

**Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in the Methodist Church, Brompton on Tuesday 19th July 2022**

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

There were 5 members of the public present at the meeting including County Councillor Stephen Watson and District Councillor Mrs Isobel Sanderson.

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

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

Councillor Langthorne declared 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.

AGREED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd June 2022 and of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 12th July 2022 having been previously circulated be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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) Zoomm Equipment.

It was reported that the Clerk had signed a Wayleave on behalf of the Council granting permission for Zoomm 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 was 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 was to be replaced by NY Highways.

- (iv) Road Salt.

It was reported that when the contractors left the new Bridge site in the previous week they had donated a quantity of road salt worth £100 to the Council which was stored at the Cemetery.

- (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. Consequently on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July the NY Highways Engineer had fastened the barrier back up.

A Councillor pointed out that the bollards needed to be bigger or alternatively the area need to be lit. In response County Councillor Watson asked how far could you go as it was a question of whether a person shouldn't be driving if they couldn't see the barrier.

- (vi) Christmas Tree.

A larger 12' Norway Spruce Christmas tree had 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 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 issues that the Council had been through in recent years that had required help from the YLCA.

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

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

None 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 14th 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.

The Chairman stressed the need for the Working Groups to put their budget requests in by the 14<sup>th</sup> August. It was also pointed out that the Highways Group owed the Wildlife Group some monies.

(ii) Middle Bridge.

Councillor Langthorne reported that the contractor had been to the site today and had arranged for the removal of the sandstone from each end of the bridge to be undertaken on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> of July after which the handrails could be designed. The Environment Agency would then need to be contacted in order to remove the monitor but were aware of the situation as they had issued a permit for the removal of the bridge. The Chairman thanked Councillor Langthorne for having been on site for two hours on the day of the current meeting.

The Chairman also mentioned the suggestion put forward by Councillor Hazelwood that it would be appropriate for the Council to look into the channelling of the beck in order to minimise future flooding risks.

(iii) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

It was reported that the Highways Working Group had not met during the past month but had been busy putting together a full report for submission to the County Council with regard to the 20's Plenty initiative and this was currently in the process of being edited. Historic information going back to 2013 had been received from the Headteacher of the school together with all relevant correspondence which would be included in the submission.

The Chairman informed County Councillor Watson who was present at the meeting that the Council would be looking to him for his support as regards the 20's Plenty situation. It was also noted that the Welsh Government had recently passed legislation for 20 mph in urban areas to be implemented from September 2023.

As regards the 20's Plenty banners the matter had been referred to the Planning Authority and it was likely that the banner planned for Lead Lane would probably not proceed. It was also noted that there needed to be a slight reduction in the size of the banners in order to comply with planning Regulations. As regards costs this was a matter that the Highways Group could include in its budget request to the Finance Group in August with the submission of quotations for the banners.

The reason for not proceeding with a banner at the bottom of Lead Lane was due to the proliferation of other signs at that location.

The other matter which was being progressed by the Highways Group related to the traffic situation on Bow Bridge. The Group had written to the County Council requesting carriageway markings to restrict the passage of two vehicles at the same time and making the carriageway at that point single carriageway.

It was also noted that two toucan crossings were to be put in place on North Moor Road. County Councillor Watson stated that both the Police and Fire Brigade needed to come and make a site inspection to ensure that the sites of the crossings were suitable for them. It was also assumed that the funding for the crossings would be through Taylor Wimpey.

In answer to a question County Councillor Watson reported that there was still no date for the opening of the bridge and in answer to a further question reported that the CIL monies were in the District Councils bank account.

As regards the car park at Cockpit Hill Councillor Langthorne reported that he had inspected the car park on the morning of the current meeting and had drawn up a sketch of his proposals. He had met a person who was inspecting the beck who had expressed concerns that if children played in the beck in the school holidays they could suffer from blood poisoning. It was therefore AGREED - That the Clerk try to ascertain who the person that Councillor Langthorne had spoken to represented and obtain what advice can be given to treat anyone who became infected.

It was thought that due to the recent very dry weather it had been noticed that there was a chemical in the beck which had laid dormant for the past 20 to 30 years.

Councillor Langthorne reported that it was the intention to remove all the elderberry and Hawthorne bushes from the beck side and to erect post and rail fencing as there were currently gaps in the fencing which children could get through. It was also intended to tidy up the former electricity substation site. In this respect Councillor Carter had spoken to Tim Brewis of Dalcour McLaren (Northern Powergrid's agent), who knew about the electricity sub-station but said that it was low on their list of priorities; he would however try and have another look at it; Councillor Carter has sent Mr Brewis photos of the site. Councillor Carter suggested that in view of this lack of interest by Dalcour McLaren that so long as nothing beneath the surface was disturbed then work should be undertaken to incorporate that area into the car park.

Councillor Hazelwood asked as to what the situation was with regard to vehicle electricity charging points as these could be incorporated in the car park. In reply Councillor Sanderson stated that Councils needed it have powers to install electricity vehicle charging points and that Hambleton District Council was committed to installing these in the market towns. This however led to the problem that the first people who plugged into the charging points were inclined to leave their vehicles there all night and there was no way of rotating the charging between residents. The view was expressed that many villages would have no chance of getting electric charging points for residents vehicles. It was also pointed out that the work for the car park needed to be completed before the School reopened in September.

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

See Monthly Update.

## 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 Green - Granted

(ii) Applications.

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

The applicant who was present at the meeting outlined his intentions with regard to planning application 22/01366/FUL. The Chairman reported that she had been approached by residents near to the application site who had asked her to look into the matter.

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

AGREED – That both applications be deferred to enable Councillors to hold site meetings and the Clerk inform the Planning Authority accordingly.

9. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

Blenkiron's 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

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

The Monthly Bank Reconciliation was circulated with Monthly Update..

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 routes 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 had raised the issue of grasscutting during the dry weather and it was agreed that such decisions as to whether to carry out a cut or not should be left to the grass cutting contractor. The Chairman reiterated that if any Councillors had any concerns with regard to any of the Councils contracts then they must take them up with the Clerk so that he could forward them on to the contractors and obtain a response. The Clerk explained the content of the current grass cutting

contract and it was AGREED - That this matter be placed on the agenda for the February 2023 meeting so that all Councillors had the opportunity to review the matter. It was also AGREED - That for that meeting the Clerk obtain the alternative costs of the contractor undertaking grass cutting within the Parish on both a two weekly basis and a three weekly basis.

It was also reported that there was currently no padlock on the gate access to the Recreation Ground and this had disappeared since the last grass cut. The Clerk undertook to contact the grass cutting contractor to ascertain if they had mistakenly kept the padlock.

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

### 13. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

It was mentioned that a lot of people were enjoying the wildlife area and the cornflowers were doing well.

It was also pointed out that Ellerbeck had a wonderful display and Councillor Brigginshaw said that it was her intention to carry out some wildlife area works on Hilton Green.

At 7:50 pm the meeting was opened to the public for the asking of questions.

1. County Councillor Watson reported that the Local Government Reorganisation was progressing and that matters would be taken through the Area Committees with from day one services being exactly as they were at the present time. He added that the Hambleton area seemed to get the best service overall; however with quite a high turnover of staff at the moment there needed to be a degree of patience when submitting requests from the local Councils.

2. County Councillor Watson said that he needed to ask the new Councillor for more information about the issues regarding the new estate. The Chairman mentioned the issue of future bus services connecting the estates, the town and Brompton and County Councillor Watson reported that County Councillor Dickinson was currently looking at bus connectivity to the new estates. The Chairman also reported that Northallerton Town Council and Brompton Council had agreed to work together with regard to the future implementation of cycle and pedestrian routes.

It was suggested that there needed to be a circular bus route that would include Brompton, Northallerton and Romanby with buses every 20 to 30 minutes instead of the current period of every two hours.

As regards the Sports Village County Council Watson reported that there was an outline of the plan on the County Councils website.

3. Councillor Mrs Sanderson said she was pleased to see that the Council had held an extra meeting in order to deal with the planning application in respect of land at The Workshop so that residents could attend and put their views. The Chairman reported that the Planning Authority had been informed how many residents had attended the meeting, adding that it had also been decided that for the future if a planning application was not on the agenda then it would have to be deferred to the next Council meeting for consideration. Councillor Sanderson said that this was common sense although the Council hadn't done anything illegal with regard to the initial consideration of The Workshop planning application.

4. Mrs Slater stated that what she had said at the last meeting hadn't been meant as a threat, however the BRG Committee felt that the Council was using delaying tactics. In response the Chairman reported that all Councillors had seen a draft of a letter that she intended to send to the BRG and when agreed this would be sent to Mrs Slater.

### 14. CORRESPONDENCE.



There was no correspondence reported other than referred to elsewhere on the agenda.

## 15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### (i) Date of Next Meeting.

AGREED – That the next meeting of the Council be held in The Methodist Church at 7.00pm on Tuesday 20th September 2022.

### (ii) Monthly Press Reports.

AGREED – That monthly Press Reports be submitted by Councillor Brigginsshaw to the Darlington and Stockton Times.

### (iii) North Northallerton Development.

It was reported that Northallerton Town Council had agreed to urge the Leadership of the newly elected County Council to ensure that when the new Unitary Authority came into being a priority was 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 would be seamless and it was AGREED – That Brompton Town Council also write to NYCC urging the completion of the new allotments site at the development as soon as possible and to enquire about what arrangements were being made for bus services since as had been agreed as part of the infrastructure for the North Northallerton Development, including bus shelters, in view of the fact that the Section 106 Agreement for the development had included the sum of £50,000 per annum over a period of five years for bus services.

### (iv) Hedge Cutting.

Councillor Carter once again raised the issue of the overgrown hedge just south of North Moore Road and the question was asked as to whether the overgrown hedge on Stokesley Road had yet been cut

### (v) Brompton Sign.

Councillor Langthorne asked as to where the Brompton sign was to be located in the future.

It was also agreed that it would be appropriate to erect two Brompton signs and to ask Taylor Wimpey if they would fund one of them.

### (vi) The Water Splash.

It was reported that a wagon had recently got stuck at the Ford due to the fact that it had grounded.

It was suggested that this was an issue that could be considered when looking at the planning application for Lowfields Farm, Fullicar Lane.

### (vi) Weavers Pavilion.

Councillors remarked on how good the recent paint work looked on the veranda at Weavers Pavilion which had made a vast improvement.

### (vii) Village Walk Round.

AGREED - That the Clerk email all Councillors as regards date for a village walk round and for a separate visit to the Cemetery.

## 16. BURIAL MATTERS.

It was also pointed out that the soil mound in the hedge-back at the Cemetery had built up to quite some height and it was therefore AGREED - That Councillor Langthorne make arrangements for the soil to be taken away with a JCB.

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm.