

Monthly Update – October 2022

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Apologies for absence have been received from Councillors J Hazelwood, Mrs R Smith and Mrs A Robinson (all holiday commitments).

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

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH SEPTEMBER 2022.

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th September 2022.

3. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

Monthly Report not received to date.

Police response to a question raised at the recent meeting of Northallerton Town Council regarding local Policing levels –

“The NPT currently has 3 PC’s and 4 PCSO’s dedicated to Northallerton and villages. They work shifts and this normally works as one PC on shift and 1/2pcsos at a time. There are also NPT’s for Thirsk/Easingwold, Bedale and Stokesley

On top of that the response teams who cover Hambleton have a minimum strength of 4 - I would ordinarily expect 2 of them to be in Northallerton. There are times when staffing is above this...but of late we have been on minimum a lot.

I would always expect that if there is an arrest then 2 people transport them to Harrogate. This at times means the area would be low on numbers

What normally happens is then officers will be moved around to cover the demand...ie if there was an incident then they would be pulled from Catterick/Richmond/Thirsk/Stokesley.

There are times when due to incidents elsewhere there will be no officers directly left in the town but officers would be moved from other areas

I would absolutely say that there are a minimum 3 hours round trip to custody with the booking in involved.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- (i) Book of Condolence.

The Book of Condolence from St Thomas’s Church will be deposited in the County Archives.

- (ii) VAS Signs.

The two VAS signs at Station Road and De Bruce Road were installed on the 7th October. Councillors Carter and Langthorne together with the Clerk have been instructed as to how to move the signs when necessary and how to adjust the speed indicator.

- (iii) 20mph Speed Limit.

The Councils case for a 20mph speed limit has been sent to County Councillors Stephen Watson and Keane Duncan (the portfolio holder for Highways and Transportation) and to NYCC Highways with a

request that this be implemented before the coming into being of the new Unitary Authority on the 1st April 2023.

At its meeting last week the County Councils Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee voted 9 - 2 for a phase one roll out of default 20mph.

This covers a population of 100,000 which means that representatives of 200,000 residents in North Yorkshire (a third of the County) have now asked for a 20mph default policy through their Town and Parish Councils.

The Head of Network Strategy for NYCC has said that he will speak to other Local Authorities where 20mph has been enacted.

County Councillor Watson has been asked to place the BTCs request for 20mph to be placed on the agenda for the meeting of the Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee on the 23rd November.

(iv) Church Wall.

Parts of the Church Wall are showing signs of deterioration. Structural & Civil Consultants Ltd of South Parade have been asked to carry out a full survey of the wall.

(v) Hedge along Stokesley Road.

The overgrown hedge along Stokesley Road on the approach to Hellikeld corner was cut back immediately after the last Council meeting.

(vi) Pedestrian/Cycling Joint Working Group.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor of NTC have met at County Hall with the Head of Transport Planning and based on that meeting monies may not be required for consultancy fees as more work has been done than was envisaged.

It has also been confirmed that Romanby PC are willing to join in with joint initiative.

(vii) Allotments Rat Infestation.

A HDC Pest Control Officer has visited Brompton allotments and reported that there may have been rats due to there recently being a manure heap nearby which the rats would have been nesting in, now that is no longer there and has been spread there is nowhere else the rats could be nesting. There are compost bins located at the allotments, but the officer didn't find any rats in them, he did emphasise for these to continue to be checked as these can sometimes be where rats will nest.

With the location of the allotments, it is believed that rats may continue to be an issue. If the allotment owners wish to set up a contract for a treatment plan in the future this is something that can be facilitated through the Pest control team.

(viii) Letter received from the BRG.

Dear Chairperson and Councillor's,

Thank you for your letter dated 22nd July 2022, please note that we did not disregard the contents, in fact we reviewed your letter many times.

The Committee and Trustees are disappointed regarding the length of time taken to respond considering it goes back to October 2020.

We entered into the previous meetings with open minds and spent many hours discussing the issues until the outcome that 'no lease had been broken' and indeed this was accepted and agreed by all present!

The Town Councillors and the independent Chairman were happy with the outcome of the meetings. Unfortunately, it took from January 2022 until July 2022 for us to receive a letter which did not address any concerns which were discussed.

We would recommend for future reference that if you receive clarification from the YLCA on whatever further issues you have, then please contact us directly and we will look at it again.

Yours sincerely

Barbara Slater

On behalf of Brompton Recreation Group and Trustees

16th October 2022

Letter from the Chairman of the Council dated 22nd July 2022 as referred to above for information

Re Lease with Brompton Recreation Group.

At the June Council meeting I promised that the above Group would receive a letter stating the Council's stance on the lease between the Brompton Recreation Group and Brompton Town Council (BTC).

You are aware that over the last few years BTC have had concerns over the running of the site and even when you were the Chairman of the Council you raised concerns regarding the BRG.

The Council took legal advice from the YLCA regarding its concerns and sent them copies of both the lease agreement between Hambleton District Council and the Council and the one between the BTC/BRA.

The Council did not seek legal advice to overturn the lease but to clearly understand the lease so we could engage in a dialogue with the BRG and therefore contacted the BRG with those concerns and you in turn sought your own legal advice.

This led to both sides agreeing to enter discussions regarding the site with the help of a mediator. These discussions resulted in an agreement that both sides wanted the same thing - ie to provide a facility which is inclusive to the village as a whole.

The Council would like to continue with these discussions and have gone back to the YLCA to ask for clarification on some of the issues that have come out of these meetings

Until the YLCA respond I can confirm that the Council is happy to support the terms of the existing lease.

As the Council will be breaking up for the Summer holidays I would like to ask if the BRA could agree that we set a date for September/October for another meeting to continue the positive relationship that the BTC and BRG have started.

- (ix) New Development off Danes Crest.

In response to the questions raised at last months Council meeting Broadacres Housing has responded as follows –

Unfortunately, we are unable to advise at this early stage how many residents will be of school age and how many will own cars as we will not allocate the affordable properties until near completion and advertise the sale units until then either.

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

6. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS –

(i) Finance Group.

The Finance Group met on Tuesday 18th October.

As regards a survey of the Church wall in view of its deteriorating state it is **RECOMMENDED - that Civic & Structural Consultants Ltd carry out a full survey of the wall on the following basis -**

1. Inspection, including measured survey, with defects identified on chainages (Engineer and Technician required onsite to measure up).
2. Report.
3. Sketches plus Repair Schedule.

At the following rates:

Structural Engineer (MIStructE) £80/hr
Technician £35/hr

Inspection £500
Report £500
Repair Schedule £400

VAT would be charged at normal rates on all invoices.

Also **RECOMMENDED - that NYCC be asked to install an additional column for the VAS sign at a suitable location opposite the Rugby Club so that the sign can on occasions point in the opposite direction at a cost of £500+ VAT.**

With regard to the recent grasscutting at the Wildlife area that has resulted in damage it is **RECOMMENDED - That CE+CM Walkers be asked for a contribution of £100 towards seeds and bulbs for re-planting.**

The Clerk to carry out further enquires as regards unpresented cheques.

(ii) Middle Bridge.

To be reported to the meeting.

(iii) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

No meeting of the Group has been held.

Councillor Brigginshaw has stepped down from the Group due to other commitments.

A Councillor to be appointed to the Group.

(v) Play Equipment/Adult Outdoor Gym Equipment.

No meeting held to date.

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

The Deputy Mayor of NTC will arrange the next meeting, which will be at some time after this months Council meeting.

(vii) YLCA Hambleton Branch Meeting

The YLCA Hambleton Branch meeting was held on the 19th October at Bedale Hall.

A very poorly attended Branch meeting at Bedale Hall; there only being Parish representatives from Northallerton, Brompton, Bedale and two from East Cowton, together with the officer from Leeds present there were only six persons out of a total of 77 Parish/Town Councils - over 600 Councillors and Clerks.

Neither the Chairman or Vice-Chairman were present therefore the Mayor of Northallerton Chaired the meeting. County Councillor Annabel Wilkinson who had been invited to attend to speak on the new North Yorkshire Council also did not attend and has been invited to attend to speak on LGR as it relates to small Parish Councils at the next meeting in February.

The YLCA has looked into the issue raised by myself at its last meeting with regard to providing play inspection training to Parish Councils and has found that having contacted a play inspection company and RoSPA the cost would be too high as both of these would only permit attendance by a maximum of 12 people. Consequently the YLCA is working with Streetscape to provide a possible three sessions in Spring 2023 at sites which already include accessible play equipment, most probably being Bedale play field and the Applegarth Northallerton.

The Vice-Chairman was appointed to serve on an LGR or Steering Group however to date this has not met and no papers have been received for the meeting scheduled for next week. Parish and town councils have been invited to attend webinars on the 28th and 30th of November however no further information is available to date.

NYCC has still not provided a draft Charter between the principal authority and parishes.

Separate Clerk and Councillors Discussion Forums are held by the YLCA on a monthly basis and it is planned to hold for a trial period a Chairpersons Discussion Forum. Whilst the Councillors Discussion Forums tend to have a good attendance averaging over 20 Councillors the Clerks Discussion Forum numbers have fallen right down to one or two and it is hoped to boost the sessions by introducing specific topics for each monthly forum.

An advantage of the Councillors discussion forums is that information can be swapped particularly as regards prospective contractors as the YLCA are not able to recommend specific contractors however advice can be obtained of contractors from other Councils present.

Concerns were expressed that the Police and Crime Commissioner had cancelled the proposed remote meeting on the 2nd November and it was pointed out that this was not the first meeting that she had cancelled with further concerns being mentioned that she was only prepared to answer previously prepared questions and did not seem to be very interested in engaging with local communities.

Mention was made of how local councils could effect the current climate emergency situation and the meeting was informed about the wildlife area project at Brompton in which East Cowton seemed interested to take up.

The YLCA is to follow up the issue of whether the new Kings photo should replace that of the former Queen in public buildings or whether both photos are to be used.

Guidance will be issued in due course with regard to the Coronation of King Charles III as regards issues that local councils will need to consider.

(viii) NYCC LGR MEETING – 5th October.

Question and Answer Session.

The first question related to community networks and how they would be organised. This will be based on members of the individual community throughout the County coming together in partnership to work in their particular area and to share matters that they care about and would be in different formats that would evolve over time. The community networks would include the local member of the new County Council, however these would not have any automatic right to chair a network.

The question was raised about the format of the Lets Talk consultation and it was confirmed that this would be produced in a number of languages.

Several questions were asked with regard to Devolution including whether the mayoral fund would be shared equally or whether a greater proportion will go to York. It was also asked whether a whole Yorkshire devolution deal would have been more appropriate with there being a total population of 5 million. In response it was said that it was too early to say how the Mayoral share of funding would be split as this would need to be mainly towards the large strategic aims that would arise. No consideration would be given to funding until the Mayor was in place and there would be an equal split of Members with both York and North Yorkshire having two. Whilst a whole Yorkshire Devolution was a big push a few years ago the Government had made it clear that this wasn't an option. However with Devolution North Yorkshire would work closely with the other Yorkshire and Tees Valley Mayoral systems.

Questions were asked as to how much of the new Devolution money was real extra money and whether a Cabinet of five people was considered to be democratic. It was also asked whether people would have a vote on the matter of Devolution. It was pointed out that whilst there wouldn't be a vote in the region in respect of Devolution there would be a consultation across all of North Yorkshire. The £540M of funding would only be obtained if devolution went ahead and if not that money would be lost. However devolution was just not about the money it was also about bringing Government decisions to be decided locally and in that respect Devolution would be more democratic.

Questions were asked as to how in the combined Authority this would work between NYC and York Council in the decision-making process. It was explained that there would be a Cabinet chaired by the Mayor with two Councillors from NYC and two from York, together with the Local Enterprise Partnership Chair in a non-voting capacity.

The matter of tourism was raised together with the current situation of Welcome to Yorkshire. There was a need to put some structures in place especially with York and for a management operation to work with tourism related businesses in the County and promoting the County brands. As regards Welcome to Yorkshire it was still the aim of all of the Councils to have a central brand to publicise Yorkshire and Council Leaders across Yorkshire would consider in the next month the formation of a future tourism company and brand promoter.

Scarborough Town Hall would not necessarily become the Centre for administration within Scarborough and there were other options for the building such as a boutique hotel.

It was intended to standardise recycling and this issue was currently being discussed with the various Councils and regard would need to be had in the future to the Governments position on the matter but it was confirmed that there would be a single approach.

A Question was raised as to what would happen to parks and gardens and it was explained that that would be a matter on which the new town Councils in Scarborough and Harrogate to decide whether they wished to take that role on.

Questions asked as to why it has been decided to use Parliamentary boundaries for the Area Committees and it was suggested that doing so this lost local connections. The response was given that the whole basis of arranging the Area Committees on the Parliamentary Constituencies provided an avenue to Parliament as there would be six MPs working together in the county.

Again as regards community networks it was explained that the new Council would be going out to ask local groups to join community networks, however others could put themselves forward to join the community networks which would then form active action plans for their districts.

It was explained that Parish and Town Councils would only take over services if they provided a very sound business case that they could deliver but not at any disadvantage to any other communities.

A question was asked as to why it had been decided to proceed to the process to a Unitary Authority and the answer was given that a large and compelling case for a Unitary Authority had been given and that it couldn't miss the opportunity to obtain the financial position at a time when a lot of government was faced with large spending restrictions and there was a need to look at the infrastructure of the 8 Councils in North Yorkshire which could be formed into one and maximise the support of Leadership. A Council Council representative stated that the predecessor Councils had done what they were able but in future there needed to be a single voice from a larger Council. Also some of the issues were too large for the existing Councils and, such as affordable housing, would be better move forward by a single Council. There would also be greater clarity in the delivery of services and better engagement would be obtained as a consequence of that.

It was intended to run a Parish and Town Council Seminar on the 28th and 30th November.

Presentation –

Attention was drawn to the fact that there were only 120 working days to go by to the implementation on Monday, 3rd of April 2022.

It was said that this was the only way in which to sustain Local government in North Yorkshire and make savings from the infrastructure. North Yorkshire had a strong brand with good public services, strong partnerships, and the new County would become the third largest Council in the Country and the largest in terms of geography. There would be staff based offices in all Districts together with another 30 access points and the new organisation would provide an opportunity to reset partnerships.

Next April will be the start of the new Council and the reorganisation but not the end of it and whilst the process was about an integrated Council it needed to be recognised that the new council needed to do more with other partners in working together with community services. The whole process was based on the six MPs constituency Committees in order to obtain a link to Parliament to understand the issues that the Committees faced. Each Area Committee would consist of 15 Members who were already meeting under the existing North Yorkshire format and these would have specific statutory duties to discharge and to consider information about how services were performing in each area.

The first issues would be to get the basics right such a street lighting, waste collection, dog fouling and potholes, together with a need to be visible to residents knowing which Councillor they needed to go to as their focal point.

The community networks would consider what each community needed to prioritise and take action on involving local partners and action plans independent of the new Council. These across the county would consist of; for example; local businesses and voluntary organisations, alongside other public sector organisations together with Parish and Town councils bringing collaborations together with regard to mutually important issues.

The Lets Talk campaign had started and would be running until Christmas and has a target of 5000 survey responses and 200 face-to-face events and was also available online at Northyorks.gov.uk/LetsTalkNY.

The campaign was aimed at ascertaining how people wanted to work with the new Council the cost of making improvements and service priorities.

Devolution provides opportunities for everyone to improve skills, provide better jobs, better health outcomes and a level playing field for all.

The new funding lulls put North Yorkshire at the top of the table along with the Cities and was a good position in comparison to other local Mayoral systems.

Devolution would be made up by the Mayor together with a Cabinet of two North Yorkshire and two York Members together with the Local Enterprise Partnership Chair as the business voice.

Devolution would provide the transfer of funding powers and decision-making from Whitehall to the locally elected Mayor with £18 million annually coming forward for a period of 30 years. There would also be new investment monies towards Brownfield, Net Zero, Affordable Housing and also long-term investment including a consolidated transport budget.

The benefits to business would be a more strategic approach to infrastructure, skills provision driven by local business needs, more affordable housing to support the workforce, innovation drawn by national assets, and the seat at the top table with the Mayor influencing National Government policy.

However Devolution was not a done deal until a positive response had been obtained from the Devolution consultation which will commence on the 21st of October.

The new Council would need to understand what business wanted from it, to be able to access local speedy advice, knowledgeable officers, and with a solution orchestrated approach standing up for the Regional and National interest and to be able to seize opportunities and to listen to and actively engage with businesses. The County Council was already working with a small group of businesses listening to views and this would carry on.

There was also a need to move forward with regard to Culture, Sports and Leisure and currently the eight teams of officers working in these streams for the constituent Councils were being brought together and was at the heart of the agenda for growth, market town development, health, climate, tackling rural isolation and loneliness, and offering young people a stimulating place to live and work.

Sport England and the Arts Council are both keen to invest in North Yorkshire preparing for Day One developing a single approach for planning and investment, coordinating this work with the Arts Council with culture and leisure being very strong part of Devolution.

Officers were currently working together to tackle climate change, levelling up, health opportunities of life changes, pressures on families, food inflation, increasing costs, access to affordable housing, digital continuity and the missing generation.

Moving forward together it was the intention to successfully launch the new Council, encourage engagement in the Devolution consultation, to listen to communities, to deliver services against shared challenges and to stand alongside residents.

7. PLANNING MATTERS – To consider the applications for planning permission received since the last Council meeting –

(i) Decisions.

22/01865/FUL - Internal Alterations and Extension to Existing Dwelling, Standard Hill Farm – Granted.

22/01862/TPO - Works to trees with a Tree Preservation Order 1999/09 -

The Close 1 Yeoman Court Brompton – Granted.

22/01855/TPO - Fell and replace Ash Tree with a Tree Preservation Order 1999/09, 18 Fernwood Close – Granted.

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

(ii) Applications.

22/02195/FUL - Application for 14 no. houses, including 9 no. affordable & 5 no. market units, with access, landscaping & drainage infrastructure - Land To The North Of The Glen Little Lane

Details have been circulated to all Councillors for comments in advance of the meeting.

(iii) The Clerk as HDC Ward Councillor and Councillor Carter as the BTC representative are to attend a HDC planning site meeting at The Workshop, Stokesley Road on Monday 24th October.

(iv) Received from a resident –

“If any future proposals for planning new houses happen in the Brompton area please can the Town Council inform nearby residents as early as possible by notes through the door so that if residents want to object they can do so very quickly”.

8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

R J Henry (Ashes fee)	100.00
William Scott & Sons Sculptors (Memorial Fee)	55.00

Payments –

P Atkin (Salary)	384.24
P Atkin (Expenses)	40.22
HMRC (PAYE)	96.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP (External Audit fee)	360.00
RGPS Print and Signs(Dog signs)	108.00
CE + CM Walker (September grasscutting)	1,528.80
SWARCO Traffic Ltd (VAS Signs)	7,584.00
Sam Turner & Sons (Various)	87.04
Mrs C Huang (6 hours sweeping)	60.00
Mrs S Brigginsshaw (reimbursement for plants + seeds)	165.50
YLCA (Councillors course)	66.80
Mrs A Trewitt (Annual allotment site rent)	1,200.00
The Royal British Legion (Poppy Appeal donation)	100.00
Restarting Hearts in Northallerton (Defibrillator maintenance)	150.00
NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges - August)	24.91*

Bank Balances

Current Ac't - £300.00

Business Premium Ac't (i) - £92,453.40

Business Premium Ac't (ii) - £13.20

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

External Audit

PKF Littlejohns have completed the external audit. The only comments made were –

“Section 2, Box 9 for the current year is incorrect due to a transcription error and should read £72,500

Section 2, Box 6 for the previous year incorrectly includes £816 worth PAYE which should have been included in Box 4. The figures in Section 2, Boxes 4 and 6 of the prior year comparative column should read £4,944 and £52,145 respectively.”

Only the standard minimum fee of £360.00 has been charged,

9. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Including - Notification of Road Closures.

PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION - SW-36673-Cockpit Hill,

The Closure will be in place for a period of 7 days between 20th October 2022 and 26th October 2022 to allow for urgent Yorkshire Water works to renew lead supply from boundary to main.

The Road Closure and any associated Diversion Routes can be viewed using this URL link <https://one.network/?tm=131398933>

20's Plenty.

The North Yorkshire Branch of 20's Plenty does not meet this month until Thursday 27th October.

10. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

Wild Life Area Update- Work Day Sat Oct 8th 2022

A perfect autumn morning greeted the volunteers who turned up at the Wildlife Area on Saturday ready for a hard work session.

Volunteer's old and new - in both age and person, dug up docks, raked off grass, stripped turf, shifted turf and prepared more areas ready for seed sowing. Team working was in full tilt as many hands made light work

The unexpected discovery of a family of voles and a frog delighted the youngsters – real prove our Wildlife Area is indeed attracting Wildlife!

Thanks to Andy at SHC Tool hire for loaning the turf stripper free of charge and John Brigginsshaw for wrestling the beast of machine in boggy earth.

A further work day was held on Saturday 15th October.

Letters of support have been received about the appearance of the wildlife area.

Unfortunately last week when the grasscutting was carried out the contractors, despite acknowledging clear instructions that had been given by the Clerk and a Councillor, cut the newly planted area far too short and have damaged some of the plants that had been put in on the two volunteer days.

The Finance Group has recommended above that the grasscutting contractors be asked for a contribution of £100 towards replacement plants.

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

(i) Northallerton Sports Village Community Briefing.

As part of the North Northallerton development, that stretches from Darlington Road to Stokesley Road, seven hectares of land north of Stone Cross have been allocated for community use for sport and recreation.

Hambleton District Council will be developing this new land and connecting it to the existing Stone Cross site (adjacent to Northallerton Leisure Centre), to create Northallerton Sports Village.

The full masterplan includes, new and improved linked pathways, environmental enhancements, grass pitches and allotments.

The Council has appointed Cleveland Land Services (Guisborough) Ltd (CLS) to deliver the first phase of the project. This phase will see improved pathways installed around the existing Stone Cross site and new pathways around the new land. We will also create 18 new allotments which will be serviced by a new, small car park. In addition, we will plant native species, create habitats for wildlife and manage existing habitats, which includes the removal of some existing woodland to benefit nature and biodiversity. Supporting habitats is a key element of this development so look out for the 53 bird and bat boxes that will be put up during the winter.

Ecological surveys have been undertaken to minimise disruption to wildlife during the works, and to maximise long-term improvements to the land for people and nature. Phase one is being funded by the European Regional Development Fund with a grant of £503,706 and £800,000 from developer contributions. It is due to be completed by March 2023.

Future phases - The vision for the site is to help provide improved health and wellbeing opportunities for our community. In addition to the developments mentioned previously, the aspiration is to provide sports pitches and facilities as external funding becomes available. The site will, of course, transfer to the new Council, North Yorkshire Council, from 1 April 2023.

(ii) Brompton Warm Space Group.

Drop in for a warm meal in a warm space at The Weavers Pavilions Cafe, Station Road, Brompton (near the School) on Thursday 27 October between 5 pm and 7 pm. No charge but if you wish to make a donation it would be gratefully received. All welcome.

Volunteers needed – Brompton Warm Space Group

If you would like to be involved with the provision of a hot meal in Brompton for the autumn and winter months, please contact Rita Laverick who will pass on your offer of help to the Group. As well as volunteers we would appreciate donations of supplies or financial support for this venture

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Including –

(i) Date of Next Meeting of the Council – Tuesday 15th November 2022.

(ii) 2023/24 Budget.

A submission has been received on behalf of the residents of the Thurston Park estate which will be considered when the 2023/24 Precept is considered.

The latest date for the presentation of the Precept amount to HDC being 31st December 2022. A Band D property for Hambleton residents for the District / County Council element of the Band D Council Tax charge will increase by £44.75 a year for the next 2 years. This is to enable Council tax harmonisation for the new North Yorkshire Council.

(iii) REMOTE MEETING ON 2 NOVEMBER WITH THE NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER AND ASSISTANT CHIEF CONSTABLE – CANCELLATION

The YLCA has advised as follows -

“It is with immense disappointment that I write to you to let you know that both the Commissioner and the Assistant Chief Constable have pulled out of this meeting! We are incensed and disappointed at their actions. No reason has been given by Ms Metcalfe for pulling out (and seemingly not wishing to engage with parish sector authorities), and the Assistant Chief Constable is not attending because Ms Metcalfe is not. We are trying to rearrange the meeting but if that is refused, please be assured that we shall, on behalf of the parishes, be making a strongly worded complaint to the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner”.

13. BURIAL MATTERS.

One burial of ashes has taken place this month.

Permission has been granted for an immediate relative to inter their ashes in their parents grave in the Cemetery when they die.