

**Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in the Methodist Church, Brompton on Tuesday 19th October 2021**

PRESENT – Councillors Mrs S Brigginsshaw, Mr R Carter, Mr J Hazelwood, Mrs S Haynes, Mrs E Kelly, Mrs M Shiel Dods (in the Chair), Mr M Langthorne, Mr S O’Sullivan and Mrs A Robinson.

There were 10 members from the public present including County Councillor David Hugill and District Councillor Mrs Isobel Sanderson.

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

No apologies for absence were received, all Councillors being present at the meeting. No Declarations of Interests in any items on the agenda were received.

2. APPOINTMENT OF A COUNCILLOR.

An interview having taken place, and HDC advising that no electors had called for an election to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Barry Martin, Mr Robert Carter had been invited to join the Council and had accepted the invitation.

AGREED – That Mr R Carter be appointed to service on the Council until the next Parish Elections.

Mr Carter signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the meeting.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC.

AGREED – That the Public be excluded from the meeting for item 20 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. MINUTES.

AGREED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 and of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 having been previously circulated be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE.

Having been proposed by Councillor Mrs Shiel Dods and seconded by Councillor S O’Sullivan the Chairman read the following notice of motion to the meeting –

“The Council has lost confidence in Councillor Haynes in her capacity as a Town Councillor to represent the views and interests of the community of Brompton and as a consequence the Council considers it appropriate to remove Councillor Haynes from its Working Groups.”

Councillor Haynes then read a statement to the meeting.

After further discussion the motion was carried by 7 votes to 2.

AGREED – That Councillor Haynes be removed from the Working Groups on which she currently serves.

## 6. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

### **October report –**

Qualifier	No of Incidents	
Anti-Social Behaviour	9	
Auto crime	0	
Burglary:	<i>Commercial: 1</i>	<i>Residential: 1</i>
Criminal Damage	3	
Theft (including from shops)	1	
Violence Against the Person	8	
Other crimes including Drugs	2	
<b>TOTAL THIS PERIOD</b>	<b>24</b>	

Unfortunately one crime was an attack on the Councils Street Sweeper which the Police are investigating.

The Police are also investigating two instances involving the Chairman of the Council. The Chairman commented that she had been threatened at her home by a resident and her car had been damaged in a separate incident. The Police had informed her that they were linking the two incidents together and if a conviction was obtained the insurance company would pursue the offender for reclaim of monies that it had settled on the claim. The Chairman added that as a Councillor she did not accept threatening behaviour or damage to her car. Councillors agree that the Police needed to take positive action in such cases.

Unfortunately the village had also been the subject of some adverse Press coverage in the past week due to crimes committed by a person residing at Cockpit Hill, the address being revealed in the Press statements. It was considered that in this case the offender was in need to help by Social Services or other such agencies.

The Clerk reported that the PCSO was hoping to attend the November Council meeting.

### **September Report –**

Qualifier	No of Incidents	
Anti-Social Behaviour	10	
Auto crime	2	
Burglary :	<i>Commercial : 0</i>	<i>Residential : 1</i>
Criminal Damage	5	
Theft (including from shops)	3	
Violence Against the Person	5	
Other crimes including Drugs	0	
<b>TOTAL THIS PERIOD</b>	<b>26</b>	

## 7. CORONAVIRUS UPDATE.

Week ending 17 September – 7 day rate per 100,000 – Hambleton 245 – England – 287

24 September – Hambleton 324 – England – 287

No further figures received from HDC.

#### 8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

- (i) Trees along the Highway at Taylor Wimpey Development.

It was reported that Taylor Wimpey had confirmed that they will look into replacing the young trees that were planted and which have died off.

- (ii) Lost Grave.

A child's grave from 1950 which could not previously be found in order to place a headstone in the Cemetery had now been located. The relatives had initially provided the incorrect surname and year of burial.

- (iii) Training.

The Clerk had recently completed a YLCA Microsoft Office 365 course for Clerks and was now in the process of moving to utilise the laptop for Council business.

- (iv) Metal Plate From The Wilford Chimney, Brompton.

A large metal plate, weighing 140k and being 42" x42" from The Wilford Chimney had been found on a pallet at the HDC Depot. AGREED – That arrangements be looked into as regards its collection.

- (v) Stokesley Road Flooding.

Received from the HDC Development Manager -

Update on the Stokesley Road flooding issues.

*You may recall that the solution to the issue was to put a new pipe across the field to the North of the site. Owing to the former owner dying there was difficulty in getting in touch with the current land owner. Jayne Charlton has now been in touch with them and they have so far provided verbal agreement to the construction of the pipe.*

*As far as I am aware, all other technical matters are resolved and a tender carried out for the work.*

County Councillor Hugill reported that NY Highways had informed him that the developer had not fulfilled their side of the scheme to resolve the flooding issues on Stokesley Road. Consequently the County Council would need to carry out the whole of the works and then recharge the developer.

Councillors expressed the view that it was hoped that the works could be completed before the onset of winter.

- (vi) County Court Action.

The Council had found it necessary to take County Court action in respect of an outstanding recovery issue

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

The Chairman had attended a meeting about the allotments with the landowners representative. The Vice-Chairman had attended a site meeting with the structural engineer at the middle bridge on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

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

### (i) Finance Group.

The Finance Group had met on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October and agreed to transfer monies into the Councils High Interest Account at Barclays Bank as enquiries had revealed that there would be no advantage in moving monies to be kept into reserve to an account at another Bank as had originally been suggested.

It was also agreed that there needed to be an audit of grit bins as to their condition and that NY Highways be asked what provision they were intending to make for grit bins for the new housing estates.

As regards requests for memorial seats and trees it was suggested that memorial plaques could be attached to the wall of the village pump so that it became the Memorial Pump. The Clerk had undertaken to speak to the Clerk of Northallerton and Romanby Burial Board about the costs etc of plaques that were fixed to the new memorial wall in Northallerton Cemetery.

The Clerk was also pursuing the release of expired War Stock monies from HSBC Bank.

AGREED – That the decisions of the Finance Group set out above be endorsed.

### (ii) Flood Prevention Group.

The new Flood Group had held its initial meeting in The Village Inn on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 which was attended by nine people, one of whom volunteered to be the Secretary of the Group. The next meeting was to be held in the Village Inn at 6.30pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

### (iii) Allotments.

The landowner had had a meeting at the allotments and found a pond had been dug and a liner put down. It had been agreed that the pond was to be filled in and the liner could be used as a weed suppressant until the Spring.

The landowner agreed for the plot to be used as a wildlife garden but without standing water other than due to water logging. To aid the drainage of this area and as a wildlife area the landowner proposed a drainage ditch be dug through the plot and under the hedge to the existing field ditch. This should reduce standing water and also help the surrounding plots. If a ditch was dug it should be sloping down to the hedge so that there were no points for water to gather. The path of the dry stream could be used for the path of the ditch.

The landowner had agreed to the fencing being removed from the front and back of the plot so that the area could go up to the hedge and to provide easier access to people using it. As there would be no pond there now this would not be a safety issue. As regards the hedge

the landowner agreed that it be let to grow higher for a wind break but to make sure it didn't lose growth at the bottom and so allow animals/wind through the bottom.

The issue of rats in the allotments was not discussed at the time but the landowner subsequently asked if the Group would look to see if they could do anything to reduce numbers.

The Group had subsequently held a workday when the pond had been emptied of water, the pond liner and underlay had been also been pulled up. The Group hoped to rework the project so the area was still a wildlife area and met the grant application.

The Group also asked if they could be allowed to organise a small bonfire on site to burn off some wood that had been left by previous plot holders. The fire would be on one of the plots away from any houses

(iv) North Yorkshire County Council Richmondshire Constituency Area Committee.

Items of interest to BTC -

### **20mph speed limits**

Appleton Wiske had applied for a 20mph speed limit and was concerned that it was not going to get it.

The new Police and Crime Commissioner said that there was no reason that they couldn't have it but that it was up to Councils to take it through and tell NY Highways that they want it and if NY Highways supported it then the Police would support it.

However Deputy Leader Gareth Dadd said that this needed a word of caution as the County Council had established a 20mph Working Group which had made a schedule of criteria. He urged Members to be cautious whenever talking about 20mph limits as the Police wouldn't support them without good reason. He added that people in general drove to the conditions of the road and it was pointless just putting 20mph signs up.

In addition speed cameras were not calibrated for 20mph therefore any 20mph areas had to be self-enforcing.

It was reported that Police were working in Morton on Swale concerning speed matters.

### **Bridge and Stokesley Road Flooding.**

The circumstances of Cleveland bridge Co going into liquidation and the subsequent takeover by EWCE were outlined.

As regards flooding, work was on-going on an integrated solution to separate highway drainage from land drainage.

The NYCC element of the works was ready to be implemented - ie a road crossing and connecting a new pipe into a manhole constructed by TW and for TW to pipe land drainage into a ditch.

Highway drainage to be taken to the new YA system at the roundabout.

Proposals still need YA approval.

## 11. PLANNING MATTERS.

### (i) Decisions.

21/02065/TPO - Work to trees covered by Tree Preservation Order 1999/09 - 60  
Northallerton Road – Granted

21/01972/FUL - Internal alterations and extension to the dwellinghouse - Standard Hill Farm  
Brompton Lane - Granted

### (ii) Applications.

21/02275/CAT – Works to trees in a conservation area, 5 Water End – No objections.

21/02212/CAT - Works to 2 No. trees in a conservation area T1-Prune Birch and T2 Prune Birch, 8 The Green – No objections.

21/01729/MBN - Application to determine if prior approval is required for the change of use of an agricultural building to 1no larger dwellinghouse and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion - Lowfields Farm, Fullicar Lane – No objections.

## 12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

### Receipts –

Hambleton District Council (2 <sup>nd</sup> half-yearly Precept)	27,000.00
Hill Bros Funeral Directors (Burial fee)	700.00
Hill Bros Funeral Directors (Ashes fee)	300.00

### Payments –

P Atkin (Salary)	344.00
P Atkin	49.75
Mrs C Huang (Sweeping – 4 hours)	40.00
HMRC (PAYE)	68.00
CE+CM Walker (September Grasscutting)	736.80
Brompton Methodist Church (Room Hire)	24.00
PKF Littlejohns (External Audit fee)	360.00
Mr J Robinson (Financial Services Advice)	450.00
Mrs A Trew hitt (Annual rent for allotments)	1,200.00
RGPS (Aluminium tray signs for wildlife area)	158.40
Royal British Legion (Poppy Appeal Donation)	100.00

NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges)

22.56\*

\* paid by Direct Debit

### Bank Balances

Current Account - £200.00

Business Savings Account - £47,128.75

High Interest Account - £13.20

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

Councillor Mrs Sanderson questioned the payment previously made to George F White for fees and the Chairman outlined the details of the payment which had been in the sum of £4,829.40. Councillor Mrs Sanderson drew attention to the hourly rate that was being charged.

The Bank Reconciliation was included in the Monthly Update.

The Clerk also reported that VAT was being reclaimed from HMRC for the period 1 April to 30 September 2021 in the sum of around £4,400.00.

### 13. NORTHALLERTON ROAD RECREATION GROUND.

It was reported that a quotation for the Annual Safety Inspection of play equipment had been received; three quotations having been requested. In view of the price received it was AGREED – To ask RoSPA to carry out the Councils annual play equipment inspections for the sum of £68.50.

### 14. MIDDLE BRIDGE UPDATE.

The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Hazelwood and the Clerk had met on site with the structural engineer on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The view was that the bridge could be repaired at much less cost than a replacement bridge. The report of the structural engineer was awaited. Unfortunately a repair of the bridge would not provide for wheelchair access. In answer to a question by Councillor Sanderson the meeting was informed that the cost of the project was still unknown. Councillor Sanderson commented that the allocated monies were to provide a new bridge and the Chairman pointed out that the current situation had arisen due to a lack of maintenance in recent years.

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

- (i) Councillor Sanderson reported that Hambleton District Council was to provide Parishes with a mature tree in recognition of the forthcoming Queens Jubilee. The two District Councillors for the Ward would in due course decide on the most appropriate location.
- (ii) Mr B Walker referred to the poor surfacing of Lead Lane and the sewers with there being a two day closure of Lead Lane in December for water works. The Clerk undertook to speak to Mr Walker about his concerns.

- (iii) Mrs Cornforth reported on the problems of buses getting across Bowe Bridge when vehicles were being parked close to it. It was reported that the issue of double yellow lines had been looked at previously and Councillor Hugill pointed out that the matter of dangerous parking was for the Police to deal with. Councillor Mrs Sanderson said that photographic evidence that could be sent to the PCSO would assist.
- (iv) Mrs B Slater asked about dates for a joint meeting of representatives of the BRG and the Council and was informed by the Chairman that she was waiting for County Councillor Hugill who had undertaken to chair the meeting to get back to her on this. Councillor Carter expressed the wish to be included in the meeting as a representative of the Council. As to a question as to why the BRG had not featured in the Councils Minutes for some time the Chairman responded that that was due to the Council awaiting legal advice. A Councillor pointed out that the BRG had been raised in meetings held on Zoom. Councillor Mrs Sanderson stated that when the issue of the transfer of the land from HDC to the BRG was raised the Council had then considered the matter in private. Councillor Hugill stressed that there was a need to see how matters could be moved forward.

## 15. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

### Notification of Road Closures

#### **A19 TRUNK ROAD – CARRIAGEWAY RESURFACING NORTHBOUND BETWEEN TRENHOLME BAR AND A67 CRATHORNE**

Autolink are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the A19 Trunk Road on behalf of Highways England and we are proposing to undertake essential resurfacing works between Trenholme Bar and Crathorne. The works will be carried out during night-time closures of the A19 between the hours of 8pm and 6am and traffic will be required to follow signed diversions. Details of the signed diversions are enclosed.

The works are programmed to start on the evening of Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021 for approximately 4 weeks (6 nights a week Sunday to Friday). Please note that to avoid conflict with Yarm Fair there will be no overnight closures 19 – 23 October 2021.

During the works the northbound carriageway of the A19 will be closed to traffic between the Black Swan Interchange and A67 the Crathorne Interchange. A19 northbound traffic with destinations in Teesside and beyond shall be signed to exit the A19 at the A172 Tontine Interchange and follow the signed diversion route via A172, Stainton Way, B1365 Hemlington Lane, A174 Parkway then follow existing signs for A19 north (see attached drg no A19/SS/4886). Local diversion routes around the Black Swan junction will also be in place.

### 20mph Speed Limits.

20's Plenty is a national organisation that campaigns for a 20mph speed limit in place of existing 30mph limits.



The **North Yorkshire branch of 20s Plenty** would like you to please circulate this briefing and this link to a 7 minute video <https://vimeo.com/605870288> to all your Parish Councillors and to consider showing this video and discussing at a Parish Council meeting this motion:

*“This parish/town council supports the implementation of 20mph as the default speed limit for our parish and in all the urban and village streets in North Yorkshire where people live, work, shop, play and learn. This parish council will write to the Leader and Cabinet Member for the Highway Authority (currently North Yorkshire County Council) to implement a County wide policy on this issue to support 20mph as the default limit with higher limits only where the needs of vulnerable road users are fully taken into account”*

**Please diary the Zoom meeting for 11th November at 7pm.**

AGREED - That the Traffic Road Safety Group work with the North Yorkshire Branch of 20s Plenty to endeavour to implement 20mph speed limits in parts of the village.

**Filling of Grit Bins.**

An audit of grit bins is taking place to ascertain if any need to be replaced and how much grit needs to be ordered for the oncoming winter.

**State of Footpath and Wall along west side of Cockpit Hill**

Whilst NY Highways had recently confirmed that an order has been placed to carry outworks along the west side of Cockpit Hill recent photos had been sent to NYCC showing that in general the state of the wall and footpath had deteriorated

**State of Road Surfaces affecting cyclists.**

Further concerns had been received about the state of the highways in the village especially about the effects of the poor state of the carriageways on cyclists.

**16. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA UPDATE.**

The Notice Boards at the Wild Life Area are now complete and looked excellent.

Councillor Brigginslaw had had a lengthy conversation with Joolz Form from Water End who had experience of large scale wildlife/wild meadow areas, and had discussed the need for a short, medium and long term management plan for the area for the Working Group to follow and equally important - to share with the villagers.

As previously reported, most of the work and development of the site would be either done by volunteers and or was being undertaken by College and School pupils with free or donated materials. The College were working on tree tags and other labels/signs and the Primary School would be involved with habitat creation.

It was considered that it would be a prudent long-term investment to pay a one off fee for writing a management plan which would include advice on grass cutting regime, weed/invasive species control in the sum of £100.00.

A public work day on the 30<sup>th</sup> October when bulb planting would take place was planned. Councillor Haynes confirmed that she had about 150 bulbs. It was also mentioned that Councillor Langthorne had 2,000 bulbs if any more were needed.

The Council expressed thanks to Lorna Hazelwood and John Brigginsshaw for the works they had contributed to the wildlife area.

AGREED – That a one-off payment of £100.00 be agreed for the production of a Management Plan for the wild life area.

#### 17. CORRESPONDENCE.

None received other than referred to elsewhere in the report.

#### 18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

##### (i) Date of Next Meeting

AGREED – That the next meeting of the Council be held in The Methodist Church on Tuesday 16th November 2021;

##### (ii) Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman would lay the wreath at the War Memorial on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. As in previous years the Clerk would place the wood crosses on the War Graves in the Churchyard and in the Cemetery.

##### (iii) Northallerton Post Office Opening Hours.

The erratic arrangements for the opening of the Post Office in the High Street were a matter of serious concern and would quite obviously be affecting residents of Brompton. Sudden closures and restricted opening hours that seemed to alter on a daily basis plus the PO web site not giving accurate information had greatly affected post office users and those who previously banked at the HSBC.

When Brompton and North End Post Offices had closed there was an undertaking given that there would be no reduction in service in the main Post Office. When the Post Office moved into W H Smiths the local MP had welcomed the extra opening hours. However the extra opening hours for Sundays had disappeared by stealth and this was worsened by the closure of the Romanby Post Office in March.

ARGUED - That Brompton Council strongly supports any actions taken by other Councils and local organisations to ensure that a full Post Office service is restored in Northallerton as quickly as possible.

##### (v) Broken Fence adjacent to the Recreation Ground.

The Clerk undertook to inspect the damaged fence between the Recreation Ground and the adjacent bungalow.

##### (vi) Dog Bin on Northallerton Road.

The Clerk undertook to follow up with HDC the replacement of the dog bin on Northallerton Road that had been taken away following an accident. The confusion was that two bins at different times had been damaged.

- (vii) Hedge within Northallerton Parish Boundary past North Moor Road.

The Clerk undertook to ascertain who was responsible for cutting back the hedge adjacent to the footpath past the closed off new road section within the Northallerton Parish boundary.

- (viii) Footpath between Cotswold Street and Stokesley Road.

The Clerk undertook to ascertain who was responsible for the state of the footpath leading past Cotswold Street alongside Stokesley Road as this was frequently flooded and deep in mud and silt and needed to be properly surfaced.

- (ix) Lych Gate.

It was reported that the catch on the Lych Gate had broken off.

- (x) Laptop.

AGREED – That Councillor Hazelwood provide advice about the Councils laptop and associated matters if required.

- (xi) Dog/Litter Bin on Fullicar Lane.

A Councillor mentioned that she had been approached about having a litter/dog bin along Fullicar Lane. There was however the issue of whether HDC would be able to empty such a bin and about putting the bin on what would be private land. The Clerk undertook to investigate further on the matter.

- (xii) Working Groups.

AGREED – That the matter of the re-constitution of the Working Groups be placed on the next agenda.

- (xiii) Councillors email addresses.

To date two quotations had been received in respect of individual email addresses for Councillors. AGREED – That the quotation received from Rippl IT Solutions in the sum of £90.00 be accepted.

## 19. BURIAL MATTERS.

The Clerk reported that one burial and one interment of ashes had taken place in the past month.

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

## 20. CEMETERY EXTENSION.

The Burial Board considered that the capacity of the current Cemetery should be re-assessed following the recent change to permitting double depth graves to be dug and the

reduction over some time of the number of burials taking place annually in the Cemetery. The Clerk undertook to recalculate the available burial and ashes spaces. There could also be an affect caused by the opening of the new Crematorium in the near future. The Finance Committee was also asked to look at whether any further restrictions should be imposed on who can be buried in the Cemetery.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm