

Monthly Update – September 2022

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Apologies for absence have been received from Councillors R Carter, E Kelly and A Robinson.

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

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH JULY 2022.

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

3. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

7th August to 20th September

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	9 Reports
Other crimes inc Drugs	0 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	1 Reports
Total	15 reports

A father and son from Brompton have been fined £3,040 for failing to comply with statutory notices under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

In December 2020, Hambleton District Council's Environmental Health Service received complaints about the presence of rats in the Water End area of Brompton near Northallerton.

A build-up of rubbish identified at a house was found to be contributing to the problem and the two men living there were asked to clear the waste. After failing to remove the waste, Community Protection Notices were issued on 19 March 2021 to William and Oliver Wilson by the Environmental Health Officer. These notices were not complied with, and the Council was left with no option but to proceed to prosecute.

On the 1st August at York and Selby Magistrates Court, Magistrates found both defendants guilty. The Magistrate's further issued a court Remedial Order to both defendants, requiring the rubbish to be cleared from the garden within 28 days.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(i) Former Electricity Sub-Station Site.

Received from Northern Powergrid -

Northern Powergrid (NPg) would not be willing to sell the land as it may be required in the future.

However, NPg would be willing to allow you to occupy the land where the substation was sited for use as a car park area only (unmetalled) by virtue of a licence agreement. Please find attached plan of license area, if you choose to go ahead we would need to do a new plan as this is outdated. We would essentially offer the land on a garden licence for £150.00 per annum. If you choose to go ahead with this, you would also be liable to our fees which would amount up to £500.00 plus VAT.

RECOMMENDED – That the Council proceed on the basis outlined above.

(ii) Death of the Queen.

Following the death of Her Majesty the Queen the following day a Book of Condolence was provided for St Thomas's Church together with appropriate photo of the Queen etc and the Church was opened daily from 8.00am until dusk. Over fifty residents placed their messages in the book. The Council also laid flowers at The Lychgate as had been arranged with Church.

(i) Devolution Deal.

The City of York and North Yorkshire Councils have negotiated a proposed devolution deal between Central Government and Local Authorities for York and North Yorkshire.

The proposed devolution deal, if agreed by respective Councils and informed by public consultation, would deliver more local powers and decision making and more funding. As it stands today, the proposed deal is worth up to £750m in total to York & North Yorkshire and would see a regionally elected mayor champion our region and form a direct relationship with Government to secure future funding.

The planned 30 year devolution agreement for York and North Yorkshire would deliver funding for key policies and strategies, providing better roads and public transport, improving education and job opportunities, boosting the economy and placing the region at the forefront of the green energy sector to tackle climate change.

The planned agreement, with which the total funding agreed rises above £540million to York and North Yorkshire, has been provisionally agreed with the Government. It would see the introduction of a mayor for the region, elected by residents of, to lead a mayoral combined authority and forge close links with Ministers in the Government, as well as civil servants in Whitehall. Under terms of the proposed deal, the mayor will be supported by the transfer of key powers and investment from Whitehall.

Key features include:

- Control of a £540 million investment fund in total over 30 years to drive growth and take forward local priorities over the longer term, giving the mayor and local constituent councils more flexibility to decide how best to spend money on key local priorities.
- New powers to improve and better integrate local transport, including the ability to introduce bus franchising, and an integrated transport settlement starting in 2024/25.
- Powers to better improve local skills to ensure these meet the needs of the local economy. This will include devolution of Adult Education functions and the core Adult Education Budget and contribute to the Local Skills Improvement Plan.

- Over £13 million for the building of new homes on brownfield land across 2023/24 and 2024/25, subject to sufficient eligible projects for funding being identified.
- £7 million investment to enable York and North Yorkshire to drive green economic growth towards their ambitions to be a carbon negative region. This investment is subject to agreement of submitted business case.
- Powers to drive the regeneration of the area and to build more affordable, more beautiful homes, including compulsory purchase powers and the ability to establish Mayoral Development Corporations.
- The mayor will take on role and functions of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.
- Integration of the York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (Y&NY LEP) into York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority. This will ensure there continues to be a strong and independent local business voice which informs local decision making. This proposed devolution deal offers new and more targeted funding to strengthen the York and North Yorkshire economy and create new and better-paid jobs. It creates significant economic opportunity and provides a chance to both address our challenges and realise the potential of York and North Yorkshire. This will bolster business confidence and the potential for attracting further investment into the region. We also welcome the support it can provide to fulfilling York and North Yorkshire's ambition to become England's first carbon negative region.

Devolution investment can transform digital and transport connectivity to create new business opportunities and help build more affordable and greener homes that can reduce the cost of living. We are the first genuinely city region and rural powerhouse deal and I look forward to the opportunity of working with the Mayor and our local leaders to make York and North Yorkshire greener, fairer and stronger.

Local councillors will now review the proposed deal over the summer and collectively decide whether to proceed to a consultation with the public. This consultation could then take place in November and December this year if councillors give the go ahead at their respective executive and cabinet meetings in the autumn.

(ii) Overhanging Branches at the Rugby Club.

Branches from trees within the Rugby Club site were overhanging the pavement along Northallerton Road and the Club was asked to have them cut back.

(iii) Local EV Infrastructure Strategy.

The following response was received from the District Council following a question raised by a resident after the last Council meeting –

The installation of EVCP's to date has been implemented by the Districts and Borough's across North Yorkshire. HDC's plan is based on EVCP installations in our six largest communities, Bedale, Easingwold, Great Ayton, Northallerton, Stokesley and Thirsk which is being delivered currently.

NYCC has submitted supported by the Districts and Boroughs a bid for funding in relation Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure scheme, this is a central government initiative to provide funding to a small number of pilot schemes to install EVCP infrastructure in rural communities. This is for the most rural communities so not strictly aimed at Brompton.

There is a nationwide challenge to provide sufficient EVCP infrastructure, subject to regional variations approximately a third of property in the UK does not have off-street parking, its higher in urban centres and reduces in rural communities. This issue affects most communities in Hambleton.

Looking to the future, with the current Local Government Reorganisation process, we are very much in the transition phase from the eight current Council's to one Unitary Council on 1st April 2023. NYCC committed to go carbon neutral by 2030 and in their report to the executive earlier in July 2022 in their

Carbon Reduction and Climate Change Update they indicated that an EVCP Strategy was being produced for the end of July 2022. I envisage the NYCC plan will become the NYC plan as the LGR process progresses with NYCC/NYP very much taking the lead from now on in respect of new initiatives.

The NYCC strategy should give some guidance as to how NYCC/NYC will deliver EVCP infrastructure going forward for both residents who are in position of the resident who has contacted you and in the public realm. If they are keeping to schedule we should know more soon.

(iv) Donation of Rubber Blocks by Eric Wright Contractors.

The large black rubber blocks that were used for walk ways when the new bridge was being constructed have been donated by the bridge contractor to Brompton Council for use in constructing new footpath surfacing in the future. Councillor Langthorne arranged for them to be collected and stored.

(v) Uncut Hedge, Stokesley Road.

Concerns have been again expressed about the hedge on the approach to Hellikeld Corner which has still not been cut back. It is now so overgrown that pedestrians and runners have to go onto the road to get past which is dangerous due to the high volume of traffic. NY Highways have again been asked to take positive action with owner of the hedge to ensure that it is cut back.

(vi) Northallerton Sports Village.

Received from HDC –

As you are aware we have experienced major challenges in starting this project due to a delay in transfer of the new land to the north of Stone Cross but thankfully have now been able to make a start.

What is currently being developed in phase 1 of the sports village. This includes the enhancement and improvement of paths and trails on the Stone Cross site and bringing the new land into community use. The works on the new land include preparing the land for public access, the development of 18 x allotment plots, construction of a small car park, a 1 km fitness trail and a natural area north of the bridge to include a wetland area and edible fruit planting. Phase 1 is all about creating a place for informal recreation (walking, cycling, running and play), and improving the environment and increasing biodiversity, which was the basis for securing the £507k from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

Phase 2 will focus on 'formal' sport such as pitches/courts and it is our intention to undertake further consultation as to what this may or may not include, balanced with funding availability for formal sports facilities. At this stage we have not made any decisions and will be talking to local clubs and residents to determine what the local needs are in due course. This will be something that we will be considering once phase 1 is completed and when the new Council has come into being.

HDC has confirmed that whilst the CIL monies were due on the taking over of the land to date the take-over has not been completed but an agreement has been made with the landowners for the works to commence.

(vi) North Northallerton Development – Allotments.

Received from HDC –

The original conceptual master plan did show the possibility of two allotment sites (though both within the Northallerton area). One to the north of the bridge and one to the south, however when we received details of the bridge design, and due to the orientation of the site, the location to the north of the bridge is not suitable for allotments as there would be too much shade created by the bridge.

(vii) Dog Bin, Banks Road.

The new dog waste bin is now in position on Banks Road. Signs indicating the bin to dog walkers have been ordered.

(viii) Rats at the Allotments.

There has been an increasing problem with rats at the allotments. The Council is to ask a licensed company to provide advice to the allotments holder and "Do Not Feed The Animals" signs are to be erected again.

(ix) Brompton Churches Group – Service and Picnic.

Permission was granted for Brompton Churches Group to hold a service and picnic on Church Green on Sunday 28th August.

5. CHAIRMAN'S/VICE-CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS.

To be reported at the meeting.

6. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS.

(i) Finance Group.

The Finance Group first met on the 22nd of August.

The following changes to the budget had been received from the Working Groups -

A sum of £500 plus VAT and £150 per year for a license to take the former electricity substation site into the car park.

A sum of £500 from the Highways Group for bollards.

A sum of £150 from the Highways Group for 20's Plenty banners.

RECOMMENDED - That these be agreed.

A sum up to £2000 from the Joint Cycling/ Pedestrian Working Group with Northallerton Town Council in order that a survey report could be produced for submission to the new Unitary Council in 2023.

This is a separate agenda item.

The Finance Group asked that the representatives of the Pedestrian and Cycling Joint Working Group with Northallerton Town Council be asked to outline what the sum of up to £2,000 required for the preparation of a survey would entail and also if there were other companies other than Sustrans who could carry out this work. In this respect the Clerk advised that the Deputy Mayor of Northallerton Town Council had already copied him into an email that raised the issue of alternative providers other than Sustrans. The matter of whether the Council would agree to paying a sum of up to £2000 would be a matter of decision by the full Council meeting in September.

The Clerk to check with the grass cutting contractor how many cuts had been carried out during the hot July and August weather.

The Clerk to inform the Northallerton Town Council that it is intended to provide the new little bins for the new housing estate in the 2023/24 financial year rather than in the current year.

The Chairman to arrange for the sum of £1,200 due from the Allotment Group to be paid as soon as possible. **This payment has subsequently been received.**

The Clerk to ask the Methodist Church to submit an invoice for room hire as only one had been received in the current financial year.

Two tenders were received for tree works that could not be carried out by the current contractor and it was AGREED that the lowest of the tenders in the sum of £1,500 they accepted, this being from Treescape.

It was suggested that it **be RECOMMENDED to full Council in September that rather than installing bollards on the corner outside the Three Horse Shoes planters be installed there instead.**

As regards the grass cutting of verges the Clerk to inform NYCC of what grass cutting BTC carried out and ask why it was therefore unable to be paid the approximate sum of £167 a year for this work.

It was also suggested that a new Flood Group should be established since the Council still had £1,000 from the NY Locality Budget to spend on one of the leaky dams that required repair. In this connection the Clerk to contact Sue Butler to ascertain which contractors would be able to carry out these works.

It was also agreed that a sum of £250 be included in the budget for Councillors training.

At the appropriate time the Clerk to ask what the additional rateable value was for Brompton in view of the number of additional houses that would be occupied in the North Northallerton Development prior to the submission of the 2023 / 2024 Precept.

It was considered that in due course consideration should be given to the provision of play areas for the new housing estates. In this respect the Clerk advised that the communal play area for the Persimmon side of the development had been contained in the original Masterplan but had apparently at some stage being removed.

That the revised budget be taken to the September Council meeting for adoption. The revised budget to be circulated to all Councillors.

The next meeting of the Finance Group to be held on Monday 12th of September.

The Clerk to follow up the following cheques which had not been presented - Men's Shed donation £40, NYCC for Microsoft £50.37

The cheque made to Mr and Mrs Norton at the last Council meeting be cancelled as it had apparently been lost in the post.

An additional cheque be drawn at the September Council meeting in the sum of £200 for the Pratt family as the original purchase price of their fathers unused grave had been £500 and not £300.

The Finance Group also met on the 12th September.

VAS Signs - The installation costs of the two VAS signs by SWARCO, the manufacturer, in the sum of £175.00 was agreed.

Dog Bin Signs - The quotation for two dog bin signs for the new dog bin on Banks Road from RGPS in the sum of £108.00 was agreed.

Wildlife Area - The estimate received from Boston Seeds for plants for the Autumn sowing of the wildlife area in the sum of £152.00 was agreed.

Works to Trees and Hedges in the Cemetery – **RECOMMENDED - That the quotations received from Hillside Tree Surgeons for tree and hedge works in the Cemetery in the sum of £2,190.00 be agreed, however Hillside Tree Surgeons be asked to resubmit the quotation to reduce the trees on the eastern boundary by half to an estimate for reducing the height of the trees in line with the last cut.**

The Budget heading for "Greens Wildlife Area" be amended to "Water End Wildlife Area"

A quotation from RGPS for two “Do Not feed the Animals” signs for the allotments be requested.

If not received beforehand a question be asked at the next Council meeting as to why no CIL monies have yet been received since the land transfer to HDC has now taken place. **SEE ABOVE – This is not yet the case.**

Noted that an email had been reviewed from PKF Littlejohns, the External Auditors, to which a response had been drafted in reply.

(iii) Middle Bridge.

The following notice has been erected at the bridge –

REMOVAL OF MIDDLE BRIDGE AT WATER END

Once alerted to the decline of the bridge the Town Council closed it in December 2020 pending an inspection by a structural engineer who reported that 70% of the bridge was rotten and it was hoped a new bridge could be put in its place.

Working with the Environment Agency and structural engineers it became obvious that any new bridge would need to be widened and raised to comply with 1:100 years flood prevention policies and accessibility law.

The costs of a new bridge would be around £60,000 and the new design to meet regulations would not fit in with the village scene due to its extended size.

As a new bridge was not possible, the structural engineer was asked to look again at the old bridge to see if a repair could be made. The presence of high levels of lead in the paint work was then revealed.

The specialised paint removal company and the engineer then agreed that once the paint was shot blasted or acid dipped there would not be enough good steel left to use as a fixing point for the new steel.

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

Please address any comments to – bromptonpc@aol.com

+ if necessary a separate Zoom meeting will be held with villagers on a date to be arranged.

(iv) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

No meeting held.

(vi) Pedestrian/Cycleway Joint NTC/BTC Working Group.

The Joint Working Group with NTC met on the 19th August when it was decided –

To concentrate on the North side of Northallerton (including Brompton)

To create a map of what we want - “this is our plan”

To ask Romanby P CI if they wish to come on board

Work up a case to submit to the new North Yorkshire Council in May 2023.

Consult for the public's views including on-line survey, web sites, BTC (and possibly Romanby P CI) Newsletters, + possible event in the Town Hall

Enquire of Sustrans with regard to survey etc for report to go to the new NY Council

Both Councils to ask their Finance Group to allocate £2,000 towards Sustrans costs

If Romanby come on board then they would also be asked to contribute towards costs

Initial plans be looked at at the next meeting - to be held on Friday 14th October 2022 at 3.00pm in the Town Hall.

(v) School Governors Meeting 21st July 2022.

Councillor Hazelwood attended the School Governor's meeting held on the 21st July.

It was agreed Option A, which has been circulated to all Councillors, was the preferred design, however, there were a few points raised.

Written confirmation of the decision is awaited.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Decisions.

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

22/01943/CAT – Works to a Tree in the Conservation Area – Sunnyside, Water End – Granted

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

21/02226/REM - Application for approval of all reserved matters (considering access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) to previously approved application 15/01083/HYB - this is associated with the construction of 62 residential dwellings for Taylor Wimpey and Persimmon Homes - Taylor Wimpey And Persimmon Homes Phase 3 Land To The East Of Darlington Road, West Of Stokesley Road, South Of North Moor Road Northallerton North Yorkshire – Granted

(ii) Applications.

The views of the Council are required in respect of the following planning applications

22/02020/FUL - Retrospective application for the Change of use of garden room to hair salon – Ashdene, Stokesley Road

22/02169/FUL - Conversion of existing Garage to form a Dining Area and Store - 12 Carmelite Close.

22/01992/FUL - Application to construct fencing next to a highway - 20 Brickside Way

22/02168/OUT - Outline application with some matters reserved for 4 no dwellings and associated works - OS Field 7722 Lead Lane

8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

Brompton Allotments Group (Annual Rents)	1,200.00
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J Barthrams Funeral Directors (Burial Fee)	420.00
<u>Payments –</u>	
P Atkin (July Salary)	384.24
HMRC (July PAYE)	96.00
CE + CM Walker (August grasscutting)	1,528.80
P Atkin (September Salary)	384.24
HMRC (August PAYE)	96.00
Mrs C Huang (12.5 hours street sweeping + clearing weeds)	125.00
P Atkin (Two months Expenses including flowers for late Queen etc)	\$\$\$\$
NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges - August)	24.91*
NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges - September)	37.37*
Hillside Tree Surgeons (Felling and cutting back ash trees)	900.00
Sam Turner and Sons (Barrier Fence Pin Kit)	30.59
J Robinson (Financial advice – 6 months)	612.50
T P Jones +Co LLP (Payroll provider – 3 months)	59.40
J T Atkinson (Bitumin Tarmac)	115.94
Mr and Mrs Norton (Reimbursement of burial fee – Lost Cheque replacement)	300.00
A Pratt (Balance of Reimbursement of burial plot fee due to cremation)	200.00
D Langthorne (Collection of rubber blocks and tarmacing at Cemetery car park)	113.00
* paid by Direct Debit	
Paid out of meeting –	
CE + CM Walker (July grasscutting)	1,528.80
Tyne &Wear Play Ltd (Annual Play Equipment Inspection)	300.00
Colin Wilson (Works at Middle Bridge)	300.00
D Langthorne (Various works)	380.00
<u>Bank Balances</u>	
Current Ac't - £200.00	
Business Premium Ac't (i) - £54,984.06	
Business Premium Ac't (ii) - £13.20	

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

The Monthly Bank Reconciliation is at the last page of this Monthly Update.

9. REVISED 2022/23 BUDGET.

BUDGET EXPENDITURE 2022/23

	Budget	Spend to date	Revised
	£	£	Sep-22
			£
Salary/HMRC	6500	1995.24	6000
Admin- Expenses, Misc,audit fees,printing, payroll services,web site,newsletter	3500	1853.94	4000
Grasscutting	12000	6163.2	11000
Hedge Cutting	400	0	400
Dog Bins*	500	0	500
Sweeping	0	305.5	600
Allotments	1200	180	1600
Insurance	1200	1636.24	1600
Green/Wildlife Area*	1500	337.41	1000
Cemetery Works	4000	600	4000
Room Hire	400	120	400
Recreation Ground*	1000	300	1500
Defib	400	0	400
Tree Works	7500	1900	5500
Donations	1000	494.95	600
Trade Refuse Bin	300	112.1	300
Highways	0	51.92	1000
Village Caretaking- building materials, hire charges	5500	1264	4900
Flood Prevention	2500	0	1000
Projects - Cockpit Hill	11000	0	0
Project - VAS Signs	0	600	10500
Transfer to Reserve	5900	0	11700
Total Budget	66300	17309.72	68500

BUDGET INCOME 2022/23

	Budget	Income to date	Revised
	£	£	#####
Precept	62000	31000	62000
Bank Interest	0	4.23	0
VAT Refund	1000	1290.81	2500
Grants	0	0	0
Burial Fees	1500	1890	2000
Memorials	200	50	100
Wayleaves	400	348.55	400
Allotment Rates	1200	0	1200
CIL Monies	0	0	0
Village Caretaking	0	150	100
Total Income	66300	34733.6	####

10. TO CONSIDER A FUNDING CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS A SURVEY FOR THE JOINT PEDESTRIAN/ CYCLING STRATEGY.

Report of the Deputy Mayor of Northallerton Town Council –

Walking and Cycling in Northallerton Working Group

Update Report

In March 2022 Councillors received and approved a report highlighting the need for significant investment in walking and cycling infrastructure throughout Northallerton. The following statement was included in the report:

‘Given the lack of priorities for pedestrians and cyclists, increasing vehicle flows and the recent pedestrian/cycle fatalities on the main routes into the town centre, it is the Town Council’s view that action is needed now to identify and implement measures which improve access for all vulnerable road users.’

The Town Council agreed that engagement should take place with key stakeholders to jointly develop a pedestrian and cycle strategy for Northallerton (including Brompton and Romanby), focussed on the delivery of the necessary infrastructure. This is also enshrined in the Council’s approved Strategic Plan with a vision to provide ‘a network of safe and dedicated pedestrian and cycle routes for those wishing to access the town centre.’

A Pedestrian and Cycle Working Group has been convened and an initial meeting took place on the 19th August 2022, which included Councillors representing both Northallerton and Brompton Town Councils. The key decisions of the meeting are summarised below:

- The need to ensure, if possible, that the main corridors throughout the town are included.
- In the short term, due to the ongoing development of the NNDA and associated infrastructure opportunities, the focus should be on connections between Brompton and Northallerton town centre.
- It was agreed that there would be real benefit in Romanby Parish Council being actively involved in the process, as the issues are Northallerton wide and working together would demonstrate unity.
- The ultimate goal, in the short term, should be the development of a plan/map of the town demonstrating what we believe is required - "this is our plan".
- Work up a case to submit to the new North Yorkshire Council by May 2023.
- Consult with the public to canvass their views, which could include on-line surveys, web sites, Parish Council newsletters and a possible consultation event in the Town Hall.

In addition, it was agreed that there may be some tangible benefits in appointing external specialist pedestrian/cycle experts to provide advice and support. It was considered that this could have the following benefits:

- To help confirm the key routes within the town, that are likely to have the greatest potential to attract pedestrian/cycle usage.
- To identify constraints/limitations along the key routes and, importantly, identify infrastructure improvements.
- To offer examples of good practice from elsewhere in the UK, and their potential benefits.
- To provide the necessary support to develop high quality plans to be able to effectively consult with local residents.
- To provide advice on funding opportunities.

Importantly, the use of specialist consultants would demonstrate to stakeholders, particularly the new North Yorkshire Council, that the proposals are credible and warrant serious consideration and support. If strong support from residents can also be obtained through the consultation exercise, this would clearly provide greater impetus.

Obtaining the specialist advice is likely to require some level of funding. **It is therefore requested that each Council be asked to allocate a maximum of £2,000 towards a study – if required. This would be an appropriate use of CIL money, based on the District Council's criteria.**

11. NATIONAL LOTTERY GRANT FOR ADULT OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT – To Consider Setting up a Working Party.

The Council has been awarded the sum, of £10,000 for the provision of adult gym equipment in the Recreation Ground. This was a vision of the Council from Barry Martins time as Chairman but previous applications for such funding in the past had been unsuccessful. Romanby Parish Council having received £10,000 for the same purpose recently lead to the submission of an application to the National Lottery on the last day for receipt of applications in July with the application replicating that which had been submitted by Romanby Parish Council.

The Council has 12 months in which to move this matter to completion and **therefore it would be helpful for a Working Group to assist in taking the matter forward.**

12. ANNUAL PLAY INSPECTION REPORT.

The Annual Play Equipment Inspection was undertaken by Tyne & Wear Play Ltd on the 22nd July.

The following issues were identified –

In brief at Water End a playground sign is required; there is the hazard of dogs and risk assessment needs to be undertaken with regard to open water.

As regards the climbing frame there is insufficient safety surfacing and due to its age consideration should be given to its replacement.

Safety surfacing repairs are required in respect of the swings and there is an issue of the distance between the seat edge and the support being less than permitted.

A comment is made with regard to the bearings but these have recently been replaced.

There is a recommendation that play equipment is at the end of life after 15 years - the play equipment at Water End will be over 50 years old.

There is also a comment that the manufacturer details are unknown but after such a length of time the Council is not aware of who manufactured either pieces of equipment.

At the Recreation Ground the signs require updating; there is vegetation to be cut back from the gate; the bin is not fixed down and the seats and picnic table require work,

The grasscrete safety surfacing under the climbing frame needs renewing and the climbing frame needs to be cleaned and repainted.

The rocket is all okay.

As at Water End re the swings the distance between the seat edge and the support is less than permitted. The safety surfacing has shrunk and is lifting and repairs are required. The chain wear and linkage wear also needs to be monitored. The seats are also hung to low.

Again the bearings have been recently replaced.

Safety surfacing around the seesaw also requires repair.

The rocking horse requires attention to the foot rests and hand rests and it needs to be cleaned and repainted. It was not possible to inspect the spring due to it being covered by a rubber sleeve,

As regards the basket swing the seat is hung too low and the chains etc need to be monitored for wear. There is also algae present on the crossbar which needs to be cleaned off and the overhanging tree needs to be cut back.

Surfacing repairs are required for the roundabout.

The basketball post is the only HIGH risk assessment and immediate repairs or removal are required and the item should be taken out of operation until this is done. In addition the ply backing board is rotten.

There are several comments in the report that some of the play equipment has reached the end of its operating life.

Since the inspection the basketball post has been removed.

Decision required as to how to move forward on this matter.

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

PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION - SW-36051- The Green, Brompton

The Closure will be in place for a period of 5 days between 24th October 2022 and 28th October 2022 to allow for fibre installation works on behalf of Zzoomm PLC

The Road Closure and any associated Diversion Routes can be viewed using this URL link <https://one.network/?tm=130825375>

PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION - SW-35586-Long Lane, Brompton

The Closure will be in place for a period of 7 hours between 8th October 2022 and 9th October 2022 to allow for annual level crossing testing, works on behalf of Network Rail (23:40-06:00)

The Road Closure and any associated Diversion Routes can be viewed using this URL link <https://one.network/?tm=130324580>

North Yorkshire Branch of 20's Plenty held on 8th September 2022.

All County Councillors had been invited to attend the on line however only one Conservative County Councillor was online and was supportive of 20's Plenty, being from the Selby area.

A small group has been set up in Helmsley which has carried out a survey of views in areas outside of the centre of Helmsley and also following a market day initiative a petition of 500 signatures has been obtained in support of 20's Plenty to present to Helmsley Town Council.

It was considered that a Press Release on this initiative would be worthwhile since very little had appeared in the Press about 20's Plenty since the May elections.

The National 20's Plenty Campaign Conference is to be held next month and the North Yorkshire Branch will be represented. Unfortunately the new NYCC Executive Member with the Transport Portfolio has stated that he did not think it was beneficial for either County Councillors or officers to attend the National Conference in view of the conference fee of £95 which he could not justify. This was considered to be a missed opportunity for networking with those from other Authorities who had adopted 20 mph speed limits.

The County Councillor present remarked that whilst 20's Plenty was on the agenda for the County Council Area Committees the Councils Executive were not in favour due to costs and the fact that the Police were unwilling to carry out enforcement. It was suggested that Parishes needed to start lobbying the County Council and their representatives more vigorously.

It was also suggested that it was the Town Councils who needed to come on board as it was obvious that in the future the new Unitary Council would have much more regard to Town Councils than it would to Parishes. In fact with this in mind some Councils were changing from being Parish Councils to being Town Councils.

Within the Hambleton area it was disappointing that apart from Northallerton Town Council, Bedale Town Council, Easingwold Town Council and Stokesley Town Council had not considered the matter. This could be, as with other Councils, by virtue of the fact that the respective Clerks have not referred 20's Plenty to their Councillors to consider at the Council Meetings and it was agreed that the local branch should therefore contact Chairpersons as well as Clerks. Pickering Town Council was another one that needed to be chased up.

Malton and Norton Town Councils had established a speed watch group and have carried out two sessions, the first where they had found six motorists exceeding 30 mph speed limit and the second where they had found 22 motorists exceeding the speed limit which equated to 20% of all vehicles.

The County Councils Transport Portfolio holder had held a meeting with the local and national campaigners from which the outcome was positive in that he stated that he was not looking at whether to implement 20mph zones do it but how to do it.

It was pointed out that the current Political make up of the County Council contained a substantial group of opposition Councillors and in particular the Conservatives did not have control in the Selby area where the Labour chairperson was very much in favour of 20's Plenty

Bellerby Parish Council, who were represented at the meeting, had received data log figures which had indicated that at the southern end of the village 50% of motorists were driving over the 30 mph speed limit with 20% of those driving at prosecutable levels

The 20's Plenty campaign has been established for exactly a year and 126 Parishes are signed up to the campaign which represents over 100,000 population.

The County Councils Leader has stated that he is not in favour of 20's Plenty as this would cost £12 million, which in fact would be more than four times what any of the schemes that have been carried out in the Country has cost. His estimate was of £20 per head of population when the actual figure is nearer to £4.

The focus of the 2020 Campaign nationally is now on the rural areas.

Since this meeting Ian Conlan the groups organiser has stood down for personal reasons. A meeting is being held on 25th September to ascertain if there is anyone who will take this task on.

VAS Signs.

The two VAS signs are to be installed by the manufacturer on the 7th October. A number of Councillors have indicated that they will meet on site with manufacturer to undertake a short training session.

14. TO CONSIDER WHETHER INITIAL STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO PREPARE A CASE FOR THE RE-PROFILING OF BROMPTON BECK.

The EA representative met on site with the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Briginshaw and the Clerk on the 15th September and confirmed that costs of re-modelling the beck could be similar to other becks that have been re-modelled in other Parishes – ie a cost of between £1.2m to £1.8m.

However he was of the view that the most effective way of preventing future flooding would be to remodel the beck throughout its length at Water End.

Since then the EA has sent the following -

The best next steps is to submit a pre-application to this inbox so I can send the proposal to the different consultees who will be able to advise what is required and if they will allow the works.

For the pre-application I will need:

- Site plan (including NGR)
- Brief description of the method of works
- Timing
- Length of bank planning to work on

Once I receive the details I can get it submitted to the teams.

A decision is required as to whether the Council wish to commence this procedure by initially finding out the requirements by submitting the above basic information to the EA.

The EA representative also suggested that initial discussions with Coxon Brothers Ltd of Exelby who carry out much of the EAs work would be useful – **Decision required as to whether the Council should contact Coxons at this stage.**

15. GRASSCUTTING.

16. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

(i) Notice put up around the village -

Management Plan for the Beck on Water End

Following a comprehensive meeting with Mark Lillie from the Environment Agency on Thursday 15th September the following a Management Plan has been decided for Water End Green.

***Road Bridge** : vegetation immediately in front of the bridge –mainly willow herb- is to be removed by hand from the silted banks and the banks either side for at least 4m and kept to a low level of vegetation to reduce impeding high water flow.

*The silt will **not** be removed as it is not deemed a cost effective procedure (it naturally deposits again immediately after a high water flow) and is environmentally destructive.

*Instead- It is hopeful the EA will fund re-digging and contouring of the bypass drainage channel which has become flattened but has been highly effective in diverting excess flood water past the road bridge and preventing properties flooding during very high flow levels.

*Vegetation overgrowth between the road bridge and middle bridge to be kept low on the Village Green West side to not impede any water flow into the drainage channel (which will be re-conformed). Excessive willow herb to be hand removed.

*Willow herb to be cut- not flailed- **after flowering before it goes to seed**. Cut vegetation to be removed from site to prevent falling into the beck. This will allow other species to flourish.

*Bank areas in front of the middle bridge and the ford will be kept to a low level of vegetation for visibility.

*Long strips of banks side will be marked out to retain areas **not** for maintenance strimming to provide habitat and shelter for wildlife, birds and mammals along this stretch.

*The areas north of the ford and south of the road bridge will continue with the existing management regime.

*Future long term management of the flow and profile of the beck and grant funding availability is being explored but we welcome any new people to join the Flood Management Group.

*Any queries or comments regarding the above are to be directed to Brompton Town Council and Not to contractors or Councillors. Our contact details are bromptonpc@aol.com Tel 01609 777745

(ii) Received from a resident –

Please could the sides of the beck be trimmed asap. Last year I complained that it is dangerous to have the sides of the beck so long, as when my grandson visits he runs quite quickly and cannot see that the water is there.(He is now 2 and a half}. We run after him to keep him safe but it is an accident waiting to happen for any toddler or young child. Health and safety should be the priority of every Town Council. Now we are in the school holidays there will be lots of young children playing on the green and it needs to be safe for them. I would like this brought up at the next meeting that the beck sides are trimmed reasonably regularly so children can see where the beck sides are so I don't have to keep repeating myself year after year. Perhaps it could in a published programme showing when the work is going to be done and that happens at certain times of the year. Again with the bush near the bridge which is another health and safety issue. When you cross the ford towards the bridge in a car it obscures your view of oncoming traffic and could cause an accident. Again this needs to be in a programme of works as it needs cutting down at reasonable intervals. This needs to be cut back asap. Can I also ask when the wildlife area will be cut next, wasn't it in July last year? Again for health and safety reasons you can't see if there are any holes in the ground and this is dangerous for the elderly population especially who could fall.

Response sent after consulting all Councillors.

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

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Including (i) Date of Next Meeting of the Council –

RECOMMENDED - That the forthcoming meetings of the Council be held on Tuesday 25th October, Tuesday 15th November and Tuesday 13th December 2022.

(ii) Hilton Green Enhancement.

To consider producing a flyer to deliver to residents of Hilton Green, Close and Square.

DEAR RESIDENTS

Brompton Town Council has been identifying areas of Brompton village that may require enhancement in environmental, amenity and wildlife and as a priority we propose to enhance Hilton Green greenspace with consultation and input from local residents.

We propose several starter ideas but require YOUR input as to what YOU would like on your Green.

A plan of ideas will be available to view on a noticeboard on Hilton Green from \$\$\$\$\$\$ with contact details to feedback your ideas with a view to holding a public chat on the Green imminently to move things forward.

Volunteers will be required to help put any plans into action!

We hope to tap into an available grant from Broadacres and use multiple volunteer sources ranging from volunteer Brompton Town Councillors, Northallerton Men's Shed and above all RESIDENTS!!

The initial plan of ideas to 'kickstart' discussion involves:

* bulb planting, 3 small trees around the perimeter to provide-interest, shade and food and habitat for birds and include an apple tree.

* sturdy, simple arc shaped wooden benches for children/residents to gather on

* sturdy simple 'net less' child friendly football/multi sport goals at either end of the Green

*picnic benches

We have requested additional litter bins from Hambleton District Council.

We hope that with the additional proposed enhancements, grass cutting issues in the past will be automatically resolved.

IDEAS WELCOME! Get involved!! Contact bromptonpc@aol.com or 07943142355 if you would like to be involved or have some ideas we can all share at the next meeting \$\$\$\$\$\$ 'meeting on the green' \$\$\$\$\$\$

Decision required as to whether the Council intends to proceed with this initiative.

(iii) Councillor Training.

Received from the YLCA –

Off to a Flying Start for Councillors Part 1 Webinar Session
Thursday, 6 October - 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Cost: £33.40 or £16.70 with small council bursary

The session is specifically aimed at new councillors or councillors that have done training previously but want to refresh their knowledge. We will look at a wide range of issues covering the roles, responsibilities and duties of the Council, a Councillor, the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

Only book this session if you are booking Part 2.

Registration

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEucOmorT8pG93dBgSKclbN7sHkQHvxMbR3>

Off to a Flying Start for Councillors Part 2 Webinar Session

Tuesday, 11 October - 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Cost: £33.40 or £16.70 with small council bursary

The continuation of this course.

Only book onto this session if you are also booking on the Part 1 session.

To date only one Councillor has come forward for this training – any others interested?

(iv) Matters Raised by Residents of the North Northallerton Development - Persimmons/ Taylor Wimpey Phase 2.

Residents from the west side of the NND development who pay their Council Tax to Brompton Council have asked what they are getting for their money and have suggested that in due course BTC could provide them with -

A Recreation Park, A Cemetery, A Dog Waking Field, Grasscutting, Hedges, Allotments, Sweeping and Bins.

A complaint was also received that BTC Councillors had not been round to introduce themselves to new residents. Another complaint was received that they had not received the Councils Annual Newsletter, however they had moved in after March 2022 when the Newsletter had been delivered to that estate.

19. BURIAL MATTERS.

(i) 2022 National Cemetery of the Year Competition.

Below is a breakdown of the scores for the 2022 National Cemetery of the Year competition.

BTC scored as follows in the 59 categories -

28 categories above the national average - in some cases significantly above.

9 categories equalled the national average.

3 categories were within one point of the national average.

Of the remaining 19 categories BTC scored zero in 12 categories which it is not possible to improve on as these were such as - Are umbrellas provided for burials; Are toilets on site Has BTC its own gravediggers; Is there a separate childrens section; Is there mains water etc

The overall result this year was very pleasing.

(ii) Cemetery Headstone Inspection – 15th August 2022

The Clerk carried out a full safety inspection of the headstones and memorials in the Cemetery on the 15th August reported as follows -

Plot A - One headstone loose on plinth but not urgent as is only a half headstone and isn't going to fall on anyone.

Plot B - All Ok.

Plot C - One headstone loose in ground and needs backfilling with concrete.

Plot D - All Ok

Plot E - 4 headstones loose on plinth - Monitor

Plot F - 4 headstones loose on plinth - Monitor

+ one headstone very loose on plinth - needs repair.

Plot G - 3 headstones loose on plinth - Monitor

Plot H - One headstone loose on plinth - Monitor

One headstone loose in ground - needs backfilling with concrete.

So overall nothing major to worry about and much better than previous years.

(iii) Cemetery Visit 23rd August 2022.

Councillors made their annual visit to the Cemetery on the 23rd August and discussed the following -

Trees on east side to be taken down to the height of the hedge line to the south of the shed.

Tree at the top corner of Plot A to be taken out.

Trees on path direct east from main gate to be trimmed back and cut away from graves.

Elderberry growing with tree adjacent to path along side Plot B to be removed.

Consideration be give in due course to turning paths to grass.

Grave spaces be utilised along the north edge of Plot B where the path was intended to go in when the Cemetery opened.

Burial plots be utilised along the north edge of Plot E from where the original ashes plots cease.

Self seeded bush next to the water tank be removed.

Soil wastage be left in a pile on the vacant space west of Plot H to be removed periodically instead of being piled up under the hedges.

The tree immediately in from the double gate be inspected.

The depression at the edge of the car park be filled with tarmac.

The missing guttering on the front of the shed be replaced.

(v) Kerbed Graves.

Weeding has taken place of over 30 kerbed graves in older part of the Cemetery and the grasscutting contractors have been asked to spray weedkiller on these graves.

Bank Reconciliation to 2nd September 2022			
Income			
Income reported at last meeting		£33,235.04	
a) Receipts in the period:			
Burial Fees - Blank	£1,000.00		
Northern Powergrid - Wayleave	£348.55		
Village Green Rent	<u>£150.00</u>		
Total income for the period		<u>£1,498.55</u>	
Revised 2022/23 income to 2nd Sept 2022			£34,733.59
Expenditure			
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£11,032.16	
b) Payments in the period:			
Brompton CP - Book Tokens	£51.92		
CE & CM Walker - Gasscutting May	£1,528.80		
YLCA - Playground Course P Atkin	£25.00		
Mrs P Watt - Internal Audit	£160.00		
P. Atkin - Salary	£384.24		
P. Atkin - Expenses	£56.39		
P. Atkin - Printing/Court Fees	£173.80		
Mrs C Huang - Sweeping	£40.00		
HMRC	£96.00		
Brompton Rec Grant - Grant	£494.95		
TP Jones - Payroll Services	£59.40		
CE & CM Walker	£1,528.80		
D. Langthorne - Various	£175.00		
Sam Turner & Sons	£11.25		
Yorwaste	£24.91		
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YLCA - Playground Course - J Hazelwood	£25.00		
D. Langthorne - Works at Middle Bridge	<u>£380.00</u>		
Total payments in the period		<u>£5,240.37</u>	
Revised 2022/23 Expenditure to 2nd Sept 2022			£16,272.53
c) Funds:			
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)		-£3,741.82	
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting		<u>£58,939.08</u>	
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting		£55,197.26	
Represented by:			
Balance of Barclays Community Account a/c		£200.00	
Balance of Barclays Business Premium a/c		£54,984.06	
Balance of Barclays Premium Savings a/c		<u>£13.20</u>	
Total Funds as at 2nd Sept 2022		£55,197.26	