

Meeting of Brompton Town Council held on line on Tuesday 16th June 2020

PRESENT – On line – Councillors Dr K Carveley, Mrs S Haynes, Mrs M Shiel Dods, Mr M Langthone, 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.

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. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 19th May 2020.

AGREED – That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 19th May 2019, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

Qualifier	No of Incidents	
Anti-Social Behaviour	5	
Auto crime	3	
Burglary :	<i>Commercial : 0</i>	<i>Residential : 2</i>
Criminal Damage	2	
Theft (including from shops)	0	
Violence Against the Person	3	
Other crimes including Drugs	0	
TOTAL THIS PERIOD	15	

North Yorkshire Police Updates

Two “wet through and dishevelled” suspects were arrested by police after another unsuccessful attempt to steal a quad bike in North Yorkshire.

Just after 7pm on Thursday 11 June 2020, a resident in Ellerton, near Catterick, received a text alert from his quad bike tracker, stating the vehicle was moving.

He spotted two men taking a quad bike out of a barn. As he approached them, the suspects ran off empty-handed. Damage had been caused to the vehicle’s ignition.

Officers deployed immediately to the area, and began an extensive search, including with the NPAS police helicopter. A warning and a description of the suspects was sent out on Facebook, Twitter, North Yorkshire Community Messaging and to local Rural Watch volunteers. However, no one was located.

This morning, Friday 12 June, at around 7am, a motorist on her way to work noticed two men, whom she described as looking “rather dishevelled and wet through”, walking near Kiplin along the B6271, towards Northallerton.

North Yorkshire Police officers drove towards Kiplin, where they stopped and arrested two men, aged 19 and 28. Both were arrested on suspicion of burglary with intent to steal.

One of the men has been released under investigation while enquiries continue. The other remains in custody at this time.

At 3.50am on Thursday 11 June, a 22-year-old man was arrested in Danby Wiske, near Northallerton, on suspicion of stealing a quad bike. Two other men seen riding on the suspected stolen quad bike ran off into fields and were not located at the time.

However, the two men arrested near Kiplin have both been further arrested in connection with this incident as well.

Since the last Council meeting it was known that a further incident had occurred at a rented property on Station Road where a vehicle had been damaged.

Also - received from a resident –

“I have contacted the Police (via 101) to report when the youths involved were on the railway line. This was however met with seeming disinterest and I was informed to contact them again if it looked like they were up to no good. I was under the impression that trespassing on railway property was an offence in itself but perhaps this is no longer the case. I got the impression that to deal with this would be quite an operation and cause a lot of problems with the railway needing to be closed for a time so it would be best avoided. (Let's hope in future they don't put obstacles on the line etc or get knocked down while I'm not looking out of my window). There was a suggestion by the phone operative that the police would call round and check the area but to my knowledge, this hasn't happened. If it has, it has had no effect. I did mention the drug misuse but this didn't seem to strike a chord either.

I have little faith in the Police tackling this issue with another 101 call and wanted to bring this issue to your attention with the hope that a solution can be found to the problems highlighted in this email. Please feel free to share the contents of this email with local police representatives. Perhaps the barbed wire fencing and access to the beck could be addressed but this would move the problem elsewhere. I wouldn't mind that, however the bigger issue of drug misuse in Brompton and associated crime (dealing, theft to get money to buy drugs etc) would remain.

There seems to be a growing problem with anti-social behaviour in Brompton with revving engines, speeding cars and damage to property (football pitches damaged by motorbikes etc.) as well as the issues described above. Perhaps a greater police presence would help? I know the police are stretched, like all other public sector services, but having lived here for nearly 20 years I can see a degeneration in a once peaceful village. I also believe an element of council tax goes to the police so it would be nice to see some return on this.”

Received from Letting Agents –

“What I can tell you about the problems we have been experiencing with one of our properties we manage for some time now. The Owner is aware of what is happening, we are aware of what is happening, the Police are aware of alleged drug dealing and have the property “under surveillance and investigation”, Social Services are aware of the problem.

We fully understand the concerns of local residents, some of whom, have been in direct contact with the Police over the alleged drug dealing. Our Client has personally been to see the Police. We have spoken to the Police. We have spent a lot of time talking to HDC Housing, Social Services, the tenant's Mother and the tenant herself.

Notice Seeking Possession has been served on the Tenant to terminate the Tenancy but, the Government has changed the law over evictions and extended the term for evicition hearings to be heard at the County Court for another 3 months.

We are at a loss to what can be done legally to sort this matter out to the satisfaction of all parties.

Action can be taken if tenants are found to be dealing in drugs and successfully prosecuted but, it has been our experience that when complaints are made about alleged drug dealing and we ask if the Complainant is prepared to go to Court to give evidence, the Answer is nearly always “I don't want to get involved”. This is most frustrating as we will always go to Court, but also need back-up from Complainants, without which, the ground is cut from our feet.

The question the Council should be asking the Police, "You know what's going on and seem to be doing nothing. Why? When is action going to be taken?"

I trust this reply explains the matter further and shows how our hands are tied by the requirements of the very Law that these people are breaking."

Second response from a Letting Agent –

"I had been made aware of this issue by another agent who was dealing with this problem. I have every sympathy with any community dealing with this. As an agent we have a zero tolerance policy on housing anyone that would fit this criteria. Both morally and financially there is no benefit to us as a business to deal with such matters and it surprises me that people do. If we become aware of issues such as this the tenants would be evicted immediately but we have never had an issue. All our tenants are subject to rigorous credit checking and referencing and I believe this is how we have perhaps avoided this over the years".

A Councillor has commented –

From my recollection after meeting the deputy Police and Crime Commissioner and the local police over drugs we were told very abruptly that Brompton was of little interest in the grand scheme of things. It then became pointless to report anything as it was clear we did not figure on their agenda.

Councillors were unhappy that the crime figures published did not accurately show the problem in the village of ASB and drugs. As Sgt Wilson would shortly be retiring Councillors expressed the wish to organise a meeting with the new person to fully discuss all the issues which concern them –
AGREED.

Also AGREED – That - (i) Notices be put up on all notice boards encouraging people to report crime and asking people to use the Councils webpage to report incidents and (ii) the Clerk contact North Yorkshire Police Commissioner to discuss the Policing in Brompton

A Councillor reported that over the last few days he had observed a young person on a pedal bike watching at the top of Lead Lane down to The Green Tree Junction. He was on his mobile phone and looked to be reporting on any Police cars coming into village. The Councillor undertook to monitor and take photos .

4. CORONAVIRUS UPDATE.

To date no Government advice had yet been received about the public being permitted to sit on public benches

No contraventions apart from the occasional sitting on some seats has been reported the Council over the past month.

With regard to benches, due to the continuing COV –19 threats levels Councillors AGREED to ask the workman to tape up the benches including the new bench on Stokesley Road.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(i) Trees.

Another large branch snapped off a Horse Chestnut tree at Water End outside Esha Ness and was dealt with by Hillside Tree Surgeons. A further large branch fell completely from a tree in the same location and was dealt with by the Councils workman.

(ii) Noticeboards.

A second new Notice Board was now in place on the side of the Bus Shelter.

(iii) Defibrillators.

The person who checks the defibrillators for Yorkshire Ambulance in Northallerton has agreed to show the Chairman, Mr Toman and the Clerk what checks the Council needs to carry out on a fortnightly basis for the four defibrillators in Brompton; this will be free of charge.

(iv) Letter of Engagement for Councils Workman.

The revised letter of engagement for the Councils workman had been circulated to Councillors for comments. Councillor Haynes expressed concerns that there should have a cover letter and undertook to pass to the Clerk some examples before the letter of engagement was sent to the workman.

(v) Newsletters.

AGREED - That Mr Toman hand deliver the Annual Newsletters in mid to late July to all households July and that the rural properties be delivered by mail as usual.

(v) Website.

Councillors Haynes and Caverley were looking at alternatives hosts. The Clerk informed them that Appleton Wiske had a good site. Concerns were expressed on the time it took to update items.

Received from NYCC ICT - The way in which the Council is updating its web site through NYCC is not the cheapest option. The following information has consequently been received from NYCC -

It would save you £165 a year on our basic Security and Technical Support and we will happily reduce the cost of the service by the money you have paid for the jobs. The service is as follows :

Content Managed Service - Tier 1	Weekly access to our Cirrus team to update your website content on your behalf. This is ideal for a single website customer who wants to upload a regular newsletter and various general documents or content. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Covers the submission of general text content, images and documents (pdf) to Pages, Posts, Articles and Modules.Excludes development workEquates to a cost of approx. £6 an hour. *Please see Terms and Conditions for full details	Tier 1 £360 per year (up to 60 minutes per week) Includes Security and Technical Support SLA
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AGREED - That the above option be approved.

(vi) CCTV Quotation.

As requested at the last Council meeting -

Cost of build and first installation of Wi-Fi & 3G Camera would be £2,429.60+VAT (per camera)

Cost of this systems Maintenance per annum would be £864.00+VAT (Inc. Sim Card with 15GB Data per camera per month)

To upgrade a Rapid Camera to have a fixed IP address which enables a better functionality platform would be £2,976.20+VAT (Per Camera)

Cost of this systems Maintenance per annum would be £1,320.00+VAT (Inc. Sim Card with 15GB Data per camera per month)

*To add an ANPR Camera to the Upgraded Rapid Camera would be £766.40+VAT (per camera)
Additional Maintenance cost per ANPR Camera would be £130.00+VAT*

The Clerk reported that he had been unable to find any funding for CCTV that the Council could apply for.

Councillor Haynes had obtained the CCTV Camera from Appleton Wiske and was awaiting a quote for its installation.

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

None to report.

10. REPORTS.

The Chairman reported on the meeting of the Northallerton and Villages Community Forum that had been held via Zoom on the 4th June 2020. The matters discussed had included –

Mental Health,

NYCC Care Homes- response to COV-19

Cov-19 death rate - 236

Friarage Hospital Cov Free, James Cook as 1 Cov -19 ward

WDR- lottery grant

Living Room- re-opening

Hambleton Food share- needing more donations

Heritage Society- grant of to allow it to do a 4 year programme

11. PLANNING MATTERS.

(i) Decisions.

20/00635/FUL - Siting of a second static caravan and an additional touring caravan to be sited on part of the land approved as a private gypsy site -

The Workshop Stokesley Road Brompton - Granted

(ii) Applications.

20/00898/REM - Application for reserved matters for previously approved application 15/01838/HYB.
Condition 2- Appearance, Landscaping, Layout, Scale and Access for the Environmental Space elements of North Northallerton Sports Village.
Condition 8 - Landscape Masterplan, implementation and management programme. Condition 14 - Sections showing proposed and existing ground levels. Condition 20 - Ecological Enhancement Management Plan. Condition

32 - Propose Scheme for pre-construction surveys for mitigation impacts for breeding birds

LOCATION: Taylor Wimpey Thurstan Park Development North Northallerton Phase 1A Land At Stokesley Road Northallerton

AGREED - That the Clerk organise a meeting with Peter Jones, Manager of North Planning team to discuss what applications received so far for North Northallerton Development and what applications have still to be received.

Concerns were raised about the allotment site in NNA scheme

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

John Blenkiron + Sons (Burial fee)	120.00
Co-operative Funeral Service (Burial fee)	60.00

Payments –

P Atkin (Salary)	344.00
P Atkin (Expenses)	24.70
HMRC (PAYE)	68.00
Came and Co (Underpayment on Annual Insurance Premium)	50.00
CE + CM Walker (April grasscutting)	1,495.20
Sam Turner and Sons (2 stroke mix)	39.96
Mr P Toman (113 hours labour)	1,356.00
Mr P Toman (Expenses)	30.00
Mrs S Haynes (Reimbursement of Zoom payment)	14.39
NYCC (Web site annual contract)	360.00
Mrs M Bellerby (Reimbursement of Plot A128 burial fee)	300.00

Bank Balances

Current Account - £200.00
Business Savings Account - £29,428.45
High Interest Account - £13.20

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

13. ALLOTMENTS SITE – Update

(i) Fly Tipping

Further to the decision at the last meeting to look into the provision of a skip at the Allotments site the workman had managed with the help of an allotment holder to sort the fly tipped rubbish out into different piles. Some of the fly tipped material had been taken to the Civic Amenity site and the wood had been burned. In addition Councillor Langthorne had taken some bits for the work on the car park.

The Councils workman had also been carrying out strimming work alongside the allotments site adjacent to the landowners field but had ceased this work due to issues raised by the landowner of which Councillors have been advised.

(ii) Future Allotments Site.

An area of land in the centre of the village had been suggested to be suitable for use for allotments. AGREED – That the Clerk write to the owner of the land and ascertain if he would be willing to sell or lease the land to the Council for use for allotments.

It was reported that works to the car park would commence on the 24th June.

14. BROMPTON RECREATION GROUP - Update.

Weavers Pavilion had been deep cleaned. There had also been an issue with the water source and this had also been cleaned

BJFC had restarted training on the field with 2M rule being maintained. Rubbish was removed and the toilets were not being used.

The Chairman raised the issue that to open the building/fields there needed be a risk assessment carried out and Councillor O'Sullivan undertook to ask the BRG and BJFC about risk assessments.

15. NORTHALLERTON ROAD RECREATION GROUND.

(i) Quotations for Play Equipment.

As received from Streetscape -

Two options for the new swings, either 2 seats or 4 seats.

I have also shown costs for replacing the swing seats and chains as requested, I've included fitting free of charge if this can be carried out at the same time as the proposed new swing as this would save you £350 +VAT.

QUOTATION

Please note that all items listed within the below quotation are subject to VAT.

Item Product Code Description Price

Option One A SS24-2 Sturdy Swing 2.4m high comprising 1 Bay with 2 No. Flat Seats £1140

B Installation of the above item A into a level site with good access £ 675

C Supply and lay 21m² of Safamat Surfacing to include mesh underlay and all necessary pegs and ties £ 840

D Carriage £ 150 Option One **Total £2805 +VAT**

Option Two E SS24-4 Sturdy Swing 2.4m high comprising of 2 Bays with 4 No. Flat Seats £2040

F Installation of the above item E into a level site with good access £1140

G Supply and lay 42m² of Safamat Surfacing to include mesh underlay and all necessary pegs and ties £1680

H Carriage £ 150 Option Two **Total £5010 +VAT**

Item Product Code Description Price Additional Swing Seats

J Supply 2 no. Cradle Seats – Recreation Ground. Complete with new chains & fixings where required. £ 284 +VAT

K Supply 2 no. Flat Seats – Water End. Complete with new chains & fixings where required. £ 178 +VAT

L Fitting of the above items J and K Free of Charge (If carried out with either Option One or Two shown above).

Councillors commented that the quotation for the new swings was higher than had been anticipated and undertook to consider alternatives such as 2 new seats and a set of junior swings.

Councillors also undertook to look again at what was required in light of COV -19.

(ii) To consider request to cut back an Ash Tree the rear of the Recreation Ground.

AGREED - That - (i) Mr Whitehead ,the tree surgeon be asked for his views on the cutting back of this Ash Tree and to look at all the trees in this area including the trees in the Recreation Ground which had not been included in the past on the Tree Surveys as they were not in the Conservation Area and (ii) Mr Whitehead be asked as regards other trees on the Greens that may need to be crown lifted or trimmed at this time of year.

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

(I) Mr P Walker mentioned that on the Police Facebook page it had said about 3 cars being damaged on Orchard Grove asked if anyone had any information on whether the culprits had been found. Mr Walker was informed that the Council had no further information on this matter.

(ii) Mr P Walker commented that the path from the Methodist church alongside the recreation ground was getting overgrown, and was advised that this was on the work schedule.

(iii) Mr P Walker commented on the flooding in the centre of the village following the very recent downpour. The Chairman said that he had raised this and the Clerk had subsequently looked at the gullies and had found them to be clear and was aware that they had only just been cleaned out by NY Highways in recent weeks. It was therefore likely that the high amount of rainfall in such a short period was the cause of the flooding; Brompton apparently having been the only place locally that had been affected by such heavy rain on the day in question.

16. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Issues raised during the past month –

Need to replace 30mph sign at the end of the public highway where it joined the private road on Fullicar Lane – AGREED - That NY Highways be requested to renew this sign.

Parking on the West Side of Water End Green

Concerns have been expressed that cars seemed to park regularly along the Green on the west side of Water End. In view of the fact that for the present time the Council was unable to afford to place additional boulders along the Green it is AGREED – That a number of “No Parking on the Green” signs be purchased from Classic Graphics to place along the west side of the Green at Water End and that the Councils workman be asked to erect these on metal poles.

Parking along the edge of the Green at The Green.

Parking alongside both sides of the carriageway at The Green was causing problems for any vehicles larger than a normal size car to get through from The Pinfold to the junction with Northallerton Road. This would certainly be an issue if any Emergency vehicles needed to get through. AGREED– That NY Highways be asked to install No Parking lines along the western edge of the carriageway.

PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION - 25747-Banks Road, Brompton

The Closure will be in place for a period of 1 day between 13th July 2020 and 13th July 2020 to allow for Vegetation Management works on behalf of Northern Powergrid.

The Road Closure and any associated Diversion Routes can be viewed using this URL link <https://one.network/?tm=117477309>

There are also planned carriageway patching works on Banks Road from A684 to Bullamoor. The works are planned to begin on the 11th June and will involve a road closure for a period of 10 days. Advance warning signage advising of the works will be erected on site shortly, which will also include diversion signage.

Other Highway Matters –

AGREED – That consideration be given to placing a No Parking sign place on wall in Pinfold/The Green.

AGREED - That the Clerk ask NY Highways for a programme of gully emptying so that residents can be notified to move their cars when this took place.

Councillor Haynes reminded County Councillor Hugill about the hedgehog signs.

Councillor Shiel Dods asked Cllr Hugill to look at better signage on Northalleton Road past the Civic Centre being a dead end as large lorries were becoming stuck on the road not knowing that it was a dead end.

17. GREENS INSPECTION – Including Wild Flower Area Update.

Pathways were to be cut into the wildflower areas over the forthcoming month.

Extra planting would take place in the Autumn of rec clover and yellow rattle.

It was suggested that Councillors should have a look at how the Ingelby Arncliffe wildlife area was progressing as this had been started a year prior to the Brompton project.

Councillor Shiel Dods mentioned the possibility of a wildlife area being constructed at the allotments site and asked Councillor Haynes for help with any spare plants/seeds.

More daffodils etc were to be purchased for planting in winter months and the Chairman said that he would get prices from Parkers catalogue. Planting could also take also down Northallerton Road and the new estate.

18. CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) Letter of Thanks.

(i) A letter of thanks received from the PCC for the grant towards the further works to the Church clock.

Verbal thanks had also been received from Hambleton Foodshare for the donation that the Council had made to them.

. 19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(i) Date of Next Meeting of the Council.

AGREED - That the next meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 21st July 2020.

(ii) Meetings – 2020/21.

AGREED – That Council meetings be held on the following dates –

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.

(iii) Residents 100th Birthdays.

AGREED – That the Council provides flowers (or a suitable alternative) and a birthday card for residents of the Parish who attain the age of 100 on their birthdays and information be placed in the forthcoming Newsletter and on the Community and the Churches Groups Facebook pages requesting information from residents and local care providers of who they may be aware of who will attain this age during 2020 and 2021.

(iv) Telephone calls from a Resident.

The Chairman and the Clerk have again had numerous telephone calls from a resident in the past month. In the majority of cases the issues raised were not concerns relating to Brompton Council and the resident had been advised how best she could pursue her concerns with other agencies.

(iii) Circular Walking Routes around the Village.

AGREED - That a map showing circular routes in village be given to Councillors to look at to see how they could have signs put up in village to promote the routes together with better signage for closing gates/dogs on lead.

Councillor Langthorne undertook to speak to land owners to encourage them to allow more signs put up.

(v) Works Schedule.

AGREED – That the workman be asked to weed around the Brompton Village signs and to weed around Church wall at Church View.

Also AGREED – That the Clerk ask Northallerton and Romanby Councils if they had workmen with chemical licences so that Brompton Council could pay them to spray around the village and that if this was too expensive then look at purchase of gas gun to burn weeds away.

(vi) Footpath from The Green Tree Inn to Danes Crest Estate.

AGREED – That the Clerk provide an update to the next meeting.

(v) Christmas Lights.

The Clerk reported that Northallerton Town Council intended to change the type of Christmas lights that it put up each year around the town. The ones that were likely to be surplus were the same as Brompton Council had looked into putting on light columns some years previously. AGREED – That the Clerk pursue this matter further as regards condition, costs etc and also to ascertain how much it would cost for them to be put up and taken down by Lightfoots Electricians each year.

(vii) Purchase of iPad and Zoom Subscription.

Councillor Haynes undertook to look into the suitability and price for an iPad

It was also AGREED – That the iPad.-Zoom subscriptions be paid for the next year.

(viii) Brompton Sign.

It was reported that the Brompton sign on Northallerton Road was now on the wrong side of the Link Road and there was no sign on the new road stating you were in Brompton

AGREED – That the Clerk to write to Taylor Wimpey to ask if they would they pay for a new stone Brompton Sign on the new road into village

20. BURIAL MATTERS.

1. Blue Waste Bin.

Yorwaste had confirmed that they did not yet know when the blue waste bin at the Cemetery would be emptied as they did not yet know when the trade waste collection service will be resumed. The Councils workman had managed to empty the bin and has disposed of the dead flowers etc at the Yafforth Road Civic Amenity tip.

Yorwaste had credited the Councils account with payments that it has been making during the lockdown period.

2. Double Depth Grave in Plot H

It was reported that around 1993 the Burial Board had sold two burial plots to relatives of Brompton people who were already buried in the Cemetery. However although the payment was taken and banked no graves were allocated in the Burials Register and 27 years later one of those for whom a grave should have been allocated died.

There was therefore no space to get them buried where they should have been and where they have had no reason to believe that they would not be buried there, but as luck had it there was a vacant space next to another relative that was unallocated - only one space though.

The Undertaker asked if in the circumstances if for this once so that the husband and wife could eventually be buried together, as they have always intended to do, have a double depth grave as was the case with the Burial Board until the last Cemetery extension in 1974 in Plots G and H.

No double depth graves had been dug in Plots G and H so no decision could be made until a gravedigger had come out and judged whether this was. The gravedigger advised that a double depth grave would be no problem.

This took a few days to resolve and as it was obviously a worrying time for the family therefore it was considered to be only fair to waive the £60 interment fee as a gesture of good will as the family had not got what they had originally paid for.

AGREED – That the actions taken in this matter be endorsed.

2. Computerisation of Burial Records.

The Clerk was currently computerising the burial records but was restricting the computer information to the burial plot number, the name of the deceased and the date of burial. Other historic details that used to be recorded from 1929 until the mid 1960's such as age, occupation, details of who carried out the burial ceremony etc would remain in the Register for access by social historians. To date the Clerk had completed Plots A to G. The next task will be to draw up new plot maps and ensure that they match the computerised records.

To date this exercise has revealed many vacant spaces in Plots A to F that had been purchased from 1929 to the 1960's and had never been used; perhaps as the original deceased persons partner for whom the plot was reserved many years ago was subsequently cremated or buried elsewhere.

To take up these burial plots now the immediate relatives would have to be aged over 110 years old.

AGREED – That the discussion continue about purchasing back empty graves once it was known how many there were.

3. Dimensions of Headstones.

Item withdrawn

4. Photographic evidence of Grave Spaces.

In recent months the Clerk had been taking a photo of any plots in the Cemetery that were sold so that the Undertaker and the family had a visual record of exactly where a burial plot was.

The Clerk had also started to send the Undertakers another photo when any grave was marked for a burial so that there could be no mistake with the grave digging, ie if the wood stake was moved by the grasscutter etc

AGREED – That this procedure be adopted as the norm with the taking of photographs in all cases of the sale of plots and burials.

5. Sell Back of Burial Plot.

The Clerk reported that a resident had asked if they could sell back their burial plot in the Cemetery to the Burial Board as they had now decided that they would wish to be cremated. It was the usual practice to accept such requests, although they were quite rare. As the purchaser would be refunded the amount that they had paid for the plot which would be less than the Burial Board would be able to resell the plot for at current burial fee prices it is AGREED - That the request be agreed to (see Accounts above).

6. State of the Cemetery.

The Clerk reported that a resident had sent the following comment -

“I have to say I have never seen it look so neat and tidy”.

7. Notice Board.

AGREED – That a quotation be obtained for a new Notice Board at the Cemetery.

8. Cemetery Extension.

The Vice-Chairman updated Councillors on negotiations for the cemetery extension; the land owners having agreed to sell an acre of land and the Councils Agent would report on a reasonable price for the land in due course.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

