

## PART A – PUBLIC SECTION

### Meeting of Brompton Town Council held on line on Tuesday 15th December 2020

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

There were 4 members of the public present on line including County Councillor D Hugill and District Councillor Mrs Isobel Sanderson.

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

No apologies for absence were received.

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

#### 2. MINUTES.

AGREED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18th November 2020 (Parts A and B) , having been previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

In answer to a question the Clerk reported that at the previous Council meeting a matter regarding the BRG had been discussed in public session under Any Other Business and not in the Private Session of the meeting.

#### 3. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC.

AGREED – That the Public be excluded from the meeting for item 23 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.

#### 4. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN UNTIL MAY 2021

The Clerk reported that this item would not be now considered as the Chairman had indicated that he would be staying in the village for a little longer as his move away from Brompton was not now imminent.

#### 5. CO-OPTED VACANCY

It was reported that the Chairman, Councillor O’Sullivan and the Clerk had interviewed Mrs Anne Robinson for the vacancy of co-opted Councillor on the Council on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The second resident who had expressed interest in the position did not respond as regards the intended interview. It had been found later that the invitation and reminder had gone into her spam mail box and she had subsequently indicated her interest in the vacancy on the Council should one occur in the future.

AGREED – That Mrs Robinson be appointed to serve on the Council in order to fill the current vacancy.

Mrs Robinson undertook to complete and return her Declarations of Financial Interests form to the Clerk within the specified time period.

#### 6. LOCAL CRIME REPORT

Qualifier	No of Incidents	
Anti-Social Behaviour	7	
Auto crime	0	
Burglary :	<i>Commercial : 2</i>	<i>Residential : 1</i>

Criminal Damage	0	
Theft (including from shops)	1	
Violence Against the Person	5	
Other crimes including Drugs	2	
<i>TOTAL THIS PERIOD</i>	<i>18</i>	

Councillors Meeting with the Police –

Please see below a report from a Councillor regarding continuing efforts to help with the many issues in the Village -

*We managed to get a meeting with the new Sergeant and PCSO Beveridge with a view to discussing the Councils ongoing/future relationships with them , the Monthly Crimes Statistics and the CCTV discussion.*

*PCSO Beveridge explained how he interprets and forwards to us the monthly update and we discussed the itemized report for the last couple of months. Indeed yes there has been an increase in reports- mainly due to the increased number of incidents at 'the crossroads' . But on the whole we do have a very safe neighbourhood in comparison to many. The 'perception' of fearfulness has certainly also increased and we need to address that too.*

*It was discussed what often seems to be disparity between the anti social behaviours going on in the village/ the numbers of police vehicles descending, the 'reports' people tell us they have called in and what comes up on the crimes report statistics. They listened to our concerns, about the BRG area, car park, school, shop etc and said they had slightly increased a patrol presence particularly around school times... They listened to our concerns about people being afraid to report a crime too.*

*The clear message from the Police was the lack of reporting directly from residents and how they/we can look to alter that, re gain the publics confidence. With out a report the Police cannot respond . We can try and separate out the reports by providing the direct numbers for the correct bodies so to do this we suggest flyers on all noticeboards, shop asap and websites- other social media sites - providing links and numbers including other contacts - BRG (dogs carpark bookings), HDC fly tipping, DOG Warden etc*

*Secondly- to step up the letterbox leaflet drops with emphasis on the flyer about reporting crime no matter How insignificant - sometimes those apparently 'insignificant' bits of information i.e. the car that yet again turns up and leaves for a short period of time- passing that number plate on could be part of a much bigger crime ring . Getting the reports in is the key- 101, Crimestoppers*

*We then discussed the CCTV idea as a 'deterrent' and asked for their opinion given it's an expensive option.*

*This is an area for debate- the general consensus was it is yes a tool- but it has it's drawbacks- who's going to be responsible for starters for operating it, monitoring if something is needed. Data protection, civil liberties .*

*Their most interesting point was that public reporting tends to drop off when CCTV is introduced as it is 'assumed' that cctv will provide all the answers- when often it does not. Even if cameras are to a specific standard- the chance of catching anything on them that is of quality enough to be useable as evidence is quite low ( we all can recall badly pixelated shots appearing on social media 'have you seen??" )*

*Providing information, promoting village confidence is the key tool at the moment.*

*When things return to usual meetings it was expressed we would like to see a PCSO feed in at some point perhaps every other month.*

*ACTION- flyers for noticeboards and ask for extra leaflets to distribute from the police?*

### Crime Statistics

*Sent from the Clerk as a District Councillor to the Police –*

*"I have received a summary of your recent meeting with Brompton Councils Vice-Chairman and Councillor Briginshaw.*

*Having worked on crime stats for a former Chief Constance in another life I can accept that Brompton is a very safe place to live and that one of the main issues that repeatedly comes up is the reluctance by the public to report crimes.*

*We have recently as a Council circulated our annual Newsletter to all 1,400 households in Brompton Parish and one of the main articles was about the reporting of local crime and how to do that, and why reporting is important. Unfortunately once read I can only assume that the Newsletter booklet then goes into the blue bin.*

*I am aware that you have recently leafleted the village but am not aware as to how many houses you covered.*

*I have some of those notices to put on the Councils Notice Boards in the village.*

*Councillor Briginshaw mentioned in her report that our PCSOs "interpret" the local crime statistics for report to the Councils.*

*This was a matter that at one time I was taking up with Sergeant Wilson but then his impending retirement put this on hold.*

*As a member of the District Councils Scrutiny Committee I receive the crime statics every quarter for the whole of the Hambleton District.*

*In recent months I have been trying to align these to the monthly crime statistics for my District Council Brompton and North Northallerton Ward - not easy to do as the Northallerton stats contain the other Town Wards.*

*I have found some discrepancies between the two sets of figures but that is probably myself getting confused with what is an enormous task.*

*I started doing this before Sergeant Wilson retired hoping to carry on discussions with him but with coronavirus etc this never happened.*

*I therefore tend to use Street Check to monitor crime levels in Brompton and North Northallerton.*

*Speaking about Brompton it highly concerns me that one category when you click on a blue arrow for Brompton shows "Violence / Sexual Offences" - this is unfortunate. Whilst violent crime is of course important it is certainly not helpful to group that in with sexual offences.*

*Indeed how does that look to someone potentially thinking of moving into Brompton? - they are not aware that ( as I would think) these crimes in this category in reality refer to violent issues and not necessarily to sexual offences.*

*If they were to be sexual offences then Brompton does not appear to be a very safe place in which to live if you are not familiar with the Parish.*

*I would hope therefore that these two crimes will be separated to give a more accurate reflection of what crimes are taking place.*

*Again, as regards drug offences it is unfortunate that the crime category of "Drug Offences" includes both Class A and Class B crimes.*

*As Court statistics properly show these are completely different crimes in the degree of severity.*

*Consequently the reporting of crimes must be split between those crimes in the Parish which are considered to be Category A offences and those drug crimes which are Category B etc.*

*With this in mind there does not appear to be any update on the cannabis farm found in industrial premises last month.*

*I hope you will accept that there is a massive difference for any village in the recording of say 8 drugs crimes per month if these are in the majority Class A drug matters rather than Class B.*

*Class A drug issues quite obviously involve cross border matters and leads to other crimes being committed in furtherance of the need for those hard drugs than does any involvement with Class B drugs.*

*In the light of the unfortunate death of the teenager in Northallerton it is accepted that there needs to be an awareness of both categories in every community, however the information target (largely to parents in the case of Class B drugs) is a completely different scenario.*

*Another issue that I never managed to get an answer to is how crimes are logged and responded to.*

*If for instance 3 members of the public report a perceived crime does that go down as 3 instances or only the one?*

*My memory was jogged on this one with the attendance recently of I think four Police cars to an incident in the centre of the village. How did this end up with four Police cars? Such involvement by the Police would certainly indicate to the public that a major incident was taking place, however I understand that a stolen bike was recovered!*

*When matters get back to normal it would be useful to have a Police presence at Brompton Council meetings every two months if at all possible".*

The Police response –

We are unable to provide further breakdown of figures without this involving a huge amount of time and we produce numerous reports for various parish councils each month.  
The [police.uk](http://police.uk) website gives locations and crime types.

We are lead by the National Crime Recoding Standards which in many cases will result in numerous crimes being recorded in relation to one call, which further effects the figures.

When the pandemic is at an end we will look at attendance at meetings at that time.

#### Latest Development –

The Police are to apply the Court for a Criminal Behaviour Order in respect of 2 Three Horse Shoes and the Council has provided the Police with a supporting statement about how matters have been regularly discussed in Council meetings. The Clerk will sign the Statement at the Police HQ on Wednesday.

#### 7. COVID-19

The Clerk reported that no specific issues relating to Brompton had arisen in the past month. It was noted that testing was currently being carried out in the Forum car park.

#### 8. MATTERS ARISING

- (i) CIL monies.

Received from Hambleton District Council –

“Apologies for the delay, we have been trying to confirm with third parties on when the likely trigger dates are for the s106/CIL are to occur.

As you are aware, the CIL payment to the Parish Council for the North Northallerton scheme is triggered by either the adoption of the road and bridge infrastructure (which is scheduled to complete in October 2020) or through the drawdown of the Sports Village and School Land. I've just had confirmation today of a potential land transfer date of March 2021 for the land for the Sports village and the at the Council (as Local Planning Authority) can expect discussion shortly with regards to planning the school site. It is therefore likely that the CIL payment to the Parish Council will be in the latter part of 2020/21 at the earliest.

I understand that Ann Rawlinson wrote to you earlier in the year (I've attached a copy for your convenience) that provided an estimate of the CIL payment that Brompton PC may expect and we continue to expect the CIL payment to be in the order of £99,900; as explained in Ann's letter there is a requirement for the land value to be assessed at transfer.

A meeting with the developers this week confirmed that the date for the delivery of the bridge and road remains on schedule and we have advised them to apply for discharge of conditions with regards to the design of the bridge, this should provide additional confidence locally on the deliverability and hopefully allay the rumours that the bridge will not happen”.

The Clerk reported that the CIL monies were now expected in Autumn 2021 as the Link Road was scheduled to open in October 2021.

- (ii) Scott Pit Lane.

It was reported that the Planning Inspectorate had informed the British Horse Society on the 26<sup>th</sup> November as follows –

*I enclose for your information further comments/evidence we have received in relation to this appeal. Any further comments you have should be submitted by 10 December 2020.*

*If you have no further comments then please reply to this effect. Your comments have been copied to the Council and Appellant for comments.*

The following was sent by NYCC Public Rights of Way to the Planning Inspectorate on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 -

*The Applicant has raised the issue of the user evidence submitted in support of an application in 1994, which was not considered by the OMA as part of the current application. The OMA maintains the view that the 1994 application was rejected because no point of challenge had been established to the user evidence and hence the user evidence was inadmissible. The OMA believe that the correct course of action to reconsider the admissibility of that evidence was for the applicant at the time to have appealed to the Secretary of State against the refusal of the OMA to make an order; no such appeal was made at the time.*

*The OMA consider that the user evidence was tested, found not to valid and that decision has not been overturned by the legal remedy available. The current applicant has not sought to establish a date of challenge regarding the user evidence and the OMA consider that there has not been any subsequent change in circumstances which means that the 1994 user evidence can be considered again.*

(iii) Land on the Industrial Site Behind Linen Way/

It was reported that works were taking place on the land on the industrial site off Station Road. Residents in Linen Way had raised complaints about the noise from the site. HDC Planning Enforcement were due to inspect the site on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November. The Vice-Chairman concerned that an officer had been to look at the site but had not yet lodged a report on the HDC system. It was also clarified that any applications for consents would need to go to NYCC as there was no change of use involved that would have been dealt with by HDC Planning. It was the general view that it would need to be seen as to what was going to happen to the large mound of soil on the site before consideration was given to what screening and planting could take place.

(iv) Christmas Tree.

It was reported that Sam Turners had kindly provided a larger Christmas tree than last year as requested and this was now outside the Lychgate. The Clerk reported that he had thanked Mr Charles Turner for the kind donation of the tree and it was AGREED – That a letter of thanks be sent to the Scouts with regard to the erection of the tree.

(v) Brompton PFCC AJ1 Road Safety Fund Application Outcome.

The Clerk reported that the necessary paperwork and formalities concerning the receipt of the grant of £3,500 had now been completed to the satisfaction of the Police Authority. County Councillor Hugill suggested that it may be appropriate to get a speed survey carried out. AGREED – That the Clerk contact NY Highways in this respect.

(vi) New Primary School at North Northallerton.

The Council had been informed that the new Primary School would be called North Northallerton Primary School, Alvertune Road. County Councillor Hugill reported that after school use had been a condition of the planning consent.

(vii) Litter Pick.

A Councillor had contacted Hambleton Wombles to enquire when the next litter pick at Brompton was as the litter in the hedge on Northallerton Road was really bad. The lady concerned who the Councillor spoke to and another couple had immediately got to work and picked 8 bags of litter.

If anyone wants picking equipment Hambleton DC could provide a picker and bags; just bag it up and put it near a HDC bin and let HDC know that there is extra to collect.

(viii) Agricultural Tractors and Trailers.

The Clerk had written to Mr G Spence outlining the concerns that had been raised by residents about large agricultural tractors and trailers travelling through the village together with the suggestion that Mr Spence use an alternative route over his own land so as to avoid passage through the village. NY Bridges had confirmed that it had no concerns about these vehicles travelling over the first road bridge at Water End.

In response Mr Spence had undertaken to speak to the drivers about the speeds and agreed that they need to come down by 10mph. However it wouldn't be for another 10 months that he would be using them as he has in the past couple of months.

Mr Spence has been using a circulate route accommodating his own road for incoming tractors and trailers and Fullicar Lane and the Water Splash for outgoing movements avoiding Cockpit Hill / Lead Lane as much as possible and whilst agreeing that there were very frequent tractor movements this was to avoid the all night long journeys that there used to be for very many years in the village until more recent times.

There had been no tractor wheel damage to the Greens and Mr Spence had cleared any mud deposits off Fullicar lane and had provided a barrier for the end property on Fullicar Lane so that the residents verge were not damaged.

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

The Chairman reported that he had completed the planting of the bulbs with Councillor Langthorne and all had been used. This had included the planting of bulbs around a tree on the corner of the Lead Lane crossroads and outside the Methodist Church.

#### 10. REPORTS.

Report of meeting with Police by Councillors – see above under Local Crime Report.

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

- (i) Councillor Mrs Sanderson reported that applications were now being accepted for the HDC Making a Difference Fund monies and that the deadline was the 31st January 2021. Each local area would be allocating £50,000 and the minimum grant would be £2,000 (raised from the previous £1,000). The Vice-Chairman reported that the Allotments Group was in the process of submitting an application.
- (ii) Councillor Mrs Sanderson reported that good progress was being made on the new Link Road and that it was scheduled to open in October 2021.
- (iii) Mr R Carter reported on the standing water on the road at the new development in the vicinity of Portland Road. It was reported that this matter had been raised with County Councillor Hugill who confirmed that he would be having discussions with NYCC and the developer and that the matter was also in the hands of the Legal Department as the roads would not be adopted until the issues had been resolved.
- (iv) Mr R Carter reported on the state of the footpath after the last four houses in the North Northallerton development off Stokesley Road as the area was not being cleaned up by the developer. ARGEED - That the developer be asked to clear this area up on a regular basis.

County Councillor Hugill added that on Stokesley Road the County Councils cleaning jets were unable to reach down the drains which indicated that the drains themselves had possibly been damaged. The view was expressed that this area would become a sheet of ice in winter.

Councillor Sanderson added that as well as this issue here was an issue of standing water on the Rugby Club side of Portland Road where the roads had not yet been adopted. She therefore urged residents to write to the developers and NYCC as this would pose a real risk of accidents in icy weather. A Councillor suggested that if the road was raised at the point of flooding along Stokesley Road then the water would drain away.

(v) Mr Carter pointed out that although the hedge along by Half Way House had been cut back there was a need to remove the hedge cuttings before they could root into the tarmac surface. The Vice-Chairman undertook to speak to the landowner about this.

(vi) Councillor Sanderson reported that works to the Crematorium had recently started and this would be a good additional facility for the District.

## 11. PLANNING MATTERS.

### (i) Planning Appeal

Notice had been received of an appeal to the Secretary of State against the Planning Authority's refusal of planning consent for the 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 at The Workshop, Stokesley Road.

### (ii) Decisions.

20/01770/FUL - Retrospective application for the Construction of children's play equipment, including a raised platform, 2no raised walkways and 2no play houses as per amended plans received by Hambleton District Council on 24 September 2020 - Mill Hill House 33 Northallerton Road Brompton – Granted

### (iii) Applications.

20/02582/FUL - Construction of an agricultural building to be used as a milking parlour - LOCATION: Lowfields Farm Fullicar Lane Brompton – No objections

With regard to above planning application Councillor Sanderson explained that the existing caravans on the site only had three years consent and consequently needed to be dealt with.

20/02489/LBC - Alterations to existing Dwelling - LOCATION 24 The Green - No objections

(Councillor Robinson declared an interest in the above planning application due to being the neighbour of the applicant)

20/02465/CAT - Proposed works to trees in a conservation area - LOCATION: Newlands 65 Water End – No objections – The Vice-Chairman reported that this application had been granted.

20/02116/ADV - Retrospective application for advertisement consent to display 4no. V Boards, 9no. Flags & 3no. Leader Boards - LOCATION: Taylor Wimpey North Northallerton Phase 2 TW Land at Darlington Road Northallerton – No objections

## 11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

### Receipts –



Northern Electric PLC (Annual Wayleaves)	348.55
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Payments –

P Atkin (Salary)	344.00
P Atkin (Expenses)	18.98
HMRC (PAYE)	68.00
NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges)	22.56
PFK Littlejohn (Audit fee)	408.00

Bank Balances

Current Account - £177.014

Business Savings Account - £14,251.29

High Interest Account - £13.20

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

EXTERNAL AUDIT

The Clerk reported that Brompton Council was among the 5% of Local Authorities in the Country that the Government had chosen to undergo an extended External Audit this year. This process had been going on for some weeks and to date the Auditors seemed to be happy with all the information that had been provided to them. However they had asked that the public notice of rights to inspect the Audit be re-advertised from the 13th December 2020 to the 17th January 2021. The notice was originally advertised from the 1st August to the 16th September 2020.

12. BUDGET – TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2020.

The Finance Committee had met on the 7th December and is also to meet after Christmas to consider a financial plan for 2022/23.

The question arose as to why the Council cuts the BRG field. However as CE Walkers group this in with Greens and the recreation ground so was difficult to guess at what this costs a year.

As regards dog bins - there are two included for 2021/22 for The Green Tree/ Stokesley Road but it is RECOMMENDED that one of the dog bins be removed from the BRA Field in view of the dog ban and be re-sited.

There is an extra £1,000 in the budget for allotments (ie above the £1,200) just in case.

Cemetery works includes £1,000 for headstone repairs as the Burial Board haven't done any for 2 years but this may not be needed.

£3,500 has been included for a slide at the Recreation Ground - but again that very much depends on how the budget works out in 2021/22.

The car park has been included at £2,000

The bollards have been included at £2,500

Labour has been recommended as follows-

1 April to 30 September only - same rate of £14 per hour for a maximum of 20 hours a week.

£8,000 has been included which gives a leeway of about £650 on the above calculation.

The notice board for the cemetery has been included + in case needed a sum of £750 for any other joinery works

As regards CCTV it is RECOMMENDED that the Committee meets with the new Police Sergeant to discuss number plate recognition cameras which hopefully the Police can assist with the funding of.

Without the CCTV the expenditure comes to just nearly £61,000 with a Precept of £54,000 and a likely end of year outturn of just £2,000 to £3,000 - so the shortfall must come from income - that is of course until the CIL monies come in hopefully by this time next year.

	<u>Actual</u> <u>2019/20</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2020/21</u>	<u>Projected</u> <u>2020/21</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2021/22</u>	
Salary	3,872	4,140	4,128	4,200	
Expenses	450	500	403	400	
Grasscutting	12,240	12,000	10,286	12,000	
Cemetery Rates	370	430	450	470	
Hedge Cutting	500	250	400	400	
Dog Bins	1,332	400	700	700	Stokesley Road
Sweeping	760	900	340	750	
Allotments	1,344	2,700	4,499	2,200	
Insurance	1,179	750	662	750	
Newsletters	600	650	784	800	
Printing	150	200	45	100	
Greens	480	0	310	0	
Cemetery Works	0	0	300	1,000	Headstones
Room hire	216	216	324	350	
Audit Fees	456	570	700	700	
Rec Ground	0	5,000	1,565	3,500	Slide
Hire Charges	300	200	50	100	
Miscellaneous	3,800	2	1,357	1,500	
Defibrillator	0	600	400	400	
Tree works	4,500	3,000	5,418	4,000	
Donations	6,250	4,750	4,100	4,500	
Trade refuse bin	320	360	211	360	
Car Park works	0	0	0	2,000	
HMRC	763	816	816	816	
Highways	0	0	3,500	2,500	
Building materials	1,200	1,500	196	1,000	
Labour	18,000	8,000	11,459	8,000	
Fuel	400	250	170	180	
Street lighting	2,400	0	0	0	
Payroll services	120	132	132	150	
Fees	0		3,000	5,000	
Notice Boards	0	3,520	827	1,600	

Web site		250	400	400
CCTV	0	0	0	0
	<u>62,002</u>	<u>52,086</u>	<u>57,932</u>	<u>60,826</u>

The Vice-Chairman reported that hopefully the Allotment Groups would not need anything above the normal £1,200 but they would need to wait and see how the car park works had resolved the issues that had arisen.

The Clerk reported that he had only just heard that for the first time ever HDC would not be handing any rate monies received from any newly occupied properties in any parishes to the Parish Councils.

This was a temporary position for the financial year 2021/22 due to COVID 19 and was to go towards the fall in Council Tax receipts due to so many residents claiming exception in the current COVID 19 situation and rebates that were having to be given to residents. Councillor Mrs Sanderson undertook to contact the Director of Financial Services at the District Council to get more information about this.

The Members of the Finance Committee reported that they would be looking again at the income and expenditure anticipated for the financial year 2021/22 and would be reporting as necessary to the Council before the final figures needed to be adopted for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

AGREED – That the Finance Committee work further on the budget and report to the January Council meeting.

### 13. ALLOTMENTS SITE – Update.

It was reported that at the request of the Allotments Group a plot tenant had been asked to remove concrete and a pergola from his allotment plot by the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 as this contravened a clause the Tenancy Agreement that he previously signed which stated – “Not erect any permanent building or other structure over one metre in height on the allotment. Glass, concrete or similar materials cannot be used on the plot”.

Should these be not removed by that date then the Council would organise with the Brompton Allotments Committee to have these removed. AGREED – That the actions taken in this matter be endorsed.

### 14. BROMPTON RECREATION GROUP.

The Chairman of the BRG asked the meeting if the Town Council was hoping to take back the BRG. The Chairman stated that this was not the case.

The Chairman of the BRG continued by asking why the Council was spending so much of its time discussing what was happening at the BRG meetings and talking at length about different things.

The Vice-Chairman asked if there was an issue with the BRG having a Councillor on its Committee as a member. A discussion took place about letters that had been sent from the BRG to the Council about its representation. The BRG Chairman said that although the BRG did not have to have a representative of the Council on its organisation it was however willing to accept one. Although this provision had previously been included in the Constitution since then the Constitution had been amended and this had been removed. The Chairman of the BRG also pointed out that the Councils Chairman had had letter from her that outlined the reasons as to why the BRG was unwilling to accept the Councils current representative and confirmed that that Councillor had been removed from the Committee.

The Vice-Chairman remarked that the BRA had been referred to in an official document as being a Sub-Group of Brompton Parish Council and this had been sent to HDC some years previously. The Chairman of the BRG responded that she had no knowledge of this. Mr Carter who was also on line also stated that he had had no knowledge of this, pointing out that the original Constitution allowed for various representatives from the village but that particular clause had been taken out subsequently.

The Chairman of the BRG clarified that whilst the BRG did not have to have a Council representative on its Committee it was however willing to have one.

A Councillor stated that she had been approached by a number of people in the village and it was her view that there appeared to be a private football ground rather than a resource for the village and asked how the BRG was actually serving the village.

The Chairman of the BRG said that when the Councils Vice-Chairman had stepped in to help out the new Committee was then formed as for a long time the BRA had not been part of the village and therefore what the new BRG was doing was being advertised in the village but this had had to stop due to coronavirus, although the café had been operating and it had been planned to hold a scarecrow event.

A Councillor said that there was an expectation going forward that it would be a resource for the village. Mr Carter pointed to the historical lack of interest in the village, even when the Pavilion was being proposed and the fact that although there had been funding a proposal to re-site the village hall, and there being District Council support, this was not proceeded with due to animosity.

Mr Carter reminded the Council that to vote on the BRG anyone with such power must become a Trustee and whilst it was a problem getting people to come forward in the past this was even more of an issue now. It was for the Trustees themselves to decide whether anyone else on the Committee could have the power to vote. Mr Carter also reminded the meeting that half of the sports ground belonged to the BRG and that the lease only applied to the original land. The Football Club could stay on the field for the next 13-14 years as this had been funded by the FA to an amount of £75,000 with this being a condition thereof.

Mr Carter expressed the view that if villagers had attended meetings and particularly the AGMs then the BRG would not be in its current position. The Chairman of the BRG said that issues had only now arisen due to the matter of the banning of dogs but she was unwilling to restart that discussion.

AGREED – That the Chairman meet with Chairman of the BRG to discuss matters further.

#### 15. MIDDLE BRIDGE OVER BECK AT WATER END.

Councillor Langthorne reported to the meeting on the survey of the bridge undertaken by YTS Ltd which had revealed that carrying out repairs would not be an economic proposition. It was therefore suggested the best way forward would be to replace the existing bridge with a new one which would also be the cheapest option. The survey report would be passed onto the Council.

There was also the issue of widening the bridge to accommodate pushchairs etc and to insert bars so that children could not fall into the beck below. It was estimated that a proper galvanised bridge would last for another 100 years and would not require any maintenance. Additional hand-railing would also be needed and the existing sandstone could be cut out and reused.

An approximate estimate was in the region of £10,000.00.

It was pointed out that any new bridge would need to be in keeping with the village identity although there would be a requirement to follow current standards for such structures as had been required two years previously to adapt the barriers to meet with current regulations.

AGREED – That Councillor Langthorne and YDS Ltd be thanked for carrying out the survey which had been done free of charge.

#### 16. NORTHALLERTON ROAD RECREATION GROUND.

No matters were reported under this agenda item.

#### 17. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION - SW-27888-KL6642021WK52BROMPTON, Brompton Lane & Station Road, Brompton

The Closure will be in place on the following dates and times to allow for recovery of scrap timbers, works on behalf of Network Rail:

Saturday 6th February 2021 – Sunday 7th February 2021 between 23:15 and 08:30

Saturday 13th February 2021 – Sunday 14th February 2021 between 23:15 and 08:30

Saturday 20th February 2021- Sunday 21st February 2021 between 23:15 and 08:30

Saturday 27th February 2021- Sunday 28th February 2021 between 23:15 and 08:30

Saturday 6th March 2021 and Sunday 7th March 2021 between 23:15 and 08:30

Saturday 13th March 2021 and Sunday 14th March 2021 between 23:15 and 08:30

Saturday 20th March 2021 and Sunday 21st March 2021 between 23:15 and 08:30

Saturday 27th March 2021 and Sunday 28th March 2021 between 23:15 and 08:30

The Road Closure and any associated Diversion Routes can be viewed using this URL

link <https://one.network/?tm=119933827>

It was reported that the School Crossing Patrol lady who lived on the corner of Lead Lane had spent a considerable amount of time sweeping up many sacks full of leaves from around that area and the former bus depot on Lead Lane. AGREED – That the Clerk arrange for flowers for the lady as a thank you from the Council.

Councillor Langthorne reported that he had planted bulbs around the Green outside of her property.

#### 18. GREENS INSPECTION.

No matters were reported under this agenda item.

#### 19. CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) Parking etc at the Crossroads Junction.

A resident has raised the following issues-

Not being able to park my car outside my own house.

It's bad enough when people who live elsewhere park here but it is becoming a nuisance and very annoying when it's strangers with children at the local school and even worse when they come to visit the park on mass and are parking here for the park.

I came back this afternoon about 4.15 to find all spaces taken up and two by strangers with kids out of control. They accused me of almost running these out of control kids over. I was nowhere near but if I had been not my responsibility, they are the parents.

I would like the Council to please look into getting this whole area made residents only as it's the only way. When someone tells me I need to move and get a house with a my own drive, I draw the line and these people need removing all together from parking here.

If need be I will go to Highways, but they told me some time ago that the cobbles have nothing to do with them and I could actually own the ones outside my home. All random parker's need directing to the football ground to park.

Whilst writing I'd like to point out that the tarmac outside my house has still not been repaired.

AGREED –That the Clerk respond accordingly.

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- (i) Date of Next Meeting of the Council.

AGREED – That the next meeting of the Council be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 19th January 2021.

- (ii) Ford at Water End.

It was reported that the Ford at Water End was getting a lot of use and that the tarmac surface was in a poor condition. AGREED – That Councillor Langthorne report back further on this matter and that the Clerk ask NY Highways to carry out repair works to the approaches on both sides of the beck.

- (iii) Unauthorised Use of BRG Car Park.

Reference was made to the amount of wheel spinning that was going on in the BRG car park. The Chairman of the BRG said that she had asked the Police to drive into the car park when passing instead of just driving straight past.

The Police had suggested that the gate be locked but this would cause a problem to the school although this could be a possibility when there were school holidays. The Chairman commented however that the BRG hadn't got people who could lock and open the gates on a regular basis.

21. BURIAL MATTERS – Including the setting of Burial Fees from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

The Finance Committee had recommended that Burial fees increase in stages.

Especially as when the Council applies to the Secretary of State for consent to apply for a loan to the PWLB for the new Cemetery extension it should be showing that it has done something itself to address income shortfalls.

This year the loss of burial income would most likely be around £2,000.

It remained a fact that locally deaths were presently at a very low level.

Northallerton/Romanby JBC had agreed to increase all its fees from 1 January by 15% as a result of this,

As a comparison -

Northallerton -

Purchase of grave plot - £510  
Interment - £510 (includes graved digging)

Bedale -

Purchase of grave space - £357  
Interment - £297 (does not include gravedigging)

Darlington -

Purchase of grave space - £900  
Interment- £900 (includes grave digging)

In comparison Brompton -

Purchase of grave space - £250

Interment. - £60

The Council recently agreed that people could go back to having double depth graves if they did not wish to be side by side.

However selling 2 graves to say a husband and wife next to each other brings in £500 whereas a double depth grave only brings in the £250. Hence the reason why other Burial Authorities recoup this money when there is an interment - Northallerton then getting another £1,020, Darlington £1,800 and Bedale £564 whereas Brompton would receive only £120 for the two burials.

In fact if the interment fees didn't increase over time when it comes to the new extension the Burial Board would consequently be running at an income loss of £250 in each burial as opposed to side by side burials.

The Finance Committee did not think that this year was the time to increase the plot fees above £250 (although it was agreed 2 years ago to look at putting them up in stages) but the interment fees are way out of line and should at least be increased in two stages at 1 January 2021 to £100 and on 1 January 2022 to £150 with plot fees at that time going up from £250 to £350.

In January 2022 for a husband and wife the fees would be (when they had both died) £650 for a double depth grave and £1,000 for two side by side graves.

In fact the double depth fees for two related people would be £650 as compared to the £620 we get now for side by side twin plots. - but at least we wouldn't be losing on what is received now.

Moving on to Cremated plots -

Northallerton -

Plot fee - £128 (double plot £256 - no more than two plots of ashes permitted)  
Burial of ashes - £256

All other Burial Authorities are substantially more.

Brompton -

Cremated plot purchase - £40  
Interment of ashes - £20 per casket - + permit as many that a family can get in the space - which could be half a dozen

Therefore for a husband and wife's cremated remains Brompton would receive £80

Northallerton would receive £768

The Finance Committee had therefore recommended that the ashes plot fee be increased to £100 with each subsequent interment of ashes in that plot being increased to £50.

As regards headstones – Brompton does not charge for additional inscriptions etc as do other Burial Authorities and we only charge £35 for headstones/ memorial applications.

In comparison Northallerton charges £57 (+ 15% increase), Bedale £137 and Darlington £220.

The Finance Committee therefore considers that it would be reasonable to increase this category from the current £35 to £50.

AGREED - That -

Interment fees increase from £60 to £100 this year and to £150 next year (1 January 2022)

Plot fees increase from £250 to £350 from 1 January 2022

+ memorial fees increase from £35 to £50 on 1 January 2021.

As regards the double depth graves -

Northallerton -

Sale of double depth plot - £510 + 2 burials at £510 each = £1,510 (+ forthcoming increase to £1,710)

Darlington -

Sale of double depth plot - £900 + 2 burials at £900 each = £1,800

Bedale -

Sale of double depth plot - £357 + 2 burials at £287 each = £951

Richmond -

Sale of double depth burial plot - £714 + 2 burials at £815 each = £2,344

If therefore Brompton only charges £250 for a double plot then with two burials at present it would only receive £370

NB - nowhere else offers side by side burials.

This would mean from 1 January 2021 -

A double depth plot and 2 burials would bring in £700

+ from 1 January 2022 would bring in £900

The Finance Committee had therefore recommended that double plots be the same as two side by side plots at £500 and this was AGREED.

THE FOLLOWING MATTER WAS CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE SESSION

22. CEMETERY EXTENSION – PROGRESS AS REGARDS EXTENSION.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm