

Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in the Methodist Church, Brompton on Wednesday 28th September 2022

PRESENT – Councillors Mrs S Brigginsshaw, Mr M Langthorne, Mrs M Shiel Dods (in the Chair), Mr S O’Sullivan and Mrs R Smith.

There were 9 members of the public present at the meeting including County Councillor Stephen Watson and District Councillor Mrs Isobel Sanderson.

At the commencement of the meeting a one minute silence was observed in memory of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Carter, J Hazelwood, E Kelly and A Robinson.

Councillor Langthorne declared an interest in cheque payments under Accounts.

2. MINUTES.

AGREED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th July 2022 having been previously circulated be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

Received for the period 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

It was also reported that 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. Full details are contained in the Monthly Update.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

- (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 Please find attached plan of license area, if you choose to go ahead we would need to do a new plan as this is outdated.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.

AGREED – 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.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for putting in hand all the arrangements necessary to properly respect the period of mourning following the death of the Queen on the 8th September 2022.

(i) Devolution Deal.

Full details are contained in the Monthly Update.

(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 had been 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 had been donated by the bridge contractor, Eric Wrights to Brompton Council for use in constructing new footpath surfacing in the future. Councillor Langthorne had arranged for them to be collected and stored.

(v) Uncut Hedge, Stokesley Road.

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

It was reported that the new dog waste bin was now in position on Banks Road. Signs indicating the bin to dog walkers had been ordered.

(viii) Rats at the Allotments.

There had been an increasing problem with rats at the allotments. The Council was 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 had been 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.

It was reported that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had visited Wallace Fabrications to sort out the arrangements for the removal of the bridge and the manufacture of barriers, together with discussions with the Health and Safety Executive. The Vice-Chairman added that this procedure would take some time as all such manufacturers were extremely busy at the present time.

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.

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 had 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.

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

Councillor O’Sullivan commented that the Finance Group had carried out a full review of the Councils budget adding that the Councils finances were in a healthy position and that the anticipated level of contingency funding was in line to be achieved.

AGREED – That the recommendations of the Finance Group be accepted.

(iii) Middle Bridge.

A notice had been erected at the bridge and on the notice boards explaining the details for the removal of the bridge. A copy of the notice appears in the Monthly Update.

(iv) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

The Chairman expressed disappointment that the Highways/Road Safety Group had still not met since the 13th June, although some background work had been proceeded with by individual members of the Group.

AGREED – That the Highways Group be asked to consider placing planters on the end parking space on the corner of the junction outside The Three Horse Shoes instead of bollards.

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

The Joint Working Group with NTC had met on the 19th August when it had been 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 had attended the School Governor’s meeting held on the 21st July.

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

Written confirmation of the decision was awaited. This has still not been received therefore Councillor Briginshaw undertook to follow this up with the School.

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

A Councillor asked if in granting this application there was now no future bargaining position with the developer over other matters that had been included in the S106 Agreement. County Councillor Watson explained that there was no leverage as the trigger point regarding the number of properties had been reached.

(ii) Applications.

22/02020/FUL - Retrospective application for the Change of use of garden room to hair salon – Ashdene, Stokesley Road – No objections subject to the views to the Highway Authority.

22/02169/FUL - Conversion of existing Garage to form a Dining Area and Store - 12 Carmelite Close – No objections.

22/01992/FUL - Application to construct fencing next to a highway - 20 Brickside Way – No objections.

22/02168/OUT - Outline application with some matters reserved for 4.no dwellings and associated works - OS Field 7722 Lead Lane AGREED – That the Planning Authority be recommended to refuse this application for the following reasons –

- (i) The development is within the Conservation Area and the Green Corridor in the Local Plan.
- (ii) The development is at the narrowest part of Lead Lane along which there is no footpath. As the development is at a considerable height above Lead Lane there is no possibility of installing a footpath. Pedestrians have to step onto residents verges when vehicles try to pass along Lead Lane.
- (iii) Lead Lane is heavily used by large agricultural tractors and trailers and other HGVs. Regardless of the 7.5ton weight restriction on Lead Lane HGV movements are permitted if they are local traffic and as such there are substantial regular large vehicle movements along Lead Lane to and from local farms.
- (iv) Any such development in open countryside would alter the whole aspect of Brompton village.
- (v) There is no proven need for such additional properties.
- (vi) Parking would be an issue as with only two parking spaces per dwelling there would not be anywhere for other vehicles to park such as visitors or carers as parking along Lead Lane would not be appropriate due to the narrow width of the carriageway and also blocking accesses to other properties opposite.
- (vii) The development would put at risk the overhead 3 phase electricity power cable running
- (viii) along the edge of the proposed development.

8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

Brompton Allotments Group (Annual Rents)	1,200.00
Hambleton District Council (Half-Yearly Precept)	31,000.00

Payments –

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)	109.18
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

Bank Balances

Current Ac't - £200.00
Business Premium Ac't (i) - £54,984.06

Business Premium Ac't (ii) - £13.20

AGREED - 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	#####

The Clerk reported that he would at the end of the month be submitting a claim to HMRC for reimbursement of VAT for the past six months in an approximate sum of £1,400.00 to £1,500.00.

AGREED – That the revised budget be accepted.

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

A report by the Deputy Mayor of Northallerton Town Council requesting a funding contribution to a maximum of £2,000.00 to enable a Sustrans survey report to be carried out had been circulated prior to the meeting.

AGREED – That in the absence of any of the Members of the Working Group from the meeting this item be deferred for consideration at the October Council meeting.

11. NATIONAL LOTTERY GRANT FOR ADULT OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT.

It was reported that the Council had 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.

Councillor Hazelwood had submitted some useful views as to how this matter should be implemented which had been circulated to Councillors. As an NTC Councillor the Clerk had sought the views of that Council on their adult outdoor gym equipment and had learnt that there had been some issues with manufacturers and that the equipment in the Applegarth was not well used, most probably due to its location.

It was suggested that a Working Group be set up and that it be asked to look at the adult gym equipment in Broomfield Park and at Knayton.

The Council had 12 months in which to move this matter to completion and it was AGREED – That in order to take this matter forward a Working Group be established consisting of Councillors Hazelwood and Kelly together with the Clerk.

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.

AGREED – That the same Working Group as above consisting of Councillors Hazelwood and Kelly together with the Clerk look into how the play areas can be improved.

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.

The report of the last meeting of the Group appears in the Monthly Update.

VAS Signs.

The two VAS signs are to be installed by the manufacturer on the 7th October. A number of Councillors had indicated that they would 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 had met on site with the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Briggishaw and the Clerk on the 15th September and had confirmed that costs of re-modelling the beck could be similar to other becks that had 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 re-model 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.

AGREED - That subject to the Clerk obtaining information from the Environment Agency confirming that no costs will fall on the Council by virtue of the EA providing the Council with the necessary information the procedure be commenced by initially finding out the requirements by submitting the above initial information to the EA.

The EA representative had also suggested that initial discussions with Coxon Brothers Ltd of Exelby who carry out much of the EAs work would be useful. AGREED - That the Clerk ask Coxon Brothers Ltd if they would be willing to carry out a free consultation.

15. GRASSCUTTING.

No items were raised under this agenda item.

16. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

(i) It was reported that a Notice had been put up around the village concerning the Management Plan for the Beck on Water End. A copy of the Notice appears in the Monthly Update.

Two weeks ago volunteers had carried out some tasks a the wildlife area and volunteer days were to held on Saturdays the 8th and 15th October for turf stripping, seed sowing and dock digging. Notices were to be put up shortly.

(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.

A response had been sent after consulting all Councillors.

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

At 7.50pm the meeting was opened to the public for the asking of questions.

- (i) County Councillor Watson outlined the current position regarding the new bridge stating that having spoken to the Managing Director of the developers he had been informed that the bridge had been signed off but this had not been confirmed in writing and until that happened the bridge could not open. As a result due to potential liability aspects NY Highways was unable to open the bridge to pedestrians. Councillor Watson did however foresee the bridge opening this side of Christmas. In answer to a question Councillor Watson said that the opening of the bridge was not reliant on the crossing points going in.

The issue of flooding at the entrance to Portland Street was also raised which was an on-going matter and had been for a considerable time.

- (ii) Councillor Watson stated that on the other side (the western side) of the bridge the transfer to NYCC had been completed with new school scheduled to be opened in September 2023 rather than September 2024 as previously programmed. A Councillor expressed the view that it would not be possible to build a new school in such a short time-scale.

The Chairman asked what the position was as regards the Travel Plan monies of £500,000 as contained in the Section 106 Agreement and Councillor Watson pointed out that monies would come across when the whole project had been signed off.

A Councillor also pointed out that there were still outstanding issues from the Section 106 Agreement on the Thurston Park estate to be dealt with including the trees that had died off.

(iii) Councillor Sanderson referred to the matter of the uncut hedge on Stokesley Road and said that it belonged to her and that she was disappointed that a telephone call had not been made to her about the matter as if this had happened she would have arranged for David Savill to have cut it back. In response the Clerk pointed out that this was the third time that the matter had appeared in the Minutes. He added that NY Highways had said on two occasions that they had contacted the owner about cutting the hedge and as this had not been done it was thought that perhaps the hedge did not belong to Councillor Sanderson but to someone else. Councillor Sanderson stated that NY Highways had made no contact with her about the hedge. Now that it was known that the hedge belonged to Councillor Sanderson then in future if there was an issue the Council would contact her direct.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- (i) Date of Next Meeting.

AGREED - That the forthcoming meetings of the Council be held on in the Methodist Church at 7.00pm on Tuesday 25th October, Tuesday 15th November and Tuesday 13th December 2022.

- (ii) Road Markings at Bowe Bridge.

Councillor Brigginsshaw referred to matters that she had reported through the NYCC Parish Portal a system that the Council had been encouraged to use over the past year or so. The issue of the road markings at the bridge and at the school had also been taken up by the Headteacher as they were very badly faded. County Councillor Watson undertook to look into the matter and the Chairman informed him that Brompton Council could help with the funding of the work. Councillor Watson also commented that he could perhaps fund the work from his NYCC Locality Budget and suggested that the Clerk also raise the matter of the potential dangers directly with NY Highways.

- (iii) Hilton Green Enhancement.

Councillor Brigginsshaw outlined her intention to carry out an information gathering exercise about improving the environment around the Hilton Green estates.

AGREED - That a flyer to deliver to residents of Hilton Green, Close and Square and Fernwood Close explaining that Brompton Town Council has been identifying areas of Brompton village that may require enhancement in environmental, amenity and wildlife and as a priority it was proposed to enhance Hilton Green greenspace with consultation and input from local residents if residents were supportive of the initiative.

A copy of the draft flyer appears in the Monthly Update.

(iv) 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

Off to a Flying Start for Councillors Part 2 Webinar Session
Tuesday, 11 October - 6.30pm to 8.30pm

To date only one Councillor had come forward for this training.

AGREED – That – (i) the Clerk enrol Councillor Brigginsshaw with the YLCA for these two training sessions, and (ii) the Clerk give consideration to providing some in-house training for Councillors.

(v) 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 had asked what they are getting for their money and had suggested that in due course BTC could provide them with -

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

As regards the Allotments the Chairman pointed out that there were two allotment sites allocated in the NND Masterplan and said that she had spoken to Councillor Sanderson about this. Councillor Sanderson who was present at the meeting responded that she only knew of one proposed allotment site at the NND Development which would hopefully come to fruition but would make a note of Chairmans comments.

Councillor Smith asked if at budget time the Council could give consideration to providing benches, notice boards etc for the Thurston Park estate. The Chairman stated that bins had already been agreed for that estate for 2023/24. There was also a need for a defibrillator for the estate and the Clerk undertook to bring details back to the next meeting on this.

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.

(v) Brompton Signs.

AGREED – That Councillors give consideration as to the siting of the new “Brompton” signs and to the incorporation of additional wording and such as planters and flowers.

(vi) Cobbled Area at Foot of Cockpit Hill.

A meeting was to be held with Snowballs contractors at the overgrown cobbled area at the foot of Cockpit Hill on the following Tuesday to discuss the tarmacing of the area and removing one car parking space and inserting two bollards so that there was a clear location at which to cross the road. Four contractors had been approached but only Snowballs had responded. An up to date quote had also been received from the manufacturers as regards the price of the bollards. At the same time Snowballs would have a look at the car park as regards the costs of resurfacing. Fencing contractors had also been requested to submit quotes for extending the line of the fencing.

(vii) New Housing at Danes Crest.

AGREED – That the Clerk ascertain from the developers Agents if it is known how many children will be moving into the new houses and if there is any information as to how many families have cars and if so how many.

19. BURIAL MATTERS.

(i) 2022 National Cemetery of the Year Competition.

Full details of the Councils scores in the 2022 National Competition are contained in the Monthly Update; the overall result this year being 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 -

One headstone loose on plinth but not urgent as is only a half headstone and isn't going to fall on anyone. One headstone loose in ground and needed backfilling with concrete. 12 headstones loose on plinth – to be monitored. One headstone very loose on plinth requiring repair. One headstone loose in ground – needing to be backfilled with concrete.

Overall there was nothing major of concern and the situation was much better than in previous years due to regular maintenance work having been carried out over recent 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 to the shed be replaced.

(viii) 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.

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm