

## PART A – PUBLIC SECTION

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

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

The Vice-Chairman took the Chair for items 1 to 5 as the Chairman could not get an internet connection.

There were two members of the public present on line.

#### 1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

An apology for absence was received from County Councillor D Hugill

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

- 2 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC – AGREED – That the Public be excluded from the meeting for items 21 and 22 on the agenda under the provisions of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as the disclosure of information would at the present time be prejudicial to public interest.

#### 3. MINUTES.

AGREED – That Public and Private Sections the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 18th August 2020, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### 4. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

Received after the August Council meeting -

Qualifier	No of Incidents	
Anti-Social Behaviour	8	
Auto crime	0	
Burglary :	<i>Commercial : 0</i>	<i>Residential : 0</i>
Criminal Damage	3	
Theft (including from shops)	1	
Violence Against the Person	11	
Other crimes including Drugs	1	
<b>TOTAL THIS PERIOD</b>	<b>24</b>	

Curent months crime report –

#### **Crime and ASB Data**

Qualifier	No of Incidents	
Anti-Social Behaviour	4	
Auto crime	1	
Burglary :	<i>Commercial : 0</i>	<i>Residential : 1</i>
Criminal Damage	0	
Theft (including from shops)	0	
Violence Against the Person	5	
Other crimes including Drugs	2	

<b>TOTAL THIS PERIOD</b>	<b>13</b>	

Received from the Licensing Enforcement Officer –

*I have now spoken to North Yorkshire Police Licensing Team*

*They have checked their records and on:*

*21/8/20 Report of a disturbance at the premises which the Police attended (The one I believe witnessed by Mrs \*\*\*\*\*)*

*30/8/20 Report of 2 Assaults outside the premises, again the Police attended*

*Apart from these two recent incidents they report there have been no other reports associated with these premise.*

*The Police Licensing Officer informs me that it is his intention to visit these premises and discuss these incidents with the licensee and to remind them of their responsibilities under The Licensing Act. He will also be reminding them of The Review process should they continue to receive complaints*

*He will update The Council following his visit to the premises.*

Received from a resident – (2 similar emails)

"The number and type of incidents occurring outside The Crown Inn and Three Horse Shoes flats, particularly during the early hours of the morning are becoming intolerable.

Incidents in the past month include a group social gathering following a near fight outside The Crown Inn on Saturday 29th August at approx. 2.20am whereby approximately 15 people spilled from the pub onto the street, shouting and using abusive language. This continued for 15-20 minutes. The Police appeared and settled it down but 30 minutes later a small group 7-8 began to shout and scream in the street again.

Incidents of this type have occurred frequently this year and it raises the question as to how the licensee of The Crown can retain a licence to the early hours when such behaviour is occurring regularly? Are the Council able to explore this?

On Wednesday 2nd September at approx 3.10am a resident from the Three Horse Shoes was dropped off by a car playing loud music. Said car parked up for a minute or so with music playing and upon departure tooted the horn - incidents similar to this have happened regularly.

On Sunday 23rd August at approx 3am, 3 men walked over Cockpit Hill towards Northallerton having an extremely loud conversation, one proceeded to urinate against the Three Horse Shoes whilst they waited for a few minutes and then a vehicle arrived. Upon arrival of the car they spoke to the driver for a short period, the car then drove off and they proceeded to walk towards Northallerton.

There are frequently cars driving along Cockpit hill with loud exhausts, these must have been modified. Are North Yorkshire Police able and/or willing to take any action.

In answer to a question the Clerk reported that he would try to ensure that Councillor Carvely was invited to any actual meeting held with the Police with. Regard to crime in Brompton Parish.

A Councillor commented that there appeared to be Police activity in the village every two to three days.

Unfortunately the Police were unable to connect to meetings via Zoom.

The Clerk added that no response had to date been received from the landlord of the Three Horse Shoes apartments.

Councillor Martin joined the meeting at this point and took the Chair.

#### 5. CORONAVIRUS UPDATE.

A number of Parish Councils returned to meeting as normal in their Village Halls etc two to three weeks ago. That situation has now changed.

Advice received from YLCA –

*'NALC and SLCC **strongly advise local councils to continue to meet remotely**, without the need for face to face contact. Government rules still state that we should all work from home if we can. Local councils have the powers to hold public meetings remotely by using video or telephone conferencing technology until May 2021 and so most councils will have no need to meet in person.*

*Furthermore, local councils have the **duty to allow the public to observe council meetings** without placing restrictions on the number attending, which many council meeting venues will not be able to accommodate in a safe way at this time.*

*However, where a local council does have an **identified need** to hold a physical meeting, as they are unable to conduct council business any other way, they can consider doing so from 4th July.*

*These meetings must be managed within the social distancing and 'safer workplaces' guidance produced by Government, which includes the requirement to conduct a risk assessment to determine if it is feasible and safe to hold a physical meeting. It is important that this risk assessment is carried out, and any identified actions to reduce risk to attendees are implemented before any face to face meetings resume. Councils must keep documentation of this risk assessment and the reasons why the council has taken the decision to return to face to face meetings*

#### 6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

##### (i) Land Behind Linen Way.

The Clerk reported that he had looked at the land which was designated for industrial use.

However there could be a requirement that licenses would need to be obtained from NYCC and the EA if chemicals were to be used,

As regards landscaping so as to hide the industrial aspect from the adjoining houses it was pointed out that there could not be any requirement placed on the developer to plant trees as the area was not in the Conservation Area, although in the past there had been a hedge across the site.

AGREED - That the Council look at the issues on site.

##### (ii) Hambleton Wombles Litter Pick – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> August Hambleton Wombles 3 ambassador lead groups set off in different directions: Brompton Lane towards the Oaktree garage/ Deighton Lane, Northallerton Rd towards the rugby club and Stokesley Rd/ Water End with some of their 'extras' picking around the football pitch/ car park area too.

The haul totalled 33 sacks and many many 'bonuses' which read like the generation game conveyor belt (if anyone else is old enough to remember that): 1 sit on toy bike, 2 scooters, 1 dustbin lid, 1 umbrella, 1 traffic cone, 2 tyres, various plastic plant pots and trays, 1 metal fan, 1 cupboard door and 1 window frame complete with hundreds of nails.

AGREED – That Hambleton Wombles be added the Councils list of donations for April 2021 and that an article be placed in the Newsletter.

(iii) CCTV Sign.

The Clerk reported that Mr Paul Walker had kindly given permission for the CCTV sign to go on the wall of his workshop next to The Crown Inn.

AGREED - That Mr Paul Walker be thanked for his co-operation in this matter.

Councillor Haynes had sent all the documentation to Councillors and commented that the quotation seemed to be reasonable as had the Councillors who had responded. The Chairman commented that the new CCTV at Bullamoor Park was being monitored by HDC. There was also a need to know further information to protect the Council as regards ICO registration. A Councillor asked if it would be possible to get more than one quote.

Councillor Haynes said that other Parish Councils designated someone to be responsible for accessing the system.

(iv) Bollards.

The highway company who had given their details to the Chairman for works that the Council may want to carry out in the highway had stated that it was not in a position to erect the bollards in the cobbles at the crossroads. They had therefore been asked if they could recommend a local company who could carry out this work.

The Chairman reported that he had looked at bollards at Osmotherley and undertook to ask the Clerk, who happened to live near to him how that Council had erected its bollards.

(iv) Pedestrian Bridge off Station Road.

The Vice-Chairman and Councillor Langthorne had met with the planning officers at George Whites the Councils Agents and a number of suggestions had been put forward. Subsequently they had met with the Headteacher at the Primary School and also with Councillors Brigginsshaw and Kelly had informed them of the recommendations. It was the general consensus that the Council needed to develop a relationship with the school.

Councillor O'Sullivan suggested that the bridge and the related landscaping and flooding matters etc were all things that could be worked into the school curriculum and engaging oth the pupils and the staff and that it would also be approved to include the BRG and the BRGs Chairman in this.

The Vice-Chairman reported that when the Council received a letter of engagement this would necessitate another site meeting being held.

AGREED - That the Chairman and Councillors Brigginsshaw and Kelly meet with the Head of the Primary School and/or the Chairman of Governors to discuss progress as regards the proposed pedestrian bridge.

(v) Gas Burner.

Enquiries had revealed that there were no supplies of gas burners in the UK but they were expected to arrive at the end of September. In the meantime Brown and Thackray Ltd at the Coal yard had kindly lent the Council a gas burner until it could acquire its own.

(vi) Flowering Cherry Trees in the Churchyard.

The PCC were in agreement to the replacement of the three cherry trees and had asked whether the current replacement trees had been chosen for a reason to replace the previously diseased cherry

trees? Also the PCC wondered if an arboriculturalist could advise on what type of cherry tree would be best to replicate the remaining existing original trees but also not be susceptible to the disease which affected the previous trees?

AGREED - That Hillside Tree Surgeons be asked for an opinion,

(vii) PCC concerns regarding the Churchyard

The PCC had noted that the Council was awaiting on the stonemason to check the graveyard regarding safety of gravestones. Their concern is that the gravestones currently laid down have on occasions be clipped by the grasscutter and perhaps any re-siting of some of the gravestones would alleviate this problem.

The Clerk had checked the headstones that had been laid down and all had been laid flat for eight years and in some cases much longer and there was little sign of any grasscutting damage on any of them. In addition it would be extremely costly to re-erect these headstones especially as some of them were broken in half.

AGREED – That no action be taken in this matter

(viii) Church Path

A member of the public had expressed concerns that the church path could be slippery on occasions. The area of most concern being the steps on the entrance from Church View.

AGREED – That if possible the path be treated.

(ix) Church Heating

Discussions had taken place regarding the heating of St Thomas' Church as unfortunately boiler was reaching the end of its working life and is currently out of action. The PCC had asked if there would be any grants available to help with the costs of a replacement boiler?

AGREED - That the PCC be invited to make an application for a grant in April 2021.

(ix) Church Wardens

It was reported that Mrs Doreen Newcombe had stood down as Church Warden after many years. She was still going to be involved with St Thomas' and was be available to share her knowledge and vast experience gain over the her time as Church Warden. Carole Martin had been appointed as Church Warden in her place.

(vi) Annual Newsletter.

The Newsletter had scheduled for printing so that it would be delivered this week however printing was postponed pending the consideration of the inclusion of further articles.

## 7. CHAIRMAN'S/VICE-CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS.

No actions reported.

## 8. REPORTS + REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS.

(i) Report of annual Cemetery Inspection.

Matters noted on the inspections to the Cemetery on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August -

New Notice Board to go outside the Cemetery gate

Metal Notice to be acquired to warn visitors to care in icy weather – notice to be screed on and removed when winter is over.

Workman to cut roots of secondary growth from trees.

There is a wooden seat under the trees at the top of the path that is dedicated to someone in Plot A - clean and move next to the grave of the person to whom it is dedicated.

The large Leylandii trees to be cut down in height by about 20 feet - Hillside Tree Surgeons have been asked for a quote.

Likewise the hedge to the south of the Cemetery - Hillside Tree Surgeons to run take the height down to 8 to 10 feet.

The rest of the hedges to be cut by the workman.

Rabbit damage has not affected the Cemetery yet this year. Recommended that this be left for the present and a rabbit proof fence be erected when the cemetery extension has been agreed.

Headstones to only be permitted as per the current Rules and Regulations

The Cemetery Extension to contain a memorial garden

Spare space along the edges of Plots F and G - ie adjacent to Plots G and H be utilised for ashes instead of mixing the ashes with burial plots when we start to use the new Cemetery Extension.

AGREED – That the above suggestions be approved.

(ii) Working Groups.

Councillors Haynes and Langthorne were drafting up a description of the footpath that they would be putting forward as a village walk. The route would be a circular walk The next step was to take photographs and contact the landowners.

There were two bridges on the route which were of concerns and Councillor Langthorne undertook to speak to the landowners about them.

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

(i) Mrs Cornforth said that she had sent an email to HDC Planning about the proposed MOT station next to BS Autos. Her concerns were in respect of the traffic issues and the fact that the school was currently operating a queuing system to entry and exit. The situation was not made any easier if vehicles were to be reversed into the garage. The Vice-Chairman commented that as it was an industrial building planning consent could only be refused on highway grounds and it would be helpful if photographs could be provided as to the traffic problems.

(ii) Mr R Carter mentioned again that nothing had been done about the hedge outside 51 Northallerton Road where it had encroached onto the pavement. NY Highways had concerned that this was on the Highways Inspectors list for inspection.

## 9. PLANNING MATTERS –

(i) Decisions.

20/01640/CAT - Proposed work to trees within a conservation area to fell Ash tree, Sycamore tree to thin crown by 15% and to use this thinning to reduce radius and crown by up to 1m at 6 Cockpit Hill - Granted

20/01251/LBC - Listed building consent for the installation of a first floor fire escape window, interconnecting fire doors internally and other internal alterations.

LOCATION: North Yorkshire County Council The Close 58 Northallerton Road – Granted

(ii) Applications.

20/01279/FUL - Change of use of storage building to garage and MOT station

LOCATION: Former Baptist Church Station Road

The Clerk reported that the applicant had circulated a plan of proposed vehicle movements to all Councillors and an objection received from a resident has been circulated to all Councillors

AGREED – That the Council object to this application on highway grounds.

20/01770/FUL - Retrospective application for the Construction of children's play equipment, including a raised platform, 2no raised walkways and 2no play houses.

LOCATION: Mill Hill House 33 Northallerton Road. AGREED – No objections.

Planning Inspectors decision regarding the proposed development on land adjacent to 53 Water End.

The Clerk reported the Conclusion of Inspectors report as follows -

I have found that the proposal would not result in flooding away from the site, however I have found that the area is at risk of flooding and there is no safe means of escape from the proposed dwelling, and that harm would arise to character and appearance of the area and the setting of the Brompton CA. Having considered all matters before me, the appeal is dismissed.

The Workshop, Stokesley Road

From HDC S Enforcement Officer -

*The Council visited the site last week to ascertain if the stable building was being for residential accommodation. The Council were able to view inside the building at the time of the site visit it was being used as general domestic storage of items. It was evident that the building was not being used as living accommodation.*

*The Council will continue to monitor the situation and will provide any further updates on this matter when they arise.*

## 10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

### Receipts –

The Co-op Funeral Services (Burial fee) 60.00

Dales of Thirsk (Inscription fees) 39.00

### Payments –

P Atkin (Salary) 344.00

P Atkin (Expenses including black ink cartridge) 43.72

HMRC (PAYE – in credit £37.20) 30.80

CE + CM Walker (August grasscutting) 1,459.20

Sam Turner and Sons (2stroke, fence rails, blots + rake)	92.78
J T Atkinsons (various)	195.94
NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges – 2 months)	45.12
Brown & Thackray Ltd (Gas)	31.00
Mr P Toman (123 hours labour)	1,476.00
Mr P Toman (Expenses)	30.00

Bank Balances

Current Account - £200.00

Business Savings Account - £9,837.62

High Interest Account - £13.20

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

A Councillor asked about the Bank Statements as the Council had not met in person for some time. The Clerk reported that he was willing for any Councillor to come and look at them at his house but he had been told by the External Auditors that Bank Statements must not be copied to third parties. He was not aware of any Councils other than Brompton that brought its Bank Statements to any of their meetings as this was not an adopted practice to do since the statements of the accounts was presented in the Minutes.

11. ALLOTMENTS SITE – Update.

The landowner had raised some issues about the site, in particular the relatively small number of cars that are parked in the car park even at the busiest times.

Further works the car park were currently in hand with it was anticipated that the works would be completed in a couple of days time. This would complete all the issues that had been raised by the landowner.

12. BROMPTON RECREATION GROUP.

Received from the BRG –

“We have obtained new goal post for our club - we have a set of goals that fit into sleeves which are for a children’s pitch we wonder if you would like them. They could be left for the use of the village”.

Councillor O’Sullivan said that there was little to report - matches to start mid September and there was some discussion around the possible fence along the beck and could it be one that was erected only during football use. If more permanent then may it require Environmental Agency agreement.

13. NORTHALLERTON ROAD RECREATION GROUND.

Councillors discussed the football club use of recreation ground and a Councillor asked if the pitch would impinge on BMX track.

AGREED – That – (i) the use of the Recreation Ground by Brompton Juniors be approved and (ii) the Chairman and Clerk and Councillor Langthorne take measurements

14. RESURFACING OF CAR PARK.

It was estimated that for materials and labour/JCB hire etc these works could be carried out for approximately £2,000, excluding fencing along the beck side and new hedging along the eastern boundary.

It was AGREED - That the resurfacing of the car park proceed but that a walkway be provided along the edge of the carriageway to the bridge for pedestrians to walk along in safety. The Clerk had measured the inside fence and had ascertained that it could be moved out 2 metres to provide further car parking as this would still leave sufficient room for a fire engine to gain access to the school. The Clerk added that he would need to know a couple of weeks before the works took place so that he could place notices at the car park informing residents that it would be closed for resurfacing.

AGREED – That the works proceed if possible before the onset of winter.

#### 15. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

##### (i) PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION - SW-26922-Long Lane, Brompton

The Closure will be in place for a period of 8 hours between 10th October 2020 and 11th October 2020 (out of hours) to allow for annual level crossing testing on behalf of Network Rail. The Road Closure and any associated Diversion Routes can be viewed using this URL link <https://one.network/?tm=118580878>

##### (ii) Matters Raised by Residents on Thurston Park Estate.

The Clerk had received in his role with to Brompton Town Council and in his HDC Councillor role several emails and telephone calls from residents about traffic in the vicinity of the new North Northallerton development and has contacted HDC North Northallerton Planning Manager and NY Highways as follows -

*There are concerns about the speed of some drivers driving along the bypass road - ie the new road going through Thurston Park off the new Stokesley Road roundabout.*

*Correct me if I am wrong but when the link road is opened the route will be a Trunk Road will it not?*

*Residents have asked that speed calming measures be put in place to improve the safety for both drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. If by this they mean road humps I assume that will not be a suitable measure to implement on a Trunk Road.*

*However what about signage?*

*The North Northallerton Masterplan that refers to the new link road describes it as a "Village Street" that will be used by 10,000 vehicles a day.*

*This description of the road being a village street does not appear to be very realistic or accurate.*

*Also is the figure of 10,000 vehicles a day realistic when in time to come there will be another volume of vehicles entering onto the new Stokesley Road roundabout from the eventual 650 additional houses on that development to the east of the roundabout?*

*Will there be a 30mph speed limit with crossing points and traffic management to ensure that all road users will experience a safe and convenient journey both along and across the road?*

*Residents are concerned that action needs to be taken now rather than after the event to ensure that the vision of the Master Plan is not lost and that the various issues and the various adjoining site occupants including residential, educational, offices and retail that are situated along the road do not experience the effects of an effectively vehicle dominated Express Way, which personally I very much think the eventuality will confirm.*

*It is not hard to image the roundabouts at each end and the long, sweeping, and wide road becoming a racetrack subject to excessive speed.*

*There is already evidence of this coming on and off Stokesley Road to, from and through Brompton.*

*This will be very much increase when the development off Mowbray Road east of the new Stokesley Road roundabout comes to fruition – a development that I understand will be an additional 650 houses, with some of them being completed this next year.*

*On a related points residents living on Portland Road inform me that they find that they have drivers behind them dangerously close on a daily basis when turning off the new road that leads to what will become the link road from Stokesley Road, as drivers seem to speed up very quickly after coming off the roundabout. It is quite a sharp left turn onto Portland Road and other drivers seem to think that those turning into Portland Road have left their indicators on from turning left off the roundabout and do not realise or acknowledge that a turning manoeuvre is being made into Portland Road.*

*I have driven this route several times this weekend and can see the seriousness of this issue. At present there is a very real risk of rear end collisions when vehicles are turning left into Portland Road virtually immediately after coming off the new roundabout. However the majority of drivers are currently aware that after only a few yards further on there is currently a very sharp right hand turn to Brompton and do not necessary speed up to the extent that they will when this becomes a major through road to Darlington etc. Traffic speeding up and traffic immediately turning left are a recipe for disaster. What steps are being taken to alleviate this very real problem?*

*As it is a residential area on both sides of the road residents have requested that the road be made 30mph and that signage be put in place to make drivers aware of this. Will this be happening when the Trunk Road open nest Autumn?*

*Can you also please advise me of the intended wording of the warning signs for motorists.*

*They add that they themselves and a lot of their neighbours have children and grandchildren who will be crossing the road for school runs or just to go into town and regularly cars drive at dangerous speeds, particularly going into Brompton.*

*A resident of Cotswold Street points to the large number of vehicles that speed on a daily basis; whether heading towards town from Stokesley Road (and on the way out) or on the new road from Stokesley Road to Brompton Road, with a number of drivers being either unaware of the speed restrictions or who simply don't care.*

*If they are speeding now they will certainly be speeding to a much greater extent when the Trunk Road opens.*

*In reality when the road opens it will become the Northallerton Relief Road will it not?*

*Is there any possibility of speed cameras being installed along this route?*

*Echoing the concerns of residents about the crossing point where the road currently turns right into Brompton I do not consider that any form of traffic island refuge is in any way adequate on a Trunk Road. There will be a high volume of pedestrians and cyclists trying to negotiate an extremely busy highway. At the very least a controlled lighted signalled crossing must be provided on safety grounds. Please confirm that this will be done.*

*Can there also be a pedestrian crossing point on Stokesley Road in view of the additional 650 dwelling housing development the east side of the carriageway?*

*Residents who often walk their dogs down to the Leisure Centre tell me that it is very frightening how fast some people go. They express concerns that when the road is joined to Darlington Road that this will become a "rat run" with a large number of drivers speeding.*

*Finally, a resident has added that as a Paramedic with Yorkshire Ambulance Service he sees the devastation that speeding and irresponsible driving can cause and would therefore welcome some type of traffic calming measures, and/or a crossing point to be incorporated into the new road. As with myself he believes that by being proactive it may save lives.*

*I very much hope that you can provide the assurances that these residents are asking for.*

To date the following response had been received from the HDC North Northallerton Planning Manager and NY Highways as follows -

“You have raised a number of issues mainly relating to Highways matters around the formation of the new Link Road. The route is not a Trunk road and as such falls under the County Council Highway regime and control.

I note that your email was also sent to the Area 2 office. However, Pam Johnson in the major projects team was responsible for the Highways development and adoption on this project (copied her into this email) and may be better placed to provide answers to your questions.

The design for the layout, crossing points etc was agreed through the course of the determination of the planning application and subsequent highways agreements around the design and adoption of the Highway.

I will discuss the points raised, with Pam Johnson before returning to you further”.

(iii) Children Playing Signs.

Councillor Briggins Shaw had sent an email to the clerk about the children playing signs. Suggested locations were as follows –

One sign on the top of the green facing up Cockpit Hill thereby encompassing traffic heading down both sides of the green - one of the Highways conformed signs.

Same opposite end of green- one either side of the green facing to greet from Fulicar and Little Lane direction. (3 total)

Smaller signs midway- double side at end of the mid way path Village Inn side- (2)  
1 greeting traffic approaching road bridge where the Water Safety sign is- or bit before  
1 or double sided) greeting traffic heading Up the green nr the play equipment on the path end ( 4/5 smaller signs)

AGREED – That the signs be located as above at the prices contained in the email sent to all Councillors..

(iv) Grasscutting - Thurston Park Estate

The Chairman reported that the grasscutting on the new Thurston Park Estate was under a five year contract with the developer. After which time the developer could ask the Council to take over the grasscutting with the alternative that the developer could instead go to another contractor at which stage the residents would have to pay for the grasscutting.

(v) Thurston Park Estate Bus Service

The Vice-Chairman reported that the developer had monies under the Section 106 Agreement so as to provide bus services for a 5 year period. The Chairman added that some time ago he and the Clerk had met with the Planners and they were aware of these monies. The Clerk undertook to make enquiries into this matter in his role as a HDC Councillor.

A Councillor said that she had a lack of confidence and integrity in the developer. It was pointed out aha as with all new developments the purchasers trended to use the developers legal services and this lead to clients perhaps asking less questions that they would if they were purchasing a house

using their own Solicitor. For example there was another new housing estate where there was no drainage and where no roads and footpaths had been adopted with the buyers being responsible for that work.

(vi) Dropped Kerbs.

A resident had pointed to the lack of dropped kerbs for motobility vehicle users along both Danes Crest and at Water End and it was AGREED - That the Working Group look into this a matter.

(v) Resurfacing – East Side of Water End

Received from County Councillor David Hugill regarding resurfacing between nos 46 and 78 Water End.

Further to my email below one of our Engineers has visited this site and prepared an estimate for the cost of resurfacing. The cost for the proposed length (between numbers 46 and 78) is £5889,24. However the Engineer suggests that would be benefit in going an extra 20 metres as this would take it to a natural bed end and the cost for this would be £6589,25.

I hope this is helpful please let me know how you want to progress.

Deborah Flowers  
Highway Customer Communication Officer

It was noted that the Council had not at any stage requested that the footpath needed to be resurfaced.

AGREED - That the Council has no monies in its budget for highway works and that it is the County Councils responsibility to rectify any poor work carried out by its sub-contractors.

#### 16. GREENS INSPECTION.

It was reported that some people were walking as many as six or seven dogs on the Greens. In one instance the children had been frightened and the dog owner had been abusive.

It had been noticed that the Dog Warden had been active around Water End recently.

#### Wild life Area

It was reported that the wild flowers would be planted in the next month; these would be a mixture of flora and fauna. Notice of the planting would be placed on the notice boards.

As regards a suggestion that planting boxes be placed on the verges into the village the Clerk reported that if this was to be proceeded with a licence would need to be applied for from the Highway Authority. Councillor Haynes reported that she had planted seeds all around thre Brompton signs earlier in the year that had germinated but had all been cut by the grasscutter.

#### 17. POTENTIAL FLOODING AND BOWE BRIDGE – Matter raised by a resident.

A resident had written as follows -

“I have today received some information from locals that the Parish Council would like some observations with regards to Bowe Bridge.

Attached are 3 photos taken in 2015 (photos circulated to all Councillors)

Pic 1 shows Peter Wright's house and the water level at the time. Peter would be the first house to flood as his is the lowest in the village. Peter has done some extensive work himself to mitigate it from possible flooding.

Pic 2 show Bowe Bridge with its 2 arches and the corresponding water level. There is a large and a small arch.

Both pictures were taken more or less at the same time.

The water level is just below the smaller arch. If the water had reached the top of the smaller arch no doubt properties would have been flooded.

It quite clearly demonstrates that there is a direct correlation between water level reaching the bridge height and the 1<sup>st</sup> house being flooded in Brompton.

The bridge arch diameter requires to be made larger so as to be able carry the required anticipated flow of water and reduce the danger of the houses being flooded at Water End Brompton in the future. Particular taking into account climate change.

In addition to the above the footpath across the bridge is too narrow for families to safely dropping of children at the local school as they have to use the car park from the recreation ground and cross the bridge to gain access. There are no parking facilities at the school gates. This matter has been raised on several occasions as I recall with the parish council.

It was also established not so long ago that the bridge is not listed.

This is an opportunity to make a real difference and to assist in the fight against flooding and safety in Brompton”.

AGREED - That - (i) the resident concerned be informed as to what the Bridges Inspector had recently advised the Council about Bowe Bridge and also advise him about the current situation as regards the proposed pedestrian bridge; and (ii) the Environment Agency be asked to repair the beck below the second arch of the bridge.

#### 18. CORRESPONDENCE.

None reported under this heading.

#### 19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(i) Date of Next Meeting.

AGREED – That the next meeting be held at 700pm on Tuesday 20th October 2020.

(ii) Cancellation of Bonfire and Fireworks Display.

It was noted that this year's bonfire and fireworks display on the Applegarth had been cancelled.

RECOMMENDED - That the £500 donation that would have otherwise have been given to Northallerton Town Council as the annual contribution for the bonfire and fireworks display be given to the Brompton Primary School as a contribution towards the costs of the new canopies at the school and that the Headteacher be informed that the monies must be earmarked for this purpose.

(iii) Little Lane - Broken Sign.

AGREED - That enquires be made as to whether a local sign company can repair this sign.

(iv) Condition of the South side of the Church Wall.

It has been pointed out that the south side of the stone work to the Church wall is deteriorating. It needs however to be borne in mind that the wall is not a single skin wall as at All Saints Church in

Northallerton. Also there is no provision the budget for the carrying out of any repairs and the obtaining of a Faculty from the York Diocese is likely to take some months if repairs are needed.

AGREED – That the Clerk inspect the wall and if there are concerns then Swaledale Stonemasons be asked to look at the well.

- (v) Establishment of Volunteer Group.

AGREED – That a Volunteer Group be not established at this time.

- (vi) Consultation on New Street Names.

Received from HDC –

Street Naming and Numbering Legislation – Public Health Act 1925 (Sections 17 to 19) Street Naming Consultation of New Development – Phase 2, North Northallerton, Darlington Road, Northallerton

An application has been received for the registration of the development at the above location. As per the Council's Street Naming and Numbering Policy Guidance, I am consulting you for your comments on the following street names:

Goldfinch Nightingale Otter Badger Wagtail Hedgehog Sparrow Swallow

The development requires 8 street names.

The Clerk reported that he had submitted objection to HDC about the proposed names. AGREED - That Councillors inform the Clerk of alternative suggestions.

- (vii) Key Decision from NYCC Re North Northallerton Primary School.

Notice dated 2 September 2020 of decision made by Stuart Carlton, Corporate Director, Children and Young People's Service, in consultation with Cllr Patrick Mulligan, Executive Member for Education and Skills on 1 September 2020.

Decision:

To undertake a procurement exercise for the construction of a new primary school on land to the east of the A167 Darlington Road, Northallerton.

Reason for Decision:

The scheme forms part of the Children and Young People's Service Basic Need (BN) programme. The proposed school construction will deliver teaching accommodation in a 1 Storey block for 210 pupils. The procurement process is programmed to begin in September 2020. The work will commence on site in May 2021, with completion in June 2022, in readiness for a September 2022 opening.

- (viii) Walk round the Village to look at the Industrial Site and the Car Park.

AGREED – That the Clerk consult with Councillors to arrange a suitable date and time for this to take place.

## 20. BURIAL MATTERS.

None reported . The Clerk reported that three burials had taken place this month without any issues.

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

WINTER WORKS, CEMETERY EXTENSION – PROGRESS AS REGARDS EXTENSION  
AND ALLOTMENTS – NEGOTIATIONS FOR FURTHER ALLOTMENTS SITE.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm