

## Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held on line on Tuesday 27th April 2021

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

There were 7 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 or Declarations of Interests in any items on the agenda were received

### 2. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC.

AGREED – That the Public be excluded from the meeting for item 24 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 the Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and of the Extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 4. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR.

It was reported that Dr Kenneth Carverley had recently resigned from the Council as he had moved away from the area. The District Council was currently arranging the Notices for the calling of an election.

Kenneth had been thanked for his service and his contributions to the Council.

### 5. LOCAL CRIME REPORT - See Monthly Update.

Qualifier	No of Incidents	
Anti-Social Behaviour	12	
Auto crime	0	
Burglary :	<i>Commercial : 0</i>	<i>Residential : 0</i>
Criminal Damage	2	
Theft (including from shops)	0	
Violence Against the Person	11	
Other crimes including Drugs	0	
<b>TOTAL THIS PERIOD</b>	<b>25</b>	

Break down on the ASB and violence figures:

ASB = 12, 5 reports from the same address who are having issues with an neighbour.

Violence = 11, 6 of these are from the same incident that is under investigation.

The male that was reported lying intoxicated outside of the 3 Horseshoes and who had been arrested was a male that was later arrested that day in town who may have been the drunk male seen outside the 3 Horseshoes but it was not the person who residents had thought it was.

## North Yorkshire Police Updates

*Be a hero, stay at zero' – police urge drivers to do the right thing as pub beer gardens reopen  
Police are urging people to 'be a hero, stay at zero' if they choose to drive to pub beer gardens.*

*As licensed premises open today (Monday 12, April), officers expect to see a surge in drink driving on North Yorkshire's roads.*

*They'll be on the lookout for anyone who is over the limit and will be breathalysing motorists.*

*North Yorkshire Police has launched a campaign, starting today, to encourage people to make better choices.*

*Police will be encouraging use of public transport, designated driving and, as always, reports from the public in order to keep drink drivers at bay.*

*Friends and family members are also being urged to step up and take action and members of the public are encouraged to use their local knowledge to stop drink drivers and save lives.*

*Roads Policing Sergeant Andrew Morton said: "With pubs reopening, we're expecting to see a surge in drink driving.*

*"After months of being stuck at home, it is only natural that people will want to go out and celebrate the latest step in the roadmap to ease Coronavirus restrictions.*

*"We'll be out around the clock on the lookout for drink driving, so we urge people to enjoy their time in beer gardens safely. No drink is worth a fine, a ban, yours or even someone else's life.*

*"It won't be just this week – North Yorkshire Police are out all year round and are committed to targeting drink drivers and getting them off North Yorkshire's roads. During the past year we've heard a lot about 'heroes' and this is your chance to be one; make the right call – be a hero, stay at zero."*

*In 2020, officers arrested 871 people for drink driving – an average of more than 2 per day.*

*So far, in 2021 from 1 January to 31 March, we have seen 136 arrests for drink driving offences, despite pubs being closed. Drink driving offences peak on weekends, with as many as 9 people arrested a day.*

*Sgt Morton urged anyone with information about drink or drug driving to phone North Yorkshire Police on 101, or if it's happening now, call 999.*

*"We recognise the public's efforts in supporting previous campaigns and once again encourage anyone with any information about a driver under the influence of alcohol or drugs to contact us and let us know. It's your call – call it in."*

The Clerk had asked the Police if passing Police patrols could keep an eye on the parking situation on Northallerton Road at the new development at The Close near the Corber Hill junction as the land inside the grounds was being developed for housing the workers could not park their vehicles inside off road as they used to and park along Northallerton Road in the direction towards Brompton.

The local PCSO had reported back that he had spoken with the site manager who had told him that they made conscious efforts to park their vehicles sensibly but on some occasions delivery drivers may park causing issues, however they did try not to cause any disruption, although he did say that the one of the local residents did often park their car opposite the site entrance which often caused issues.

The Clerk had recently attended a CCTV course paid for by Northallerton Town Council and was happy that any issues as regards data protection would not be a problem if the Council were in the future to again consider CCTV in the village.

## 6. CORONAVIRUS UPDATE.

It was reported that Hertfordshire County Council had lodged a legal challenge against the Government's refusal to extend the holding of remote meetings beyond the 7th May. Although the case had been heard the result of the hearing had not yet been announced.

## 7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

### (i) Station Road Industrial Estate.

It was reported that the following was the last email received from HDC Enforcement at the end of last week.

*Thank you for your email. In regard to the current position of the operation of a concrete manufacturing site in Brompton, the Council has had discussions with the owner and stressed the importance that the activity undertaken on the site is unlawful and requires the benefit of planning permission. The Council have given the owner a final deadline of the 30 April 2021 to submit an application in an attempt to regularise the matter on the site.*

*If no application is submitted by this date then the Council will proceed with formal enforcement action. The service of an enforcement notice is always considered to be a last resort as the Council has to show and demonstrate that it has tried to resolve the breach of planning control. If this comes to no avail then an enforcement notice can be served.*

*Since, this final deadline set by the Council, the owner has been in contact with the Council to state he plans to cease the operation of the concrete manufacturing at the site from the 23 April 2021. The situation is being closely monitored by the Council.*

It was apparent that the concrete block manufacturing had ceased on the site but there were still block making equipment and a wagon on the site. However large quantities of worn tyres had immediately started to appear at the site and the Clerk had reported this to NY Fire and Rescue who had confirmed that they would be making an inspection of the site over the weekend.

The Clerk reported that he had not at the present time received a response from the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service and Councillor Mrs Sanderson reported that just by chance she had been at the site of the previous Thursday when a 44 ton vehicle had turned up and had asked for the address for his delivery of the tyres. She had subsequently spoken to the transport manager of the haulage company, which had not had a waste transfer certificate, who had been very helpful and having spoken to the Environment Agency consequently cancelled the contract to bring in another eight loads of compact tyres to the site; however it could be possible for the tenant of the land to engage another haulage company which would bring the situation back to square one.

She added that the District Council's departments were reactive and not pro-active having to deal with events after they had occurred and they had contacted the Agents for the site and the matter was now in legal hands.

It was explained to the meeting that the site had legitimate industrial use Class B8 but it was known that the owners of the site were unhappy about the current situation.

A discussion took place about the screening of the site, the original tenant having removed what screening had previously existed in the form of trees and a resident of Linden Way pointed out how fencing had been partially erected along the back by another resident and how they had registered some of the spare land as this has originally been intended for space for a bridge across the beck. Some residents had written to Strutt and Parker, the Agents expressing their concerns and asking that screening be installed in some form for the future.

It was known that there had been no application for any planning consent to the County Council and the Clerk reported that he has written on two occasions to the agents Strutt and Parker in recent weeks but had received no response

(ii) Defibrillator

The Restarting Hearts checker had found that defibrillator at Brompton Village shop appeared to have been activated and had therefore changed the pads so that the machine was active for use again.

(iii) Overgrown Footpath.

A complaint had been received that the footpath on Northallerton Road near Mill Hill Close was being encroached by ivy and was getting narrower. The ivy had since been cut back.

(iv) Repairs to the Bus Shelter.

Councillors have expressed their pleasure at the excellent works carried out by Mr Douglas in making the repairs to the bus shelter.

(v) Seat Outside the Village Hall.

The Village Hall Committee had confirmed that as they had placed the commemoration seat outside the Village Hall they would therefore carry out the repairs to it.

(vi) Agricultural Vehicles along Water End.

The heavy traffic of slurry tankers had churned up the verges on the Village Green at Water End during continual tractor movements earlier this month.

A Councillor expressed the view that he would prefer a dialogue with the farmer concerned and to work with him and that in his opinion the farmer should be requested to repair the area of damage to the Green at Water End by top soiling and reseeding. It was also pointed out that there were two vans more or less permanently parked into the highway near the Water Splash which meant that large agricultural tractors and trailers had to encroach onto the Green.

It was also reported that there were also a number of the boulders that needed to be reset.

AGREED – That the Clerk ask NY Highways if the carriageway can be widened near the Water Splash.

(vii) Scots Pit Lane.

The Clerk had written to NYCC with regard to the Planning Inspectors decision dated 23rd March 2021 concerning the application to add the bridleway from the A167 to Brompton, known as Scott Pitt Lane (Appeal Ref FPS/P2745/14A/7) requesting that NYCC implements the decision outlined in paragraph 56 of the Inspectors decision and makes the Order to modify the Definitive Map and Statement as per the application made on the 27th May 2019 as promptly as possible.

NYCC had responded as follows -

*I cannot at this time provide a date when I will be in a position to make the order and put in place the necessary arrangements to advertise it . Currently the department has a large number of files which require submission to the Planning Inspectorate which are a priority and we plan the workload accordingly to ensure that officers are able to complete work with In set timescales.*

*However, I would anticipate that this will be done within the next 6 months and it may well be much sooner if there an opportunity arises.*

(xiii) Link Road and Bridge – North Northallerton Development.

It had been confirmed by HDC that the October date for the completion of the bridge had passed and it was now scheduled for completion in mid-January 2022.

Delays had been caused by the relocation of overhead power lines on the East Site, challenges installing the Basal reinforcement and Network Rail signing of the overbridge agreement.

This delay would not cause any issues with funders as all LEP expenditure threshold had been reached.

The major part of each approach mound had been constructed.

There was currently a hold period now until near end of April to allow for settlement.

Further dressing of mounds with topsoil and seeding would take place in May.

- (ix) Complaints about works near the Rugby Club.

Several complaints had been received about the continuous noise during the night from machines at the site of the recent works near the Rugby Club.

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

None reported to the meeting.

#### 9. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR TO THE FINANCE WORKING GROUP.

It was reported that with resignation of Dr Kenneth Carverly there was a vacancy on the Finance Group and that Councillor Mrs Robinson had expressed an interest in filling this vacancy. AGREED – That Councillor Mrs Robinson be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Finance Group.

#### 10. RECONSTITUTION OF A FLOOD PREVENTION GROUP.

The following had been received from Mrs Sue Butler the Chairman of the Flood Prevention Group –

*It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that Brompton Flood Prevention Group will be disbanding with immediate effect.*

*For the past eight years the group has worked hard to alleviate flooding in Brompton as volunteers. We have been responsible for 9 leaky dams and two attenuation ponds with huge capacity holding over 6000 cubic metres of water. We have also desilted the beck 3 times and have made good relationships with local farmers. The contractor employed by YDRT has promised to repair two leaky dams with wing walls so everything will be left in good order, even if it means going over the deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup>.*

*Of the three people who have accomplished most of the work one has moved out of the area recently and another husband is ill so she cannot commit as much.*

*There are a few pounds left in our Building Society Account so we have decided to buy some mature trees to plant round the two ponds at Kettlewell Farm, then the account will be closed.*

*I would like to thank you for the financial support you have shown the group over the years. Perhaps Sarah Haynes would like to start a new group in the future as she is the Town Council representative. I have a list of contact numbers if that is helpful.*

The Vice-Chairman reported that she had spoken to allotment holders who lived along Water End and none of them had been willing to come forward to serve on the new food prevention group which was disappointing. One of the dams was completely broken and water which was now flowing around it was eroding Mr Spences field.

Councillor Mrs Brigginsshaw said that she would be willing to join a new and County Councillor Hugill also said that he would be willing to come on board in the interim.

Apparently some repairs were needed to leaky dams on Mr Spences land and if repairs were not possible the dams would have to be removed which would not be good considering their role played in recent flood events. Councillor Mrs Sanderson reminded the meeting that if there was an intention to put in more leaky dams and then this would have to go through the Drainage Board for consent.

Councillor Mrs Haynes reported that she had requested all necessary information from Mrs Butler to enable a new group to move forward as as had been pointed out that there were other issues such as the use of the Village Hall in cases of emergency that would need to be updated.

County Councillor Hugill said that from his Community Fund he had allocated £1000 to the Group in January but had heard nothing from the Group, he was however able to change the recipient of the monies to the Council to do the same works – this was AGREED.

It was also reported that Mr Anderson had confirmed that he was willing to be part of a new flood group.

#### 11. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS.

It was reported that due to the resignation of Kenneth Carverly the scheduled meeting of the Finance Group did not meet and would meet shortly after the current meeting.

The NYCC Richmondshire Area Committee had met on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2012 -

County Councillor Hugill had drawn attention to the need to get farmers across the County on board with local Flood Groups with there being a need to lobby for incentives for farmers to become members of the groups.

There had also been a discussion about Bank closures in the market towns which was yet another cut in facilities for rural communities and pointed to a lack of understanding as to how rural communities worked. Moving Banks into local Post Offices took away the confidentiality aspect that Banks provided to its customers. The NYCC Scrutiny Committee in 2019 had recommended that additional ATM machines needed to be provided however neither the County Council nor Central Government had any powers to stop the Bank closures.

It had been suggested that Banks and Building Societies should work together and provide One Stop Shops.

There was also the security risk of business customers having to pay large amounts of cash in at Post Offices.

County Councillor Hugill had asked that a completion date for the link road/bridge the North Northallerton development be provided and this was agreed to.

#### 12. PLANNING MATTERS.

(i) Applications.

21/00832/FUL – Siting of timber double garage at The Workshop, Stokesley Road – No objections

21/00954/FUL – Retrospective change of use of agricultural land to domestic, siting of greenhouse and boundary fence + proposed rear extension to dwelling at The Windmill, 3A Water End – No objections

21/00818FUL – Demolition of existing single garage and the construction of a replacement single garage at Robin Hill, 63 Water End – No objections

21/00669/FUL – Construction of replacement agricultural free range poultry building, Moor House Farm, Deighton Lane – No objections

21/00653/FUL – Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling, 28 Corber Hill – No objections

21/00609/FUL – Ground Floor Alterations and extensions to rear of the property 8 Hilton Close – No objections

At 7.55pm the meeting was opened to questions by the public.

- (i) Councillor Mrs Sanderson reported on the Making a Difference Fund grants that had been made by Hambleton District Council to the Rugby Club, St Thomas's Church the Allotments Group and Brompton Recreation Group and considered that overall the village had done very well, although it was not possible to include the Town Councils application for outdoor multi gym equipment. The Panel considered that it would be opportune if the allotment site could be open to the public on some days of the year and the Vice-Chairman responded that this was certainly the intention.

The Clerk in his capacity as a District Councillor added that he fully supported the decisions that had been made by the Panel and echoed the view of Councillor Sanderson that the village had done very well this year.

- (ii) Councillor Mrs Sanderson informed the meeting that the District Council was currently consulting on a Hambleton Heroes Award scheme which was opened to receive nominations in respect of anyone who had gone over and above what was considered to be normal. The Clerk reported that in his capacity as a District Councillor he had already submitted two names of local people who had been recommended to him by residents but pointed out that he thought that the closing date for further nominations had passed and undertook to email all Councillors to inform them of the current position
- (iii) Mrs B Slater read out a statement on behalf of the Brompton Recreation Group and asked why the Council had not agreed to the transfer of the lease between Brompton Town Council and Hambleton District Council to the Recreation Group for the land and considered that this was a missed opportunity. The meeting was not supplied with a copy of the statement.

The Clerk advised the meeting that matters were currently in the hands of Solicitors and hence the reason why the Extra Ordinary meeting of the Council on the 18th of March 2021 had been excluded to the public.

Mr Carter said that the situation was quite ridiculous and that the lease should have been transferred and furthermore that he would be interested to know what the legal matter referred to actually was as the land was leased to the Recreation Group. Mrs Slater surmised that the Council could be trying to overturn the lease and said that she had spoken to the Chairman of the Council and informed him that the Recreation Group had applied for an asset transfer but as he was unaware as to what this actually was he had asked her to get back to him.

The Chairman acknowledged that Mrs Slater had contacted him and had pointed out that that should have been done before the approach being made to HDC. There had been the opportunity for Mrs Slater to have come to the Council in the first instance however she had gone straight to the District Council in order to get the land signed over to the BRG.

At this point in the meeting the Vice-Chairman asked that the Council move on to its next business

The Chairman reported that it had not been the intention of Brompton Council that the BRG should be told of the Town Councils decision at that stage and they had specifically requested that the decision about the asset transfer to the Recreation Group be not disclosed at that stage however unfortunately

that had been done; the reason for asking for it to be withheld was due to the fact that the Council was taking legal advice.

Mr Carter commented on the matter of dogs on the BRG field pointing out that whatever legal action the Council was considering in exactly the same way the Council had been secretive. Mrs Slater added that when the decision to ban the dogs was made she had been accused of not consulting in the village. A Councillor responded that at the present time the Council was in the process of obtaining information and that if necessary the village could be consulted when matters were clearer in due course. Mrs Slater again asked why the Council would not hand over the lease and the Chairman responded that the Council was looking into matters about problems that had occurred with the BRG, for example the dog walking ban and refusal to have Councillor O'Sullivan on the Committee. Mrs Slater then directly commented to Councillor Sullivan "please don't talk to me". Finally Mr Carter reminded the Council that the Football Association still owned the football pavilion for some years into the future.

### 13. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

#### Receipts –

Mrs Walton (Ashes fee)	40.00
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#### Payments –

P Atkin (Salary)	344.00
P Atkin (Expenses)	36.83
HMRC (PAYE)	68.00
Hillside Tree Surgeons (Tree and Hedge works)	800.00
<i>RGPS (No Dogs signs)</i>	<i>68.40</i>
<i>R Douglass (Repairs to Bus Shelter)</i>	<i>630.00</i>
<i>Shire Surveys (Topographical survey)</i>	<i>420.00</i>
Sam Turner + Sons (Barrier tape, stakes + ties for headstones)	51.85
DM Payroll Services (Annual Payroll charges)	132.00
NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges)	22.56*

\* due to Covid 19 to be paid by Direct Debit

In italics - signed by Chairman and Vice-Chairman outside of meeting.

#### Bank Balances

Current Account - £200.00

Business Savings Account - £5,741.99

High Interest Account - £13.20

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

#### VAT



The Clerk had recently attended a comprehensive VAT course paid for by Northallerton Town Council and had subsequently carried out a comprehensive reassessment that has led to him submitting a VAT reclaim from HMRC for over £15,000. The claim had been acknowledged but the payment had not yet been made to the Council. The Clerk was confident that the claim fitted all current criteria.

#### Bank Mandate.

Due to the Chairmans anticipated move out of the area at some time there was a need to set up a new Bank Mandate. AGREED – That Councillors Mrs A Robinson and Mr S O’Sullivan be added to the Councils Bank Mandate.

#### 14. PROVISIONAL END OF FINANCIAL YEAR OUTTURN.

The Clerk reported that due to the Finance Group not having been able to meet the following was a draft.

End of year outturn for 2020/21 as compared to previous financial year -

#### **Below 2019/20 Outturn (figures shown are the reductions on 2019/20)**

Dog bins - £1,332 due to none being purchased

Street Sweeping - £600 due to coronavirus

Insurance - £516 - due to cancellation os sports/carnival due to coronavirus

Printing - £130 due to coronavirus

Miscellaneous - £2,365 - mainly due to re-codings to other budget heads

Hire charges (tools) - £190

Donations and grants - £2,150

Trade refuse bin - £158 - due to cancellation of service for part of period due to coronavirus

Building materials - £2,755

Building Labour - £7,039

Fuel expenses - £115

Street lights - £2,400

#### **Budget Heads Outturn Above 2019/20**

Allotments site - + £3,710 - car park + fencing

Defibrillator - + £150 - not in previous years budget

Newsletters - + £784 - Newsletters not coded during 2019/20

Greens + wild flower area - + £469

Cemetery - + £300 - burial fee refund as plot holder changed their mind.

Web Site - + £361 - NYCC development work

Room hire - + £108 - as agreed by Council

Recreation Ground - + £1,564 - new swing seats

Survey Works - + £960 - none carried out in 2019/20

Tree works - + £3,938. - part of works from tree survey report

Highways - + £970 - Road salt, highways signs etc - none in 2019/20

Agents fees - +£4,575 - None in 2019/20

Notice boards and joinery work - + £3,657

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE -**

**2020/21 - £60,659**

**2019/20 - £60,325**

AGREED - That the provisional end of year outturn be accepted and be referred to the Finance Group for further consideration.

**15. THREE YEAR FORWARD PLAN + COUNCILS PRIORITIES – UPDATE.**

Councillors had recently looked at the order of priority of the Three Year Forward Plan and had decided on the top most important projects. However due to there currently not being a full complement of Councillors for a Finance Group it had not been possible for the Group to analyse this on a financial footing and this would be done as soon as it is possible for the Group to meeting. The projects being –

The Middle Bridge at Water End, the Cemetery Extension, the VAS sign for Lead Lane, the pedestrian bridge at the School and the wild flower area. The Forward Plan contained a further 25 projects as reported to the last Council meeting.

**16. ALLOTMENTS SITE – Update.**

It was reported that Councillor Langthorne and his brother had been carrying out the finishing touches to the car park by bringing up top quality top soil to put on the car park, rolling it out and re-seeding the car park. Once this had been done the work on the car park would be finished.

Councillors expressed their thanks to everyone for their help and support.

The hard standing area of the car park had been well used over the wet winter period which had meant the allotments had never closed. During this difficult Covid period this had helped all plot holders access the site.

The Allotments Group had been successful in receiving a grant from the HDC Making a Difference Fund towards its wildflower project. The Group would be seeking to take advantage of publicity in the future at which time Councillors would be invited to come to an open day for residents at the site.

A work day had been held in the previous week when a number of tasks had been carried out including repainting of the communal shed. It was suggested that Councillor Langthorne take some pictures of activity on Allotment for the Councils website.

**17. MIDDLE BRIDGE OVER BECK AT WATER END – UPDATE.**

It was reported that Hambleton District Council had agreed to the request to receive £28,800 from the CIL monies for the bridge at Water End subject to the submission of invoices from the contractors.

The planning procedure would now commence and notices had been put up informing residents of the current position.

The Vice-Chairman and Councillor Langthorne had received the first draft of the design of the bridge and in the next week hopefully would be circulating a booklet that would give answers to all of the questions that they had taken up with the Agents. It was expected that the application for planning permission would only take eight weeks to resolve after with submission.

#### 18. NORTHALLERTON ROAD RECREATION GROUND.

New "No Dogs" signs had been put up on the gates at the Recreation Ground as the old ones were past their best and there had been instances of dog walking around the field in recent weeks of which the HDC Dog Warden had been informed.

A full safety inspection of the play equipment was to be undertaken now that lockdown was coming to an end.

Unfortunately the Councils application to the HDC Making a Difference Fund towards adult outdoor gym equipment had been unsuccessful. An application to the fund play equipment improvements at the Northallerton parks was also unsuccessful for the same reason that it was felt that these costs should be covered by the respective Councils Precepts.

#### 19. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

##### Road Closure - Station Road Brompton Bridge.

The Closure will be in place for a period of 12 days between 2nd August 2021 and 13th August 2021 The Road Closure and any associated Diversion Routes can be viewed using this URL link <https://one.network/?tm=121778363>

##### Footpaths.

NY Footpaths had been informed that the footpath around Highfield Farm was untenable. Cattle had been overwintered outside and had made the path into a quagmire. The cattle had gone but no attempt had been made to reinstate the path.

##### Road Sign.

NY Highways had been asked to renew the national speed limit sign on the back of the 30mph sign on the left hand side turning into Lead Lane from Stokesley Road which appeared to have been knocked off by a lorry.

##### Traffic Survey.

The Clerk had located the results of a traffic survey taken over a 10 hour period at the crossroads on 22nd March 1978 and these had been circulated to Councillors.

##### North Northallerton Flooding.

County Councillor Hugill had advised that appeared that a solution had been found to the flooding issue on the A684. Engineers had worked up a scheme which would be delivered jointly between NYCC and Taylor Wimpey which would involve taking water from the manhole near the roundabout to an intersection near the road to Cusworth Cottages.

From there it would need to cross the carriageway in a new culvert and onto Taylor Wimpey land where it would be managed by a Taylor Wimpey funded drainage scheme. There would need to be another road closure to construct the culvert which would be days rather than weeks. The NYCC

managed highway works would be carried out soon but the completion date would be dependent on when the Taylor Wimpey works which were more extensive reached completion.

#### Parking on Station Road.

The Clerk reported that he was getting increasing complaints about the fact that the gate to the BRG car park next to the Weavers Pavilion on Station Road was causing road safety problems on a daily basis.

The Brompton Recreation Group had decided some weeks previously to lock the gate to the car park during the day time as there were allegedly a number of vehicles being parked in the car park for long periods that could have belonged to the two nearby garage premises.

The Clerk had visited both BS Autos and DS Trading who both assured him that they didn't have any vehicles in the car park.

The recovery vehicle currently parking on weekdays near the Bus Shelter caused visibility problems for motorists coming in from Lead Lane. The Police had been informed about this.

The BRG had come to an arrangement with the adjacent Primary School that they had the key (access code) for the gate so that it could be opened at school opening and closing times.

However many parents with small children arrived early at school closing time so that they could take their pre-school aged children to play on the play park at the BRG field. Consequently they had to park on Station Road and this was causing very serious road safety issues. Also many parents brought their children to play at the play area behind Weavers Pavilion during the day but could not Park their vehicles in the car park and this again caused traffic issues.

The Police had therefore been asked to review the parking situation along Station Road and Mr Swales proprietor of DS Trading had placed traffic bollards outside his unit to prevent any parking along that stretch of Station Road so as to help with traffic issues.

#### Flooding.

Mrs Horner referred to the fact that three of the four gullies along the road in the vicinity of Cudsworth Cottages were blocked. She had addressed the matter of the potential flood works with County Councillor Mr Hugill but as yet he had not been able to provide her with any information. The Clerk undertook to follow up this matter.

#### 20. GREENS INSPECTION.

As regards the wildflower areas the artwork submitted by Lorna Hazelwood had been circulated to all Councillors.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman were of the view that the Council should continue with the tray design of the plinth rather than a simpler flat aluminium board. This was AGREED.

Also AGREED – That the plinths be erected at the wild life area and on the main Water End Green.

#### 21. CORRESPONDENCE.

None submitted under this agenda item.

#### 22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

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

The Chairman reported that there would be a meeting at the Methodist Church on the following evening to discuss the use of the hall for the future attendance as for example Council meetings would be limited by the space that was available.

AGREED – That the Annual Meeting of the Council be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at a venue to be determined.

(ii) Litter Signs.

In recognition of increasing amounts of litter being deposited/thrown from vehicles entering and around the District Hambleton District Council had arranged for signs to be made supplied Town/Parish Councils for example for display on land/property adjacent to roads where they could be seen by passing motorists etc. As well as reducing the amount of litter this action would hopefully support the return of visitors to the area.

(iii) Northallerton and Villages Community Forum – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Northallerton & Villages Community Forum was to be held at 6pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Caryn Loftus, Director of the Moor Sustainable Community Interest Company, would be at the meeting to give an insight into the work of the Climate Action Stokesley & Villages Group and to describe a series of community-led initiatives being undertaken across Stokesley and the surrounding villages to address climate change. Andrew Clarey, the Delivery Manager for the Historic England Northallerton Heritage Action Zone project, would also be at the meeting to give an update on the programme and to describe in more detail some of the activities that would be undertaken and how people could get involved.

(iv) Request to Plant a Tree.

A request has been received from Mrs C Martin that the Council plant a suitable tree in remembrance of all who have been affected by the Covid Pandemic. It would not just be a remembrance tree for those who had died or bereaved but it could include all whose lives have been irrevocably affected e.g. job loss or the effects of Long Covid.

The tree could be planted by the Ministers of the Parish Church and the Methodist Chapel outside the Lych Gate and a plaque could be placed in front of the tree so that the public would be able to find it should they wished to use it as a place of contemplation or prayer. The request was AGREED.

## 23. BURIAL MATTERS.

The Clerk reported that there had been no burials during the past month and only two interments of ashes.

### **The following item of business was considered in Private Session**

## 24. CEMETERY EXTENSION – PROGRESS AS REGARDS EXTENSION.

It was reported that the Agents were currently awaiting information from the PWLB.