

Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in the Methodist Church, Brompton on Tuesday 25th October 2022

PRESENT – Councillors Mr R Carter, Mrs S Briggins, Mrs E Kelly, Mr M Langthorne (in the Chair) and Mr S O’Sullivan.

There were 26 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.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Hazelwood, A Robinson and R Smith (all holiday commitments) and M Shiel Dods (Covid).

2. MINUTES.

AGREED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 25th September, 2022 having been having been previously circulated be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Due to the number of people present at the meeting consideration of item 7 on the agenda – Planning Applications was taken at this point in the meeting – see below for details.

3. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

It was reported that the Monthly Report had not been received at the time of the meeting.

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.

A YLCA meeting had been arranged with Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for the 29th November and the question had been put as to the possibility of returning the custody holding cells back to Northallerton from Harrogate so that Police cover in the town and villages could be effectively increased by withdrawing the travelling time with prisoners to Harrogate and back.

Councillor Sanderson made mention of a crime incident she herself had been involved in and the poor Police response adding that she had then mentioned the matter to the Commissioner who had been

supportive of her position and suggested that if the public experienced similar problems they should let the Commissioner know.

County Councillor Watson pointed out that the figures that had been provided did not include such as detectives and traffic police. He added that the Unitary Councillors had met with the Police and had raised the issue of the holding cells being placed in Northallerton.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- (i) Book of Condolence.

The Book of Condolence from St Thomas's Church is to 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 after the last Council meeting.

- (vi) Pedestrian/Cycling Joint Working Group.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor of NTC had 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 had been done than was envisaged.

It had also been confirmed that Romanby PC were willing to join in with joint initiative.

- (vii) Allotments Rat Infestation.

A HDC Pest Control Officer had 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 was no longer there and had been spread there was 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 was 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 could 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.

The Chairman had asked the Clerk to report that she was to meet with the Police to discuss their attendance at the Warm Space Groups meetings and other group meetings so that they could talk to people about vulnerable members of the community who were perhaps not engaging with anyone so as to make sure that they were safe; perhaps including a leaflet drop.

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 was 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 unrepresented cheques.

AGREED – That the recommendations of the Finance Group as set out above be approved.

County Councillor Watson was thanked for offering to pay the fees for the structural survey for the Church wall out of his NYCC Locality budget.

(ii) Middle Bridge.

The Vice-Chairman reported that the contractors, Wallaces of Northallerton were currently extremely busy with other work, as were other similar contractors, but would in due course be removing the bridge and putting a handrail up on the same day. An estimate for the works was awaited and then work would be carried out when the estimate was received.

In answer to a question the Vice-Chairman reported that the bridge was too badly damaged to be repaired on site which in any case would not be permitted by the Environment Agency due to the work causing pollution in running water.

It was estimated that the cost of a replacement bridge could be in the region of £100,000 and the meeting was informed that the Environment Agency would not give permission for a replacement bridge.

Councillor Briginshaw said that she was happy to kick-start a new bridge option with new people on board however they would have to work within the restrictions that were permitted by the Environment Agency.

A resident contended that it was nonsense that the bridge needed to be made higher because of flooding and also questioned why the data level for flooding have been taken off the bridge and was informed that it had been a fact that the data level had been taken away by the Environment Agency for five days but had been then returned to the site and was currently fixed to the top of the bridge with the Environment Agency wishing to retain it in its current location. In answer to a further question the Vice-Chairman confirmed that the data level was working and all data was being recorded.

The same resident asked why farm traffic did not use the alternative route around the village more often and pointed to the current chaos in the village brought about by the road works which currently preventing access to Cockpit Hill and the other works by Zzoomm currently taking place in the village. It also appeared that the workers carrying out the water works on Cockpit Hill had moved to another location whilst keeping the road closed.

(iii) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

No meeting of the Group had been held.

Councillor Briginshaw had stepped down from the Group due to other commitments and it was AGREED – That the Group continue to work with its remaining three Councillors.

(v) Play Equipment/Adult Outdoor Gym Equipment.

No meeting had been held to date. The Chairman had recommended that herself and the Vice-Chairman be added to the Group.

AGREED – That the Working Group consist of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillors Hazelwood and Kelly and the Clerk.

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

The Deputy Mayor of NTC was to arrange the next meeting in week commencing 14th November.

(vii) YLCA Hambleton Branch Meeting

The text of the YLCA Hambleton Branch meeting held on the 19th October at Bedale Hall appears in the Monthly Update.

(viii) NYCC LGR MEETING – 5th October.

The text of the NTCC LGR meeting held on the 5th October appears in the Monthly Update.

7. PLANNING MATTERS.

(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.

This item was taken after “Minutes” on the agenda due to the number of people who present.

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 of the application had been circulated to all Councillors for comments in advance of the meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting up to all present for comments.

The Clerk read out the objections he had himself submitted to the Planning Authority as a HDC Councillor.

A Councillor commented that Broadacres Housing had not come, as had been requested, to a Council meeting to explain whether there was any evidence of need. District Councillor Mrs Sanderson explained that the area covered by Broadacres Housing was much larger than just Brompton Parish and therefore they could have ascertained that there was a need for development having regard to need elsewhere in the area that they covered.

It was also pointed out that the effects of the development off Dane’s Crest had not yet been seen as regards the infrastructure in the village including the school.

Whilst there were concerns about the amount of large agricultural vehicles consistently passing location it was felt that this was an ancillary matter rather than a major planning matter.

Councillor Sanderson stated that she would be objecting to the proposed application but warned there were circumstances in which affordable housing could be considered as an exception to the planning

policy. Although the application site was not within the Local Plan affordable housing could be used as an exception.

A resident expressed concern about the new pipework for the development being extended into the existing Victorian pipes and although it had been stated that the development was in Flood Zone 1 the run off of water from the resulting concrete would go straight into the beck and would add to the existing flooding problems in the village. It was also an intention to cut down existing trees and the whole development did not sit with the existing village.

County Councillor Watson stated that in planning terms affordable housing should not overrule highways and flooding issues and if there were transport difficulties for example due to lack of regular bus services then this would not assist people in affordable housing. He added that that there should be no development until the drainage system had been improved.

In addition it was pointed out that the development being an open countryside would be seen for quite some distance on the approach from the A19 into Brompton.

Councillor Sanderson also pointed to the red line on the plans accompanying the planning application showing an existing bungalow in the middle of the application site and suggested that this may in due course lead to 2 separate planning applications.

Several objections had already been received on the HDC planning portal on the grounds of safety especially as relating to children on the site and getting to school etc.

There was also the issue that any new footpath across the village green would need the Councils consent as the Green was under the jurisdiction of the Town Council.

Residents felt that any approval of the application would lead to development of other spare grassland areas around the Parish which could all be joined up in due course.

As regards the consultation leaflet that had been delivered round the village on behalf of Broadacres Housing Association on Friday 14th October concerns expressed that the response date for the consultation was Monday 17th of October and also that the link provided for the making of consultations was virtually impossible to access. Consulting those present at the meeting it was ascertained that the delivery of the leaflet appeared to be spasmodic.

Residents also complained that the planning site notice had not been visible.

Councillor Sanderson also reported that affordable housing was a term that covered a variety of circumstances including the opportunity to buy and not necessarily being at a lower rent.

Councillors urged those present to submit their individual objections to the Planning Authority.

Councillor Sanderson reported that the new Unitary Council would come into operation on the 1st April 2023 and after that the consideration of planning applications by the North Yorkshire County Councillors would be different to the consideration that took place by Councillors on the Hambleton District Councils Planning Committee in that many of them would not be local to Brompton nor aware of Bromptons issues. In this respect with the support of the Clerk as a HDC Ward Councillor Councillor Sanderson said that she would urge the Planning Authority to deal with the application before the new Unitary Council came into being and in this respect would try to aim for a February 2023 consideration of the application by the Planning Committee.

AGREED – That the Planning Authority be recommended to refuse the application on the following grounds -

The applicant states that the application is a response to both need and demand.

This was not the case revealed in the most recent housing survey undertaken only six months ago. Demand has not been revealed in the recent housing survey including a demand for affordable housing.

The lack of bus regular services to access shops, supermarkets, schools, local facilities including doctors etc from this outlying part for the village would be at a distinct advantage to anyone wanting affordable housing.

The development does not accord with the Local Plan.

The site is in open countryside and can be seen for quite some distance by anyone approaching Brompton from the A19 direction.

The development would open up development of other areas of spare garth land within Brompton parish. This would be totally inappropriate in the setting of the locality.

The development is out of character with the traditional type of housing, mainly terraced housing, along Water End green and the style of the development is out of fit and character.

Parking is extremely limited in this location and additional vehicle movements will be inappropriate.

The development is within the floodplain and a severe risk of flooding when access to Water End would be impossible with the risk that the development will be cut off. The land currently holds flood water in times of severe weather conditions and building construction thereon would lead to flash flood water running directly to Water End with disastrous results for other householders.

Little Lane is extremely narrow and consistently used by HGV, buses and large agricultural tractors and trailers with on many occasions vehicles having to stop in order to get by each other. There is also no footpath along the Little Lane nor any place for one to be constructed and neither is there any street lighting. Increased vehicle usage would be highly dangerous to pedestrians and others.

Without adequate footpaths and lights children would be at risk in getting to schools and to play on the Village Green.

Traffic movements are already difficult along the east side of Water End and it would be highly inappropriate to increase this. Due to parked vehicles this side of Water End is virtually single carriageway.

The intention to cut down mature trees on the site would be unacceptable.

Drainage along Little Lane is poor and additional traffic will make this worse. The water supply in the area is inadequate with at peak periods there being low pressure and low flow and any development will only worsen the situation. The existing drainage system is of Victorian pipe construction.

Any new footpath that needed to cross the Village Green at Water End would not be given consent to as Brompton Town Council is solely responsible for the management of the Village Greens

Importantly the development will remove the countryside aspect to the village.

(iii) The Clerk as HDC Ward Councillor and Councillor Carter as the BTC representative attended 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”.

AGREED – That in addition to including the details of planning applications on the agenda and the web site, for major applications the details be also included on the Notice Boards around the village.

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 Trehitt (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

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

External Audit

It was reported that PKF Littlejohns had 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 had 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.

It was reported that 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 Briggingshaw 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 had damaged some of the plants that had been put in on the two volunteer days.

The Finance Group had 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.

The text of the briefing appears in the Monthly Update.

(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.

(iii) Application for the Siting of a Memorial Bench at Water End.

The Clerk reported the receipt of an application for the siting of a memorial bench on the Green at Water End.

AGREED – That this be referred to the Finance Group for consideration of any conditions that need to be placed on the granting of such a request.

At 8.10pm the meeting was opened to the public for the asking of questions.

- (i) A resident raised the question of the issue of the seat that had been removed from the west side of Water End leaving a concrete base and was informed that enquiries had been made to contact the family of the person in memory of whom the seat had been placed to no avail. The resident suggested a person who may be able to assist in the matter.
- (ii) The question was raised as regards the re-profiling of the beck and the resident was informed that this would be an extremely large project probably costing in the region of £1.2m. In the interim the Environment Agency had agreed to dig out the overflow channel which lead from the beck along the rear of the school as over time this channel had become flattened out.
- (iii) A resident asked whether the lime tree outside of his property on the east side of the village green at Water End was considered to be dangerous due to its height. The Clerk undertook to check the condition of the tree on the latest tree survey report which had been completed last year.
- (iv) Attention was drawn to cables, both electricity and British Telecom, that were running in branches along the northern end of Water End. It was reported that in such circumstances it was for the statutory undertakers who had erected the cables to carry out works to the trees so that the branches did not affect services and it was known that some work was currently being carried out in this respect in other parts of the village; however the Clerk undertook to contact Northern Power to make sure that they were aware of the situation at Water End.
- (v) County Councillor Watson reported that the carriageway painting works outside the school had been carried out on the day of the meeting but the contractor may have to return to complete them

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Including –

- (i) Date of Next Meeting of the Council.

AGREED – That the next meeting of the Council be held in The Methodist Church at 7.30pm Tuesday 15th November 2022.

- (ii) New Bridge and CIL Monies.

Councillor O'Sullivan asked if the District Councillors present knew when the new bridge would be opened and when the Council would be receiving the CIL money.

In response Councillor Watson stated that the CIL money would be paid when the contract was signed off, adding that there was to be a meeting of the Managing Directors of the respective developers on the following morning after which it was thought that agreement would be made to open the footpath leaving only the toucan crossings and the lamp standards to be finalised before the bridge would be handed over; adding that there was no fear of the CIL monies disappearing as they were ring-fenced and that he would confirm this in writing to the Council. Network Rail would sign off their part of the matter as soon as the situation regarding the lights had been sorted.

(iii) Hedge on Northallerton Road adjacent to the new Sports Village.

Councillor Carter made reference to the condition of the hedge at the new sports village site on Northallerton Road and although this has recently been trimmed back he considered that it needed to be cut back properly so that it was not in the same condition in the following season, adding that the roots were having a detrimental effect on the footway. Councillor Watson mentioned that the people living opposite would have to face the severely cut back hedge, however Councillors expressed the view that safety was of more importance and Councillor Watson said that although the hedge still belonged to the farm he would take steps to pursue the matter.

Councillor Carter reported that to date he had heard nothing further from Northern Powergrid about the former electricity sub-station adjacent to the car park site.

(ii) 2023/24 Budget.

A submission had been received on behalf of the residents of the Thurston Park estate which would 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 was 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 had 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".

The Clerk reported that a new date had now been agreed with the Police Commissioner of Tuesday 29th November.

13. BURIAL MATTERS.

The Clerk reported that one burial of ashes had taken place during the current month and that permission has been granted for an immediate relative to inter their ashes in their parents grave in the Cemetery when they die.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm