# Monthly Update - May 2022

### 1. DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

All Councillors have signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office and have completed their Declarations of Interests which have been lodged with the Monitoring Officer at HDC.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

## To received nominations for Chairman of the Council.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Apologies for absence have been received from Councillors S Brigginshaw and M Langthorne.

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

### To receive nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Council.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH APRIL 2022.

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th April 2022.

- DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022 – FOR INFORMATION. The Minutes will be approved at the 2023 meeting of the Annual Parish Assembly.
- 7. APPOINTMENTS TO WORKING PARTIES -

#### To endorse the following nominations -

(I) FINANCE WORKING GROUP.

Councillors S O'Sullivan, A Robinson and M Shiel Dods

(II) ROAD SAFETY AND HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP.

Councillors S Brigginshaw, R Carter, J Hazelwood and E Kelly,

(III) WILDLIFE AREA WORKING GROUP.

Councillors S Brigginshaw and E Kelly

(IV) FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP.

Councillors R Carter, S Brigginshaw, M Langthorne and M Shiel Dods

(V) PEDESTRIAN/CYCLING STRATEGY JOINT WORKING GROUP.

Councillors R Carter, J Hazelwood and E Kelly

### 8. APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BODIES ETC

#### To endorse the following nominations -

Representatives to meet with the BRG Committee representatives.

Councillors R Carter, J Hazelwood and M Langthorne

The Allotments Group

Councillor M Shiel Dods

Northallerton and Villages Community Forum

Councillors R Carter, M Shiel Dods and the Clerk

YLCA Branch Meetings

The Chairman and the Clerk

PCC liaison meeting

Councillors M Shiel Dods, A Robinson and the Clerk

- 9. RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF A FLOOD GROUP.
- 10. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

For the period 6th March to 19th April -

Anti-Social Behaviour	4 Reports
Total	4 reports
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	0 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	0 Reports
Criminal Damage	5 Reports
Theft (inc Theft from Shop)	1 Reports
Violence against the person	10 Reports
Other crimes inc Drugs	1 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	2 Reports
Total	23 Reports

Current months crime report awaited.

## 11. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

(i) 20's Plenty Questionnaire Return.

20s Plenty Survey Results				
	Positive	Negative		
School Survey	37	0		
Village Survey	78	3		
Totals	115	3		

Equates to approximately 8% which is the marker point that NYCC and HDC tend to use as a response figure to take note of consultation responses.

(ii) Fencing Works at the Recreation Ground.

Due to a breakdown with the tractor the new fencing works at the Recreation Ground have been delayed. The joiner is recuperating following an injury which has further delayed the works.

(iii) Dog Fouling.

There has been a continuation in the decrease in dog fouling around Church Green however residents have reported significant dog fouling on verges in the De Bruce Road/ Rugby Club area. It is thought that this is happening when some dog walkers use night time darkness as a period for not picking up their dog waste.

#### (iv) Tree Surveys.

The Clerk is to meet with the Clerks of Northallerton Town Council and the Joint Burial Board to discuss how to move this matter forward following the retirement of Mr Whitehead the Arboriculturalist. A Councillor has forwarded details of an alternative company well experienced in this work which will be followed up.

(v) Large Agricultural Vehicles.

Mr G Spence has been asked to remind his drivers to drive through the village with consideration for others and to restrict speeds to 10mph.

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

To be reported to meeting,

13. REPORTS - INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS -

#### (i) Finance Group.

The Finance Group met on the 10th May.

The Clerk is to enquire what free materials are available from the Northallerton Yorkshire Branch of 20's Plenty.

Working Groups to work to their allocated budgets, which if considered to be insufficient can be reviewed in September. However unless of an urgent nature agreed by the Finance Group and subsequently by the Council the budget limits are not to be exceeded.

Noted that the insurance renewal had this year included a clause that the policy was subject of tree surveys and a tree maintenance programme being in place. The Clerk was currently meeting the Clerks of Northallerton Town Council and the Joint Burial Board with the aim of engaging a new arboriculturalist jointly with BTC.

With regard to Councillors email addresses **RECOMMENDED** that a quotation be invited from NYCC IT Services.

As regards the Christmas lights in storage arrangements be made of the displays to be PAT tested and any that are beyond repair or not suitable for parts be disposed of.

The Clerk is to bring the Contract of Employment up to date so that it could be signed by the Council and himself.

(ii) Middle Bridge.

To be reported to meeting.

(vi) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

A Zoom meeting was led on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**North Moor Road Crossing**: Taylor Wimpey (TW) have been contacted to request a direct contact to voice the collective concerns from residents, schools and the Council around the pedestrian crossing. This was following the latest email response from NY Highways. TW have responded and contact details are awaited. There is potential TW will be requested to fund a pedestrian crossing if it is deemed necessary.

**Carpark Cockpit -** following our the Group discussion and a group site meeting (Councillors also met onsite on the 11<sup>th</sup> May) it was agreed that Councillor Langthorne will liaise with D Langthorne over a time line for:

\*resurfacing the carpark with road stone

\*moving the white fence in a metre to create a wider grass pathway for pedestrians

\*buying additional fencing to continue the white fencing to the bridge

\* post and rail fencing the back of the car park on the inside of existing vegetation

\*creating a bin collection area

\*if necessary creating a small retaining wall behind the white fence line after scraping out the soil

\*notices will be dropped to neighbours to notify them of works commencing

\* <u>Derelict Public Utilities Site.</u> Yorkshire Water had given written confirmation that they had no claim on the land. If not registered with anyone a request from the Council to the Land Registry would be submitted to have the land registered in the Council's name so that it could be incorporated into the car park. It was noted that the Council had maintained the land on numerous occasions, with proofs of having done so.

White Fence Painting - Local painter to be approached over availability to rub down and repaint the white fencing in time for the carnival as looking untidy. Quotation to be submitted before agreed.

**20's Plenty** – Enquiries to be made of Thirsk Council about their recent change to 20 mph in the Market Place and how they did this plus enquires to be made with a Lake District Council who have green 20mph signs below the usual 30 mph signs.

Stall at carnival booked and in progress preparations. RGPS preparing banner at cost of about £108 – the cost to come from the Wildlife budget?

Request to buy soon merchandise up to £100 to give away- bin stickers etc.

Councillors Brigginshaw and Kelly to help out at stall

Enquiries are being made with the school and elsewhere for display boards.

Possible use of NYCC reprographics a number of posters from 20s site to be printed on A4 and laminated for the display

**Stall for Flood Group Recruitment** - Additional stall next to 20s Plenty and provide a display with recruitment poster and photographs of flooding.

**Bowe Bridge** - request to email NYCC contact in Highways requesting line painting/chevron style indentation denoting on the surface that the road is single file traffic in accordance with the road signs in order to slow traffic and prevent 2 vehicle attempting to pass as often happens.

**Pedestrian Bridge Bowe Bridge** – HDC contacted for help with grant sourcing/funding – awaiting response

Wildlife Working Group update: Councillor Kellys in-laws are kindly watering the millennium oak tree

Volunteers were asked to weed out docks and dandelions from the sown beds- the beds are doing well and the original bed created over two years ago in the fenced off area has come to full fruition and receiving many positive comments and interest in spotting varieties of wildflowers.

Grass cutting- Grasscutting contractors spoken to about keeping the beck side not too closely strimmed but about a foot high and to keep the banksides in front of the ford both sides and up Fullicar around the bollards clear.

\*\*2 stone boulders along Fullicar need removing as they are a hazard to cars and foot /horse traffic – to arrange for D Langthorne to remove as are not in the line and hidden by long grass.

# **RECOMMENDED** – That the progress being made by the Highways/Road Safety Group be endorsed.

14. PLANNING MATTERS.

(i) Decisions.

None this month.

(ii) Applications.

# To make decisions on the following planning applications -

22/00738/CLE - Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use as a residential dwelling – 1 Cockpit Hill.

22/00477/FUL - Replacement of single-glazed chapel-style window with like for like double glazed window at rear of building – 10 Lead Lane.

22/00478/LBC - Replacement of single-glazed chapel-style window with like for like double glazed window at rear of building, this is not visible from the street – 10 Lead Lane

15. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

## Receipts -

HDC (Half-yearly Precept)	31,000.00
HDC (Rebate on Cemetery rates)	1,795.24
Wilson & Willoughby (Burial fees)	300.00
A Robinson Funeral Services (Ashes fee)	40.00
Payments –	
P Atkin (Salary – April as advised by Payroll provider)	383.79
P Atkin (Salary – May as advised by Payroll provider – incl backpay)	443.62
P Atkin (Expenses)	****
HMRC (PAYE – April – as advised by Payroll provider)	96.45
HMRC (PAYE – May – as advised by Payroll provider)	110.90
Mrs C Huang (4 hours street sweeping)	40.00
Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd (Annual Premium)	808.24
NYCC( 2 Posts for VAS Signs)	600.00
CE+CM Walker (April grasscutting)	1,576.80
NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges)	24.91*
* paid by Direct Debit	
Paid out of meeting-	
Brompton Community Primary School (Book tokens)	51.92
Bank Balances	
Current Ac't - £200.00	
Business Premium Ac't (i) - £65,260.72	
Business Premium Ac't (ii) - £13.20	

**RECOMMENDED - That the accounts listed above be approved for payment.** 

The Bank Reconciliation appears on the last page.

The Council has received a Council Tax rebate under the Small Business Rate Relief scheme from HDC in the sum of £1,795.24 for the payments made over the past 5 years for rates on the Cemetery.

Thanks are due to John Robinson for raising the question as to whether the Council should be paying the full Council Tax amount. It was then then discovered that the Council could claim back over 5 years so a claim was put in in.

16. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Including Notification of Road Closures + North Yorkshire Branch of 20's Plenty.

PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION - SW-34309-Brompton Lane/Station Rd, Brompton

The Closure will be in place for a period of 10 hours between 11th June 2022 and 12th June 2022 to allow for Network Rail improvement works (23:15-08:30 only) The Road Closure and any associated Diversion Routes can be viewed using this URL link https://one.network/?tm=128502162

North Yorkshire Branch of 20's Plenty

Meeting held Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

It was pointed out that 20's Plenty was not a movement aiming to achieve a blanket 20mph.

Parish Council could engage in helping and empowering their local politicians to do the right thing by enabling community voices to be heard.

Currentrity there are 600 campaigns involving thousands of volunteers with 26 million people in the UK ready living within 20mph zones.

20mph is global best practice under the Stockholm Declaration that mandates 30kph as the maximum speed limit. The UN includes 30kph as the norm for it's Decade of Action.

If it is of concern to County Councillors that achieving 20mph is too difficult then it would not be possible to change any climate change conditions.

In Yorshire 20mph has been implemented in Calderdale, York, Leeds, Sheffield (currently being implemented) and Bradford City Centre among others.

In urban areas where there is 30mph this doss not significantly reduced journey times.

The existence of 30mph endorses driving up to 30 mph.

30mph won't provide a duty of care to children or the elderly who are the most likely to make mistakes when out walking.

30mph is also not healthy, green or liveable.

70% say that 30 is not the right speed limit for residential streets and requests for 20mph limits has increase. This has been a consistent percentage of views in surveys taken since 2006.

Since the introduction of 20mph cycling to school has tripled in Edinburgh.

Speeds fall by 4 - 5mph for signed 20 schemes and compliance increases over time and sets the pace for others.

For every 1% speed reduction there will be a 6% reduction in casualties in urban areas.

All villages in Lancashire have 20mph and it is the norm in the North West.

20 leads to an 8% reeducation in emissions from Diesel engines.

The process is all about engagement with communities - eg Calderdales Love Our Streets campaign - about making the place where we all leave better places to live.

In Cheshire West and Cheshire casualties fell by 43%.

Police arguments that they can not afford to enforce 20 does not add up as Avon and Somerset Police issued 23,338 notices of intended prosecution in 2021 on 20mph streets.

Other Police forces need to consider how they can carry out the enforcement - not just say that they can't do.

North Yorkshire Police is working on an operational decision not to enforce 20mph - this needs to chance as other Forces can do it.

All 20mph zones have been completed without carrying out any physical works - ie without speed humps. Indeed speed humps merely encourage motorists to speed up when they have gone past them.

If 20mph is good for one North Yorkshire village then why isn't it good for all North Yorkshire villages?

By virtue of the new Highway Code to achieve this leads directly to lower speeds.

20 will be the default speed limit across Scotland by 2025.

The cost of implementation across North Yorkshire would be  $\pounds 2.4m$ , but this would be carried out in phases. The annual benefit would be  $\pounds 3.4m$  in terms of reduced casualties which is ongoing year on year unlike the initial costs which are a one-off.

Carrying out individual village schemes have no benefit to the majority of drivers as they are not the beneficiaries. This can be equated to the smoking ban - if it wasn't a blanket ban and say one shop or pub banned smoking smokers would just go and shop in another shop or drink in another pub - only a smoking blanket ban has been successful. Similarly one village having 20 does not really benefit many.

County Councillors set the speed limits - not the Police. The Polices job is to make sure the law is respected - ie compliance with the speed limit.

There is no difference in enforcing a 20mph limit as in enforcing a 30mph limit.

The North Yorkshire casualty rate is ten times higher than its murder rate.

Highway Authorities must take into account the needs to vulnerable road users and should not keep inventing reasons as to why they can't.

There needs to be an understanding of what the powers will be for the new County Council Area Committees.

20mph also needs to be included on the public health agenda. There needs to be a focus on evidence base from the public health perspective and not just the highways aspect with the need to embed a member of staff from Public Health into the teams dealing with the 20mph roll out.

People need to understand what the benefits are as the most successful implementations have all been driven by public health - making places safer and more pleasant to live in.

As regards 20 zones at schools only 20% of child casualties happen going to and from schools. Conditions don't suddenly get dangerous around schools rather than on the whole journey from home to school. Also conditions are such that motorists realise when there is a school by the activity outside the school on school days.

In addition having a 20mph speed limit at a school encourages drivers to go 50% faster as soon as they leave that limit.

Next meeting - Thursday 9th June at 7.30pm.

17. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

Due to Broadacres Housing not having a new grasscutting contractor until the middle of this month the Council asked CE+CM Walkers to cut Hilton Green; the cost was £40.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Use of Church Green.

Having consulted Councillors permission has been granted for Brompton Church to have a service on the Green on Sunday 29th May, to hold a table top sale on the Church Green and serve refreshments in the Church on the afternoon of Saturday 13th August 2022 and a service and bring your own picnic on Sunday 28th August.

(ii) Parking Enforcement Ticket – The Three Horse Shoes.

A resident received a parking enforcement ticket for parking on the cobbles outside The Three Horse Shoes. An appeal was unsuccessful as it is not permitted to park inside of double yellow lines. However the Council has written to Scarborough Borough Council the issuing Authority asking why only one parking enforcement ticket was issued when photographs clearly show three vehicles in a similar parking position. The owner of the vehicle concerned was not causing any visible obstruction to other motorists. A response is awaited.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Including date of next meeting – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022.

20. BURIAL MATTERS.

One interment of ashes has taken place in the past month; a burial has been arranged for the end of the month

Bank Reconciliation to 3rd May 2022 Income			
Income reported at last meeting		£0.00	
a) Receipts in the period:		20.00	
Memorial Fee	£50.00		
HDC Precept	£31,000.00		
Total income for the period	201,000.00	£31,050.00	
Revised 2022/23 income to 3rd May 2022		201,000.00	£31,050.00
Expenditure			
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£0.00	
b) Payments in the period:			
P.Atkin - Expenses	£51.37		
Mrs Huang - April	£40.00		
Mr S Brigginshaw - Wildflower Seeds	£52.99		
D.Langthorne - Fence Repair	£340.00		
Yorewaste	£37.37		
Mrs Huang - Sweeping Feb	£30.00		
Printroom - Newsletter & Twenty Plenty leaflet	£784.00		
M.Sheil-Dods - Reimbursement of flowers	£190.00		
YLCA -Subs	£618.00		
Brompton Methodist Church	£120.00		
Sam Turner & Sons	<u>£48.55</u>		
Total payments in the period		£2,312.28	
Revised 2022/23 Expenditure to 3rd May 2022			£2,312.28
c) Funds:		£28,737.72	
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)		£36,736.20	
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting		£65,473.92	
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting			
Represented by:		£200.00	
Balance of Barclays Community Account a/c		£65,260.72	
Balance of Barclays Business Premium a/c		<u>£13.20</u>	
Balance of Barclays Premium Savings a/c		£65,473.92	
Total Funds as at 3rd May 2022			
Unpresented Cheques			
NYCC Schools ICT - Microsoft licences	£50.37		
Brompton Carnival Insurance	<u>£288.00</u>		
		£338.37	