

## Monthly Update – July 2022

### 1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

An apology has been received from Councillor Smith due to family commitments.

Councillor Langthorne to declare an interest in cheque payments under Accounts.

### 2. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2022 AND 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022.

**To approve as a correct record the Minutes** of the meeting held on the 23rd June and of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

### 3. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

14<sup>th</sup> June to 12<sup>th</sup> July

Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	3 Reports
Total	3 reports
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	0 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	0 Reports
Criminal Damage	2 Reports
Theft (inc Theft from Shop)	0 Reports
Violence against the person	5 Reports
Other crimes inc Drugs	0 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Total	10 reports

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

(i) Zzoomm Equipment.

The Clerk has signed a Wayleave on behalf of the Council granting permission for Zzoomm to place electronic telecommunications apparatus at a location on the Green at Water End.

(ii) Safety Inspection of Play Equipment.

A full inspection of all of the Councils play equipment is to be carried out by Tyne and Wear Play Equipment Ltd on the 21<sup>st</sup> July.

(iii) Damaged Give Way Sign.

The damaged Give Way sign outside The Crown Inn is to be replaced by NY Highways.

(iv) Road Salt.

When the contractors left the new Bridge site last week they donated a quantity of road salt worth £100 to the Council.

(v) Barrier at the Entrance to the Bridge at North Moor Road.

Following concerns that at night fall and in wet or very sunny weather now that the tarmac surface had been laid on the road to the new bridge motorists could not easily see that there was a barrier across the road. County Councillor Watson arranged for some cones to be put in front of the barrier until something more permanent could be provided.

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July half of the metal barrier was down on the floor. No workmen were on site to resurrect it.

(vi) Christmas Tree.

A larger 12' Norway Spruce Christmas tree has been ordered from Sam Turners to go in front of the entrance to the Church this year.

(vii) Councillors Training.

The training session for Councillors in Northallerton Town Hall to be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July was cancelled as regards Brompton Councillors as it was discovered that the session being offered to NTC Councillors was a bespoke training session having regard to the difficulties that the Council had been through in recent years.

The Clerk is currently getting costings for alternative YLCA Councillors Training sessions for BTC Councillors.

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

To be reported to the meeting.

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

(i) Finance Group.

The Bank Mandate has eventually been received from Barclays Bank.

Although there were some inaccuracies the Bank had agreed that these could be altered in manuscript.

The Mandate will be returned to the Bank when Councillor O'Sullivan's ID has been authorised.

Receipts having been received from the BRG the outstanding grant will be paid at this month's Council meeting.

All Working Groups to advise the Finance Group no later than the 14<sup>th</sup> August of any requests for adjustments to their existing budgets for the remainder of the current financial year; the Finance Group to consider such requests at its August meeting for confirmation at the September Council meeting,

Having received a quotation of £461.65 per annum for the setting up of Councillors email addresses the Working Group has asked 'Mr Robinson to investigate implementing cost free

Councillors email addresses and to report to the Groups August meeting with the intention of being operative for the September Council meeting.

The cost of the 20's Plenty banners to be allocated to the Wildlife budget.

(ii) Middle Bridge.

To be reported to the meeting.

(iii) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

To be reported to the meeting.

(vi) NYCC Local Government Reorganisation Meeting - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

An update meeting by the Leaders of NYCC.

County Councillor Greg White, the County Councillor for the Kirbymoorside area has been given responsibility for Local Government Reorganisation and is responsible for liaising with Parish and Town Councils.

He stated that although there would be lots of opportunities in the future for Parish and Town Councils there would be no obligations on those Councils and nothing will change on the 1st of April 2023.

The Leader of the County Council pointed out that he wanted to do things with the local Councils not against them and wanted to operate on a locality basis with local offices in each area, a range of customer access points and Area Committees for the making of local decisions.

The Locality Work Stream which was being implemented wished to establish a positive working relationship with local Councils and to support them, particularly those that wanted to take on more services. A Working Group would be established over the Autumn to develop a Draft Parish Charter which will be forwarded to all local Councils for consultation ready for the vesting date of 1st April 2023.

Any devolution of services to Parishes would need to be on a solid business case and at a neutral cost to the Unitary Council.

In the Autumn expressions of interest would be invited from Parish and Town Councils and six Councils would be invited to work along with the Unitary Council to develop business cases. However there would be no transfer of any services to local Councils before April 2024.

It was planned to implement 25 to 30 Community Networks based on the market towns to bring together local partners to identify the needs of areas and how partners could work together. This would be supported by a paid Coordinator and a Senior Council Manager.

Customer access would remain exactly the same on the 1st of April 2023 and for some time thereafter, although there would be a new website and a single telephone number with the existing telephone numbers being redirected automatically. It was also planned to have customer access points in some community libraries.

A number of questions were raised in the meeting, based on the following.

There will be a consultation in the Autumn regarding Community Networks and their role and staffing.

Existing Local Plans would remain as the basis for decision-making which would in part be carried out by the six Area Constituency Committees.

With regard to engagement with the Area Constituency Committees the newly elected Members of the County Council would be the only voting members, although all Committees would be open to the public and the previous arrangement whereby Area Committees included Associate Members was not being taken forward due to the fact that such members did not have any voting powers.

The opportunity for the public of asking questions submitted some days prior to each Area Constituency Committee meeting would remain.

Discussions took place as regards the transfer of assets and the question as to whether the new Council could veto any transfers. It was pointed out that the assets and services were those of the Unitary Council and in any case requesting a transfer the Unitary Council would need to be assured that whoever wished to take over the asset had the ability and the capacity to take it on for the benefit of the whole community. It was still for each District Council to take a view on any requests for asset transfers, however it was noted that Hambleton District Council had already decided that it would be making no further decisions prior to 1st April 2023.

There would be no change in the arrangements for Parishes who fell within the two National Parks as the National Parks themselves were not affected by the Reorganisation and their relationship with Parish Councils in their areas would remain unchanged.

As regards Community Networks a "Lets Talk" consultation will take place in the Autumn covering the Market Towns and surrounding villages however this would vary considerably across the County due to its geographical make up and would in effect be what the local people saw as being their local areas.

The potential membership of Community Networks would be County Councillors, Town and Parish Councils, local community groups, other public sector practices, the NHS, Police and business groups. Such arrangements already exist in Selby and Richmondshire.

Locality Working Groups would very much be about what makes sense in North Yorkshire and would be a matter for the people to decide.

As regards the Code of Conduct to which local Councillors had signed up Councils could choose to remain with the Code of Conduct for their respective District Councils although they would also have the opportunity to sign up to the Unitary Councils Code of Conduct, however the whole system would operate as existing. There would be correspondence with the local Councils with regard to the adoption of a new code or whether they wish to stay with their existing code.

The quality of life issues, for example litter bins, dog fouling and anti-social behaviour would all become part of the new Unitary Council with all roles and responsibilities and assets coming under the new Council, as would the staff. It was planned that no one would see any change to the current services that they received.

Concerns were expressed as regards the Area Constituency Committees and the view was put that these would operate better as previously under the areas of the seven District Councils rather than on the areas of the Parliamentary Constituencies.

It was stressed that if local Councils and the public did not agree with the decisions made by the Area Committees then they could speak to their elected members, turn up at the meetings, submit petitions or write to the local newspaper. Not all of the Area Committees were controlled by the ruling Conservative Group

The Leader of the Conservative Group in answering a question stated that within his term of office and that of his predecessor, which both amounted to around 14 years, the Conservative group had never imposed the whip on his Councillors, although of course other political parties could do otherwise.

#### 9. PLANNING MATTERS.

##### (i) Decisions.

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

22/01262/CAT - Works to beech trees in a conservation area – The Cobbles, 6 The Granted

##### (ii) Applications.

#### **To submit comments on the following applications -**

22/01366/FUL - Siting of Roof Mounted Solar Panels to Rear of Dwellinghouse – 18 Church View

22/01443/FUL - Construction of agricultural building for the rearing of livestock – Lowfields Farm, Fullicar Lane

#### 9. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

##### Receipts –

Blenkirons Funeral Partners Ltd (Burial fees)	1,000.00
G & G Leisure Ltd (Rent of Church Green)	150.00

##### Payments –

P Atkin (Salary)	384.24
P Atkin (Expenses)	56.39
P Atkin (Reimbursement of EO agenda printing + fees)	173.80
HMRC (PAYE)	96.00
Mrs C Huang (4 hours street sweeping)	40.00
Brompton Recreation Association (Grant)	494.95
YLCA (Play Inspection Safety Course for Councillor)	25.00
CE + CM Walker (June grasscutting)	1,528.80

T P Jones and Co (Quarterly payroll)	59.40
Sam Turner and Sons (Cutting disks)	11.25
Mr and Mrs Norton (Reimbursement of burial fee)	300.00
Mr D Langthorne (Various works)	175.00
NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges)	24.91*

\* paid by Direct Debit

Paid out of meeting –

Mrs P Watt (Internal Audit fee)	160.00
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### Bank Balances

Current Ac't - £200.00

Business Premium Ac't (i) - £58,725.88

Business Premium Ac't (ii) - £13.20

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

See Monthly Bank Reconciliation on last page.

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

### New Bridge – Press Report

Northallerton councillors said they were disappointed but not surprised after a meeting of Hambleton District Council's planning committee this week heard a senior officer explain fresh "snagging issues" were holding up the opening of the North Northallerton bridge linking Stokesley Road with Darlington Road.

The update follows several setbacks for the scheme, which is designed to reduce tailbacks through the town largely caused by railway level crossings, following it gaining planning approval in 2015.

A report to a meeting of North Yorkshire County Council's transport scrutiny committee on July 11<sup>th</sup> said although the bridge and road surface had now been completed there are still items of outstanding work to complete, including creating two toucan crossings and necessary signage.

It states: "The county council is currently waiting for a programme of works with indicative dates from the developers. Once all the outstanding work is complete the road will be subject to a safety audit and any matters arising will be addressed before the road can be opened to traffic."

20's Plenty North Yorkshire Branch Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022

There were four new non-Conservative County Councillors online.

The question was raised regarding main roads within communities being restricted to 20 mph and it was pointed out that some arterial roads in London were 20 now.

Some areas now had 80% of their roads at 20 and Calderdale with 80% of its roads at 20 had seen to a reduction of 40% in casualties by including the main roads.

However it was suggested that Parishes should start their projects with 20 in the less controversial places but should not see exceptions as being a way to stop going forward.

20 zones encourages children to go out on their bikes.

It was noted that part of Sheffield had now been pedestrianised and this included a number of roads and had helped transform the whole area.

The aim of the campaign is to make 20 normal and consequently North Yorkshire County Council needed to devise a default level policy.

Surveys had resulted in only 10% of people wanting 30 mph in residential streets and the whole problem was worsened by the virtue of electric vehicles being impossible to hear when they approached.

70% surveyed said that 30 mph was not the correct speed for residential streets and requests for 20 default zones were increasing across the County.

The 2022 County Council elections had favoured those candidates with Green credentials.

People prefer safer streets and slow speed made the streets more pleasant and enabled roads to be shared between cyclists and motorists.

Removing carriageway centre lines reduces speeds by 1 to 2 mph.

For the benefit of the new County Councillors the presentation presented by the National organiser to the Branch in May was displayed.

It was felt that reducing speeds from 30 to 20 would have a bigger impact than had the seatbelt law.

It also took twice as much fuel to get from 20 mph to 30 mph than it did to get to 20.

The campaign was aiming to cover 80% of urban roads.

Physical traffic calming measures such as road humps only encouraged higher speeds elsewhere.

The Welsh Government had voted through the Senate by a significant majority to implement 20 mph nationwide in September 2023. Local Authorities would be able to set their exemptions to 20 mph for their areas by carrying out a safety assessment to prove that it was safe to travel above 20 mph for example in areas where there were safe crossing points, which was not necessarily the case throughout North Yorkshire. Surveys undertaken in Wales had received 80% support.

It was hoped that the North Yorkshire County Councils Transport Scrutiny Committee would take the matter forward and one member of that Committee was looking to commence trial areas within his Ward.

This would need to be seen as a first phase stepping stone to implementation rather than evolving into a series of small-scale trials. Cornwall had undertaken trials in a couple of significant locations.

There was a need to target County Councillors as it was considered that the Executive Members of the County Council appeared to be holding back.

The matter had last been considered by the County Councils Scrutiny Committee in 2021 and it was felt that there needed to be pressure put on resurrect the issue in the Scrutiny Committee.

It was also felt that some Clerks of Parish Councils were not putting the initiative before Councillors and that the campaign wasn't necessarily connecting with Parish Councils.

In answer to a question the view was expressed that in linear villages 20 could be imposed as soon as you get off the main road as in most cases the distance travelled from the main road to residents houses was comparatively short.

The view was expressed that the County Council officers appeared to be strongly against the campaign.

It was noted that the majority of candidates at the recent County Council elections had included speeding within their election material and therefore for those who had been elected who were not in favour of the 20's Plenty initiative questions needed to be asked of them as to why they had included this in their campaign material.

It was noted that within the Scarborough area only five Parish Councils had become engaged whereas in the other District Council areas the figure was 30 or more.

It was agreed that joint working with BRAKE should take place particularly in making presentations to companies such as Drax Power whose workers all drove to work as the presentations by BRAKE had been very successful in the past.

It was also felt that the matter should be placed on Area Constituency Committee agendas with representatives of 20's Plenty making presentations to those Committees.

The County Councillors present considered that the campaign had support of people from all Parties across the County.

There are currently 120 parishes involved in the campaign, the most recent being Settle Town Council.

## 12. GRASSCUTTING.

A Councillor has raised the necessity of grass cutting in hot, dry weather. The Council leaves this to the discretion of the grasscutting contractor.

An anonymous letter was received about the state of the grasscutting in the Cemetery. The Clerk carried a full inspection of the Cemetery and found nothing to be amiss.

## 13. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.



14. CORRESPONDENCE – Other than referred to elsewhere on the agenda.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Date of Next Meeting of the Council – Tuesday 20th September 2022.

(ii) Monthly Press Reports.

**RECOMMENDED – That monthly Press Reports be submitted by Councillor Briginshaw to the Darlington and Stockton Times.**

(iii) North Northallerton Development.

Northallerton Town Council is to urge the Leadership of the newly elected County Council to ensure that when the new Unitary Authority comes into being a priority is given to the completion of the Sports and Skills Villages at the North Northallerton Development without delay as NYCC has stated that all transitions on 1 April 2023 will be seamless. Brompton Town Council is **RECOMMENDED to also write to NYCC urging the completion of the new allotments site at the development as soon as possible.**

16. BURIAL MATTERS.

No new matters to report.

<b>Bank Reconciliation to 1st July 2022</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Income reported at last meeting		£32,680.81	
<b>a) Receipts in the period:</b>			
Burial Fees - Dales of Thirsk	£550.00		
Bank Interest	<u>£4.23</u>		
Total income for the period		<u>£554.23</u>	
Revised 2022/23 income to 1st July 2022			£33,235.04
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£7,949.24	
<b>b) Payments in the period:</b>			
Northallerton Mens Shed - Donation	£40.00		
RGPS 20's Plenty Signs	£108.00		
P Atkins - Salary	£384.04		
P Atkins - Expenses	£49.77		
HMRC	£96.20		
Mrs C Huang - Church Hall & Sweeping	£60.00		
Hillside Tree Surgeons	£1,900.00		
Mrs A Pratt - Return of Burial Fee	£300.00		
Mr D Langthorne - Removal of Brompton Sign	£120.00		
Yorewaste	<u>£24.91</u>		
Total payments in the period		<u>£3,082.92</u>	
Revised 2022/23 Expenditure to 1st July 2022			£11,032.16
<b>c) Funds:</b>			
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)		-£2,528.69	
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting		<u>£61,467.77</u>	
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting		£58,939.08	
<b>Represented by:</b>			
		£200.00	
<b>Balance of Barclays Community Account a/c</b>		£58,725.88	
<b>Balance of Barclays Business Premium a/c</b>		<u>£13.20</u>	
<b>Balance of Barclays Premium Savings a/c</b>		£58,939.08	
Total Funds as at 1st July 2022			