

# BROMPTON TOWN COUNCIL

## ANNUAL NEWSLETTER MARCH 2022

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL** – The current Members of the Council are as follows -

Mrs S Brigginsaw, Mr R Carter, Mrs S Haynes, Mr J Hazelwood, Mrs E Kelly, Mr M Langthorne (Vice-Chairman), Mr S O’Sullivan, Mrs A Robinson, Mrs M Shiel Dods (Chairman).

Mrs Isobel Sanderson and Paul Atkin are the Parish’s representative on Hambleton District Council and the local County Council representative for this area is County Councillor David Hugill. The Council would like to thank Mrs Sanderson and David Hugill for all the time and effort they put into helping support the Councils position in other forums and in debates at the District Council and the County Council.

### CURRENT NEWS – Middle Bridge at Water End

The middle bridge at Water End was a wooden construction built in the 1880s so that workers from the linen factory could walk to the shops at Water End. In 1950 the current steel bridge was erected. As the bridge was not on the Councils assets register there has been no maintenance programme for the bridge and the ‘well meant’ painting of the bridge over the years has hidden the rust to the naked eye to the point of deterioration.

In December 2020 the Council closed it pending an inspection by a structural engineer. 70% of the bridge is rotten and it was hoped a new bridge could be put in its place.

Working with the Environment Agency and structural engineers, any new bridge would need to be substantially widened and raised in height to comply with the 1:100 years flood prevention policies and accessibility law.

As a new bridge is currently not financially possible- the costs were estimated to be around £60,000, the Council instructed the structural engineer to reconsider if a repair could be made but it was deemed beyond repair. Additional information that the paint contains lead- has added to further compliance complications.

Sadly, the current option is to safely remove the bridge and carry out remedial work on the paths and bankside to make its safe for the public in future.

It is planned to hold an open meeting in the near future to involve residents in further discussion around a potential part community funded new bridge. **We welcome contacts** from any residents wising to become involved in the project.

### Pollution incident and Dead Fish in Brompton Beck

A number of good sized dead fish were reported in Brompton beck at Bowe Bridge on the 3rd February and further investigation up Water End revealed the beck bottom was littered with thousands of dead fish and a couple of large ones. The Environment Agency were notified and carried out investigations. The Senior Scientific Officer at HDC reported as follows – *The Environment Agency believed the localised pollution incident happened on the 3rd February. They believe the cause of pollution passed through quickly and was then diluted. It was noted that a number of local farms had been spreading and this may have been the cause.*

The Environment Agency staff visited the nearby farms and the industrial site next to the railway line to assess potential causes and check on farming activities and give advice on sensitive farming practises.

It is hoped the impact of the pollution on our resident herons, egrets, kingfisher and countless other birds is not too catastrophic.

Anyone who sees fish in distress or water pollution is urged **to immediately report** it to the Environment Agency on **0800 807060**. Information is treated with confidence.

### 20's Plenty Road Safety Campaign

Currently 100 Parishes in North Yorkshire are asking for the implementation of 20mph zones. Brompton Town Council and Northallerton Town Council have offered their support for the Campaign but we would like to gather the view from residents – hence the **leaflet delivered separately to the Newsletter**. Some information from the Campaign:

*“Being hit by a vehicle at 30mph is equivalent to falling a drop of 8.8 metres whereas at 20mph the distance is 3.6 metres - an equivalent of one storey and therefore survivable.*

*80% of drivers comply with 20mph limits - the threshold being 24mph. Compliant drivers set the pace for others and compliance grows with time.*

*The one off cost of implementation of £2.4m County-wide would give rise to savings of £3.4m that is spent on casualties annually.*

*Some Councils have seen a 30%+ reduction in casualties, others likewise. 20mph zones provide safe walking routes to schools for parents with children.”*

Cornwall and Oxfordshire (and many others) have taken their residents wishes on board – hopefully in time North Yorkshire will do likewise?

### Flood Prevention Group Update

CAN YOU HELP PROTECT OUR VILLAGE? **NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE BROMPTON FLOOD PREVENTION GROUP**

Brompton was saved from flooding in January 2021 only by inches mainly due to the leaky dams – the hard work of the former Flood Prevention Group. To prevent Brompton flooding in the future the committee work must continue.

**If you can spare a few hours a month to form a new Committee please contact in the first instance [bromptonpc@aol.com](mailto:bromptonpc@aol.com)**

### **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Monies**

It is hoped that in a few months' time the Council will receive around £99,900 from the Community Infrastructure Levies from the development of new houses in the Parish – mainly at the North Northallerton Development. When this money is received residents will be surveyed for their views as to how they wish the Council to spend this money on community projects.

### **Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June- Street Party Applications**

The Council has agreed to support any officially organised street parties for the Queens Jubilee. If you are planning a street party please refer to the GOV.UK web site which contains a section (outlined below) about how to proceed - go to Organising a Street Party on the web. Then contact Hambleton District Council site to check if your party requires an application. Smaller events that do not require road closure do not need to be registered.

Contact Hambleton District Council about your event 4 to 12 weeks before it happens with the date and time of the party or event and :

- whether or not you want to close a road or section of road, and its name
- if the road is part of a bus route or used by through traffic
- a list of any properties or businesses affected
- if you've consulted neighbours

### **Water End Wild life Area**

Several years ago the Parish Council drew up a Local Plan for Brompton which examined a diverse range of improvements including increasing the diversity of flora and fauna of the village and the environment, particularly focusing on the communal greens. The previous flood group undertook extensive tree and hedge planting as part of their flood defence work.

The 'top green' of Water End near Fullicar was designated a space where re-wilding began in 2020 with the reduction in routine grass cutting. Walkers and dog walkers soon made their own now well-trodden routes which loop through the trees and beds. Two areas were initially cordoned off, scarified and sown with wildflower seeds. Now in 2022 the cordon has been removed as the wildflowers- annuals and perennials- are now well established and we hope 2022 will really see a difference in the increased diversity of plants. Mid Spring 2021 saw a wonderful display of dandelions, followed by the restful, tall purple swaying meadow grasses in the summer, the wildflowers attracting insects and moths. Toads were spotted and tawny owls were heard in the evenings.

2021 saw the area provide a peaceful place for residents to wander, observe, sit and take time out during what has been a very stressful two year period in unprecedented times. The Working Group volunteers received many positive comments about the area. However we do recognise that the Parish Council received a few repeated complaints and in order to address these a New Management Plan for the area has been put together. Whilst we appreciate many people like a well manicured garden and lawn, our greens are not municipal parks and having a wild area is more in keeping with a country village ethos.

**The History of the village greens:** Over the years the greens have changed considerably in their usage. During WW2 the greens were dug up and vegetables planted as part of the war effort, animals were grazed and many properties on Water End still retain those grazing rights. Throughout the 1970's horses were regularly tethered and ducks and a geese flocks roamed free to graze and at times chase residents down Water End! Regular mowing of the green is a relatively recent method of grass reduction!

In the late Autumn of 2021 the meadow had a long grass cut which allows the dead seed heads to fall to the floor to enhance germination. Oct 30<sup>th</sup> Communal Planting day was a great turn out of 30+volunteers aged 3-80 years of age who planted hundreds of bulbs and specialist wildflower seed mixes were sown onto ready prepared seed beds – this time in swathes through the existing meadow.

Both bulb planting and seed sowing will be extended each year in Autumn & spring both in the wildlife area and around the other greens as a continuation of the hard work of daffodil bulb planters Councillors Langthorne and Martin. The bulbs are all peeping through now.

**Nature Boards** The recent addition of 2 stunning nature information boards provide a focal point of interest and information. Designed & specifically tailored by talented local nature artist Lorna Hazelwood and built by John Brigginsshaw (the reclaimed bricks donated by JT Atkinsons) these are the first of further planned information boards across the village.

**Future Collaborations** involve Northallerton College students who are working on a series of Tree Identification Tags with interactive QR codes that will link to the Woodland Trust website. They are also working on flora & fauna labels from sustainable materials as the site develops.

And Brompton School children will be using the site in the future for outdoor education visits & working on Habitat Creation projects such as bug hotels, hedgehog houses, log pile houses.

**BEE INVOLVED! Brompton Wildlife Area Working Group** volunteers whatever age or ability are welcome- join us on community planting or maintenance days- meet new people, form new friendships, put something back into your village for generations to come. If you would like to be involved please contact [bromptonpc@aol.com](mailto:bromptonpc@aol.com) and watch out for notices. We look forward to meeting you!! Become a BWAG- Excuse the weeds- we are feeding the bees bzzz

### Reporting Local Crime

Unfortunately many instances of suspected crime are never made to the Police. Reports must be made of ALL crimes that occur in the village. There has been a marked increase in crime including Anti-Social Behaviour, Criminal Damage, Drug Dealing, and Burglary. We are all responsible, reporting a crime means the chances increase of the offender being caught and brought to justice.

**Very recently there have been instances of the riding of motorcycles on the Greens at Water End. Please be vigilant and report such matters if you see them taking place.**

Please Do Your Bit And Report Crime. HOW TO REPORT - IF THE CRIME IS TAKING PLACE NOW 999 – OR CALL 101 IF REPORTING AFTER THE EVENT

CALL CRIME STOPPERS 0800 555 111, IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS

The Council's PCSO is–

Dougie Beveridge

Collar Number: 3758

PCSO

Northallerton

North Yorkshire Police

Dial 101, press option 2 and ask for Dougie by his full name or collar number.

**100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations** If you are aware of anyone in the Parish who will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday this year please send details of their name and address to the Clerk at [Bromptonpc@aol.com](mailto:Bromptonpc@aol.com)

The Council has agreed that it will send a birthday card and flowers to a lady or an appropriate gift to a gentleman who reaches this age in Brompton Parish.

### **Proposal for the Establishment of a Unitary Authority**

The current County Council/ District Council Local Government arrangement will alter in May to establish a Unitary Authority incorporating the seven District Councils of Craven, Hambleton, Harrogate, Richmondshire, Ryedale, Scarborough and Selby together with North Yorkshire County Council.

A new Shadow Authority called **North Yorkshire Council** will run alongside Hambleton District Council until May 2023 when Hambleton District Council will disappear and the new Unitary Council will come into full effect. The election of Councillors for the new Unitary Authority will take place on Thursday, 5th May.

**Bulb Planting** 5,000 bulbs have been planted around the Greens and will be added to each year. Please take care around the areas where bulbs are growing.

### **Waste Collection and recycling Information from Hambleton**

**\*CANS \*** It is no longer necessary to flatten cans for recycling with your foot as it increases the chance of them becoming wedged in sorting machines.

**\*BATTERIES \*** No batteries of any variety should be placed in refuse or recycling bins . Supermarkets DIY stores and some Schools collect and recycle small batteries.

**\*BATTERY PACKS \***found in phones, vape devices, laptops, re-chargeable toys, power tools etc. and car batteries should be taken to Yafforth Road, Household Waste Recycling Centre, Northallerton

If a battery can't be removed from an electrical item such as a phone then the whole item should be recycled at the HWRC using the electrical items collection point. For more information on recycling in Hambleton please contact [tracey.flint@hambleton.gov.uk](mailto:tracey.flint@hambleton.gov.uk).

### **Vehicle Activated Speed Sign and Successful Bid for AJ1 Funding Project**

The Council was successful in applying to the Police and Crime Commissioner for funding for a Vehicle Activated Speed sign at two locations and received £3,500 towards this which is to be match funded by the Council. County Councillor David Hugill also made a grant of £1,000 towards the project from his NYCC Locality Budget. The solar powered Vehicle Activated Signs will be positioned at Station Road the Rugby Club on the approach into Brompton.

### **Footpaths**

A Footpaths Working Group is looking at how circular footpath routes around the village can be improved for the enjoyment of walkers. **We welcome residents to join the Working group** for wider input. The vision is to have a selection of walks printed on information boards around the village for residents and villagers alike.

### **Construction of a footbridge - Brompton Sports and Recreation Field Station Road Brompton**

The Council is pursuing the issue of pedestrian safety outside the school by the construction of a metal footbridge from the footpath outside the school grounds across the beck into the BRG car park land. The existing footway across the bridge would remain.

The Council has engaged an Agent to take this matter forward and working with the school hopes to submit a new planning application to the District Council in the near future.

### **Allotments**

Brompton allotments are situated on Fullicar Lane, just along from Water End. The allotments operate a waiting list for those wishing to be considered for a plot.

The allotment holders are very grateful for the continuing help and support of the Town Council who have very recently completed works to improve the car park facilities.

In return the Allotments Group is assisting with the Councils wild flower initiative.

For further information please contact Maria Shiel Dods at mack5199@hotmail.co.uk – 07972 022405 or Karen Pickering at karenpickering32@gmail.com – 07922 832500

### **Tree Works**

The tree contractors have been busy in catching up with tree works that were programmed for the previous year and dealing with emergency call outs. The Council recognises the quality of their work and where appropriate encourages the reuse of logged materials for habitat creation.

The current works are in the region of £8,000 as works are required for 58 of the mature trees around the village.

### **Defibrillators**

The 4 defibrillators in the Village can be found at **The Shop** on Northallerton Road, the corner of **De Bruce Road**, outside the **Village Inn** and at **Weavers Pavillion**

### **Notice Boards**

New locally made Notice boards are to be erected jointly by Brompton and Northallerton Town Councils on the new housing at the North Northallerton developments.

### **Christmas Tree**

Once again Sam Turner and Sons kindly supplied the village with a Christmas tree free of charge for erection on Church Green by the local Scout group. The Council has acquired some of Northallerton Town Councils previous Christmas lighting stock for the centre of the village and hopes to be able to install some of these for Christmas 2023.

### **Overgrown Hedges**

Please contact the Council if you see any hedges that are overgrowing footpaths in the Parish or are obstructing sight lines for motorists. We refer to NY Highways who arrange for an inspection to take place and for letters to be sent to the owners of the hedges requesting that they be cut back. If possible please include a photo of the location of the overgrown hedge.

### **Responsible Dog Walking and Dog Fouling News**

If anyone has any information about regular dog-fouling in the village please contact either the Clerk to the Council or any Councillor so that the matter can be reported to Hambleton District Council. Make a note of the description of the animal and owner involved and the date, time and location especially if the same owner and animal are seen on a regular basis committing an offence.

Dog fouling has again become an issue around the Church Green/ Church View area.

The District Council has been asked to be proactive in ensuring that penalty tickets are issued to dog fouling offenders throughout the Parish. Irresponsible owners in general have been an issue in recent months.

Brompton Town Council welcomes well behaved dogs and responsible owners.

It is an offence not to clean up after your dog.

You are expected to have control of your dog at all times.

If they cannot return to heel at your command, then please  
keep them on a lead.

Thank you. Enjoy your walk.

### Councils Web Site

The newsletter can be found on the website [bromptontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://bromptontowncouncil.gov.uk)

We hope shortly to give the website a 'make over' to include additional information to the current: history of the Parish and photos, agendas, Minutes, Monthly Updates, grant application criteria, Cemetery rules and Burial Plot locator, annual Financial Reports and links to local organisations are included. We welcome your input!

### The Cemetery

The Council also acts as the local Burial Authority –

If you are wishing to trace burial details of a relative who is buried in the Cemetery the Clerk is able to answer questions relating to burials in the Cemetery back to the 1930s. Please note that the Clerk does not have the details of persons who are buried in the Churchyard.

The Councils Burial Board section of the web site contains a Burial Plot locator to find burial plots in the Cemetery. If in doubt please contact the Council.

The current burial fees are as follows -

- £350.00 per burial plot
- £150.00 per interment in a burial plot
- £50.00 for Memorials (half size headstones – half fee)
- £100.00 for the purchase of ashes plot
- £50.00 for interment of ashes
- No fee for deceased persons under 16 years of age.

Fees are doubled where the deceased person did not reside within the Parish boundary but in such cases proof is required that the person still had immediate relatives in the Parish, unless they had moved out of the Parish within a period of less than 12 months.

For the information of relatives the details of the rules and regulations concerning the erection of headstones and memorials in the Cemetery are set out on the Councils web site.

ANY RELATIVES WHO WISH TO REMOVE A HEADSTONE OR MEMORIAL FROM THE CEMETERY FOR REPAIR OR RE-INSRIPTION PURPOSES MUST ADVISE THE CLERK OF THEIR INTENTIONS BEFORE ITS REMOVAL.

### The Council's Budget



The Council's annual Precept for 2022/23 has been set at £62,000.00. Details of all accounts are available for inspection upon request. The Clerk brings the record of Income and Expenditure together with the Bank Statements to each monthly Council meeting and can be viewed with the Clerk after the meeting if prior notice is given.

You may also inspect the Council's accounts by contacting the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer during the advertised External Audit period each year. The final accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2021 were approved by the External Auditors who have indicated that the Audit for the financial year ending 31st March 2022 will take place during June.

**The following articles have been submitted by other organisations for inclusion in the Town Council's Annual Newsletter:-**

**SAINT THOMAS' CHURCH**

**CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT 2021**

At St Thomas' we do our best to provide a welcoming and friendly environment for all our visitors. Individuals and history groups come to see the world famous collection of Anglo Saxon Hogback stones and crosses from the same period. Visitors will be welcomed by a member of the Church and will be on hand to guide and hand out fully detailed information sheets.

During the past few difficult months Rev Jonathan Cooper has worked tirelessly to support bereaved families, the community and ensured weekly worship was available via You Tube. Wi-Fi has now been installed in Church and Sunday services are now streamed live which can be accessed via a link from Brompton Churches website  
<http://www.bromptonchurches.org.uk/> or via The Brompton Church Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/BromptonChurches>

On Remembrance Sunday we had a Brompton Churches Group Service at the Methodist Church, a service in St Thomas Church late afternoon and children from Brompton Community Primary School laid a wreath during school time. All moving ceremonies to remember the fallen from the village.

Brompton Churches Group, formed with Brompton Methodist Church, usually has a full programme of events. Covid has greatly restricted these event although combined worship has taken place via Wi-Fi. Singing around the Christmas tree outside the Church is gaining popularity and the cart dispensing hot drinks is welcomed. The same evening, Christmas wreaths made by individuals, businesses and groups were on display in both Churches. These certainly added to the festive atmosphere.

St Thomas' Church is now warmer with a controlled even heat. In May, Byfield Heating installed a new gas boiler, pipework and an internet controlled thermostat. The boiler is wall

mounted making it flood resistant when water comes into the boiler house from time to time. Thanks go to Hambleton District Council for a generous donation as part of their 'Making a Difference Fund', plus the anonymous donation to make the work possible. The amount of time taken to clean and tidy the church before and after was greatly appreciated.

Regular services are held at St Thomas' Church every Sunday and Wednesday.

1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month – 9 am Holy Communion

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month – 10.30 am Holy Communion

Every Wednesday – 9.15 am Holy Communion

Monthly – 'Connect '2 service – an informal service with refreshments at 6.15 pm

Church is also open each Sunday from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm for private prayer

Further details of services and other events are to be found on our website - [www.bromptonchurches.org.uk](http://www.bromptonchurches.org.uk) and Facebook Page – Brompton Churches Community.

Our thanks go to Brompton Town Council for their support throughout the year, supplying the Christmas Tree, maintaining our Church Yard and generously giving permission to hold events on the Village greens.

*Rita Laverick and Carole Martin*  
*Church Wardens*

## CARNIVAL

Carnival day will be on **FRIDAY 3RD JUNE**, which is due to Jubilee moving the Bank Holiday. It will be the usual fancy dress, followed by entertainment and stalls. Finishing with the children's races. As yet the whereabouts of the evening raffle draw hasn't been confirmed

There will be children's entertainment and face-painting, Birds of prey, Zumba dancing, the Climbing wall and Meltdown.

**The Handicraft Show** will be held on Sunday 5th June, with a theme of 'Queen's Jubilee'. The categories will be available on village noticeboards, the village shop and to every house on delivered Jubilee Carnival schedule.

If anyone is interested in having a stall, please contact The Carnival Committee and keep up to date with plans by liking the Facebook page-**brompton carnival and sports**.

***Volunteers and committee members*** are always needed...we are all getting older and need new blood!! As always, we appreciate your help for helping us to continue making Brompton carnival happen each year. As usual teas will be provided in The Methodist Church.

Karen Waring

**Finally** – Meetings of the Council are held monthly in The Methodist Church commencing at 7.00pm, usually on the third Tuesday of each month. The meetings are opened to the public

for a ten minute period for the asking of questions at 8.00pm. Any elector for the Parish of Brompton is invited to attend the monthly meetings of the Council.

An Annual 'Parish Assembly' is held in April each year to enable residents to hear reports about matters relating to the Parish and to provide an opportunity for discussions on topics of general interest. The Annual Meeting of the Council is held in May.

Mr P Atkin  
Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer  
Brompton Town Council  
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Northallerton, DL6 1EE

Newsletter also available on the website.

## **Got a Few Hours to Spare? Want to Become More Involved With Your Community? Meet New People, Share Ideas, Be Part of Transformation For the Better of Brompton Village?**

We Welcome residents onto our Working Groups- Footpaths and Wildlife Area/Greens, 20's Plenty Campaign in Particular. The Carnival and Flood Prevention Group are in need of new members. Get Involved, have Fun and be pro- active.

Contact [bromptonpc@aol.com](mailto:bromptonpc@aol.com) or For Carnival Group Enquiries Karen Waring Facebook page-brompton carnival and sports