS.

No items were reported to the meeting under this agenda heading.

11. PLANNING MATTERS

The Clerk reported that no new planning application had been received since his last meeting.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

HDC (Half yearly Precept)	22,500.00
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Payments –

P Atkin (Salary)	344.00
P Atkin (Expenses)	25.30
HMRC (PAYE)	68.00
NYCC – Yorwaste Ltd (Advance charges)	21.86
Came and Co (Annual Insurance Premium)	612.97
CE + CM Walker (April grasscutting)	1,495.20
Hillside Tree Surgeons (Tree works near car park)	120.00
Sam Turners	80.24
Mr P Toman (6 weeks labour - 167 hours labour)	2,004.00
Mr P Toman (Expenses)	30.00
Brompton Flood Group (Grant)	2,500.00
PCC (Grant)	650.00
Mrs S Haynes (Reimbursement of Zoom payment)	14.39
NYCC (agenda printing)	8.00
NYCC (Updating of web site)	78.00

Bank Balances

Current Account - £200.00

Business Savings Account - £11,383.16 * the sum of £22,500 as above not yet appearing on the Bank Statement

High Interest Account - £13.20

The Clerk reported that the increase on the Insurance Premium from the previous year was £24.87. The Clerk added that the additional premium to add the theft of play equipment to the policy was excessive having regard to the age of most of the play equipment but it was something the Council would need to consider when it eventually proceeded with its planned improvement scheme at the Recreation Ground.

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

13. ALLOTMENTS SITE – Update

(i) Fly Tipping

It was reported that fly tipping had been taking place at the allotments site during lockdown. The Council had approached NYCC about obtaining its own Licence to use the Civic Amenities sites.

However the charges per visit would be as follows -

Green Waste -

£36.00 per half van load - £71.90 per full van load

Wood Waste -

£44.30 per half van load - £88.50 per full van load

other waste - from £2.90 per small bag

A small amount of fly tipping had also occurred at the Cemetery and notices had been put up.

Whilst the gates to the Allotments were secured by combination locks the waste material, including bricks, wood and other items had been thrown over the fence.

Consideration was given as to whether the Council could assist the Allotments Group with the costs of acquiring a skip and it was AGREED – That the Clerk look into the costs of acquiring a skip for the Allotments Group for a period of two months.

It was also mentioned that there was now no intention to move any soil from the Cemetery to the allotments as it was not suitable for the allotments themselves but Councillor Langthorne would be able to use it for the works to the car park at the allotments.

Councillor Langthorne added that he was planning to carry out the work to the gate at the allotments site and the Vice-Chairman said that she would be able to get the allotment holders to assist with this.

(ii) North Northallerton development Allotments site.

It was reported that the available allotments site at the new development were in the Northallerton Parish boundary side.

Being very short of allotments in the town especially as the ones behind The Odd Fellows Arms would be required for Cemetery purposes Northallerton Town Council had informed HDC that it would wish to take up the occupancy of the site. The site was smaller than first envisaged but it was hoped to start off some dialogue with Northallerton Town Council when the current lockdown situation ends.

AGREED – That talks be held with Northallerton Town Council during June/July about this matter

14. BROMPTON RECREATION GROUP - Update.

No meeting of the BRG had been held recently.

It was reported that a donation had been received through County Councillor Hugill from his community monies allocation.

The suggestion of locking the gate to the BRG field had not been followed through as it was not known if the grasscutter could gain access. However there had been very few vehicles parked on the car park in recent weeks.

15. NORTHALLERTON ROAD RECREATION GROUND.

The only item reported under this agenda heading was that Streetscape had been advised as to why the Council would not be proceeding with its intended improvement scheme in the current financial year.

16. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

(i) Update on the Application for a Modification Order to be made to include Scots Pit Lane on the Definitive Rights of Way Map.

The Clerk reported that regretfully NYCC had written as follows regarding application to make a Modification Order to add Scots Pit Lane to the Definitive Rights of Way Map.

"I have examined the evidence you submitted in support of your application to record a public bridleway along Scot Pit Lane at Brompton, Northallerton along with evidence submitted by the landowner in response to the informal consultation that was carried out in January.

I have come to the conclusion that some of the submitted evidence is not strong, some should be excluded and some is open to alternative interpretations.

- *The dropped kerb at the western end of the route where it joins the A167 is identical to dropped kerbs that can be seen at field entrances along this stretch of the A167 and cannot therefore be taken as indicative of highway status.*
- *The Quarter Sessions report incorrectly states that the lane is in Northallerton Parish. Either the name of the lane is wrong or the parish name is wrong and without some evidence to clarify that issue no value can be attached to this evidence.*
- *The Tithe Map does not show the route as public, the plot number is allocated to a named individual, the route is not included in a list of highways which accompanies the map and the plot number is inconsistent with the numbering system adopted to distinguish between highways and private land.*
- *The plot numbers included on the OS maps do not in any way indicate that the route was considered to be public at the time that the map was drawn, they are simply a record of each plot and the area.*
- *The depiction of the route on the OS maps can be seen to be consistent with both public and private routes, depending on which map edition and / or scale is used. Taken as a whole there is no synergy of evidence.*

I therefore have to advise you, that it has been decided that the evidence does not meet the required standard to enable the County Council to make such a Modification Order and that on the basis of the evidence submitted with the application the position of the County Council is that the application is rejected because it is not reasonably alleged that a right of way subsists over the land in question."

Caroline Bradley of the British Horse Society, as the applicant has appealed to the Secretary of State against the rejection letter from NYCC. There will be a bit of back and forth correspondence which will result from the appeal. This could take 6 months or more.

If NYCC are instructed to make the Order then it will still go out for consultation before it can be confirmed, at which time we can expect the previous objection to be reiterated, and then it will have to go to the Secretary of State again for him to confirm the Order.

This would probably result in a local Inquiry and this process usually took a year or more before it got to the Inquiry stage, depending on how quickly NYCC referred it to the Secretary of State for consideration.

AGREED – That – (i) the current situation as regards the making of the Order be noted; and (ii) the Clerk submit the Councils Supporting Statement as agreed at the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 4th February 2020 and (ii) Councillor Haynes provide the Clerk with the contact details of the Ramblers Association.

(ii) Other Highway Matters.

Block Drains – Northallerton Road.

A member of the public reported that a number of drains on Northallerton Road were blocked due to cement run-off.

Carriageway and Gullies on Station Road.

A number of defects in the carriageway and gullies near Crawford Grange were reported.

AGREED – That NY Highways be asked to attend to these matters.

Bowe Bridge.

Concerns were expressed about the further deterioration in the sandstone at the bridge. AGREED – That the Clerk ask the Bridges Engineer to make a further inspection as regards the current condition of the bridge.

Hedge Cutting.

A member of the public reported that the front hedge to No 51 Northallerton Road towards Hilton Green extended half way across the pavement so needed a very severe cut back as it did not appear to have been cut back for quite some time. AGREED – That the Clerk write a letter asking the householder to cut back the hedge.

It was also reported that the hedge along to Stone Cross was also in need of being cut back.

Water End Green – near First Bridge.

A Councillor mentioned that there was need for infilling to take place where the sandbags had stood near the notice board near the first bridge at Water and Green and offered to carry out the necessary work. As this was near to the water course it was AGREED – That before any works take place the views of the Flood Prevention Group be first obtained.

17. GREENS INSPECTION – Including Wild Flower Area Update.

It was reported that Councillor Haynes has cut the wild flower areas. Three pathways needed to be cut in the area.

Unfortunately despite the scarifying and two sowings the grass was still too dominant. Very cold temperatures before lock down had meant no germination had taken place and now it would not germinate because of the grass.

It was very likely that the area would need to be sprayed off by a professional on a wind free dry day. Following this and a time lag it would then be appropriate to plant some of the 500 plugs that have happily been growing in the bare earth. The daisies, dandelions and long grass were all beneficial to wildlife.

The Clerk reported that he had received comments regarding the length of the grass past the Water Splash and a member of the public asked whether the area could be used for grazing.

AGREED – That the services of a professional be obtained to spray the area and that Councillor Haynes obtain quotes for this work.

There were currently a number of holes on the Green at Water End that needed to be filled; these had been left when the old Water Notices posts had been removed. AGREED – That Mr Toman be asked to fill these holes in and to flatten the remaining mole hills and to grass seed the areas where the mole hills had been when the weather permits.

There was also a need to take photos of the bulbs that were growing on the Greens so that it would provide a record of where the gaps were that needed to be filled. AGREED – That the Chairman and Councillor Langthorne arrange for the photos to be taken.

18. CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) Registration of new development North Northallerton Phase 2 Darlington Road.

Letter received from HDC reporting that the following new addresses have now been registered.

1 to 37 (exc 13 odds) & 2 to 30 (evens) Aumale Road, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 2FH 1 to 21 (exc 13 odds) & 2 to 16 (evens) Breakspeare Garth, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 2FJ 1 to 15 (exc 13 odds) & 2 to 16 (evens) Bruntone Close, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 2FL 1 to 17 (exc 13 odds) & 2 to 14 (evens) Brierley Place, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 2FN 1 to 43 (exc 13) Carmelite Close, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 2FP 1 to 55 (odds only) Alvertune Road, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 2FQ 33 to 81 (odds only) Runnymede Way, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 2FB 60 to 158 (evens only) Runnymede Way, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 2FR 1A Brickside Way, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 2FE

Noted.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(i) Date of Next Meeting of the Council.

AGREED - That the next meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 16th June 2020.

(ii) Dates of Meetings for the 2020/21 Municipal year.

All Tuesdays at 7.00pm –

2020 - 16th June, 21st July, 18th August, 15th September, 20th October, 17th November, 15th December.

2021 – 19th January, 16th February, 16th March.

AGREED – That the above meeting dates for 202/21 be accepted.

(iii) Issues on The Green at Water End.

It was reported weeks ago the Clerk had received a complaint about a resident putting their branches and garden waste on the Green near the Village Inn and saying they could be perhaps starting a bonfire. The Clerk went down and spoke to the resident concerned who told him that she was waiting for a trailer to arrive to take the green waste away - which did in fact happen. There was no indication that there had been any intention of starting any sort of fire. The green waste was on the side of the Green immediately outside of the residents house.

It was also reported that the following week the Clerk had received another telephone call saying that there were two girls washing their horses in the beck near her house. The Byelaws state that washing of animals is permitted in the beck but in todays age it has to be accepted that they shouldn't have been using soap or shampoo of any sort as it adversely affects the water course. It was hoped that this was a one-off occurrence.

(iv) Flower Beds at Entrances to the Village and at Junctions.

AGREED – That this mater be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next Council meeting.

(v) Workmans Letter of Engagement.

The Clerk reported that Mr Toman was currently working without a letter of engagement. There was also the need to discuss what would happen to the workmans position after the end of September.

AGREED – That - (i) the Clerk draft a letter of engagement and circulate it to Councillors for comment and (ii) the Council review the situation later in the year.

(v) Surplus Notice Boards.

AGREED – That the surplus notice boards be allocated as follows – one to the Cemetery, one to the BRG and one to the Allotments.

(vi) CCTV at the Recreation Ground.

Councillor Haynes reported that she had the CCTV camera that had been declared as surplus by Appleton Wiske Parish Council. The Clerk undertook to enquire of the Clerk at Appleton Wiske Parish Council as to why the camera had been declared surplus to requirements.

AGREED – That the Clerk report the costs of CCTV at the Recreation Ground to the next meeting.

(vii) Request to Cut Tree at the Rear of the Recreation Ground.

The Clerk reported that a resident had asked if a tree near his property behind the Recreation Ground could be cut back. This request had been made to the Council periodically in the past and it was doubted whether the tree was anything to do with the Council. AGREED – That the Clerk make further enquiries and bring the matter back to the next meeting of the Council.

(v) Co-option to the Council.

AGREED – That the Clerk speak with Mrs S Briginshaw to ascertain if it would be possible for the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and himself to interview her before the next Council meeting having regard to social distancing so that she would be able to join the Council at an early opportunity.

(vi) Purchase of iPad.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was AGREED – That an iPad be purchased for the use of the Clerk for Brompton Town Council and Burial Board work.

20. BURIAL MATTERS.

1. Annual Headstone Inspection.

The Clerk reported that he would undertake a safety inspection of the headstones in the Cemetery when the lockdown situation was over.

2. Gravedigging.

The Clerk reported that the two graves that had been dug since the last meeting had shown a marked improvement on the situation that arose last year. It was hoped that all gravediggers would carry out gravedigging works to this standard.

It was also reported that there was an issue with the amount of soil that was been left at the top of the Cemetery

It was AGREED – That Mr Toman bring the soil down to the newly opened gate and the soil would then be removed with Councillor Langthornes help

The Clerk also undertook to enquire of Yorwaste

The Clerk reported that it was suspected that there had been an outbreak of myxomatosis in the rabbits in the Cemetery but no further instances had been noticed in the last two weeks although the

situation would need to be monitored. Local farmers close by had not noticed any cases on their land.

The Clerk added that the Council had not to date agreed as to how it would deal with the rabbits in the Cemetery.

3. Cemetery Extension.

The Vice-Chairman reported that she would urge the Councils agent to get in touch with the vendors Valuer as soon as possible to try to move matters forward.

To conclude the Chairman thanked Councillor Langthorne and his wife and Councillor Haynes for assisting with arrangements for the holding of the on line Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm