

**Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in the Methodist Church, Brompton on
Wednesday 15th November 2022**

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

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

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

An apology for absence was received from County Councillor Stephen Watson.

Councillor Mrs Shiel Dods declared an interest in the cheque payments.

2. MINUTES.

AGREED - That, subject to the amendment below, the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th October 2022 having been previously circulated be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Amendment - Page 11 – Public Question (iv) the Clerk undertook to contact Northern Power to make sure that they were aware of the situation at Water End. – To read British Telecom.

3. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

For the period 20 October to 6 November 2022.

| 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 | 14 Reports |
| Other crimes inc Drugs | 2 Reports |
| Hate Crime | 0 Reports |
| Robbery | 0 Reports |
| Fraud | 0 Reports |
| Total | 18 reports |

Other News -

A man has been arrested after drugs, knives and a sword were seized during a recent police operation. Officers entered a home in Northallerton using a warrant and arrested a man.

During a search of the property, they found class-b drugs including cannabis and “cannabis edibles”, which usually take the form of cannabis-laced sweets and are often sold to children.

Alarmingly, officers also found a flick knife, two lock knives and a samurai sword.

AGREED – That in view of the increase in the crime figures relating to violence against the person the Clerk investigate whether these were in any way connected crimes as had been the case with incidents in the past occurring at Danes Crest/Danelaw Gardens.

Councillor Mrs E Kelly arrived at 7.15pm.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

(i) Scot Pit Lane.

The Planning Inspectorate had advised that the application for the Modification Order under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 would be heard by written representations.

An application was submitted to North Yorkshire County Council (“the Authority”) by Mrs Caroline Bradley on behalf of The British Horse Society on 27/5/2019 to modify the Definitive Map and Statement of public rights of way by recording a Public Bridleway between Brompton Lane and the A167 Northallerton to Darlington Road along Scot Pit Lane.

The reason for the application is to record historical rights over the route.

The application was supported by historical and physical evidence.

An objection to the making of the Order was received from the landowner questioning the validity of historical evidence.

(ii) Church Wall.

The Church wall had been surveyed by Structural & Civil Consultants Ltd. The report on the condition of the wall is awaited. Thanks were expressed to County Councillor Watson for offering to cover the costs of the survey from his NYCC Locality Budget.

AGREED – That the Clerk write to York Diocese to ask if any reinstatement works to the wall could be undertaken in stages, for example a ten year plan, and whether the wall could be lowered together with Councils concerns as regards the low number of acceptable contractors locally to carry out such works.

(iii) Former Electricity Sub-Station Site.

The meeting was informed that the Garden Licence had been signed by the Clerk and countersigned by Councillor Carter.

(iv) Book of Condolence.

As the County Records Office did not want the Book of Condolence it had been lodged at the Civic Centre.

(v) Hedge cutting near New Bridge

County Councillor Watson had advised that the farmer had completed his element and the remaining section would be done very shortly and clarified how far back the hedge needed to be cut back to so that it clears the footpath completely. The low signage reported in the area had now been raised.

(vi) New Bridge.

County Councillor Watson had reported that the new bridge was very close to opening and all outstanding works were in hand. The bridge was expected to be open before the Christmas break. This would then trigger the sign off and the release of CIL monies.

(vii) Flood Water at Portland Drive.

County Councillor Watson had reported that Portland Drive flooding should see works on site to rectify the issue by Taylor Wimpey in the next ten days.

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

The Chairman was pursuing the issue of the digging out of the overflow channel and the costs of any permit,

6. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS –

(i) Finance Working Group.

The Finance Group met on Monday 14th November.

The following matters were agreed for Recommendation to Council -

As the Environment Agency does not have the funds to dig out the flood drainage channel at the south end of Water End Green near the road bridge the Clerk contact Mr K Whittaker and obtain a price for the work to be carried out as soon as possible before the onset of the worst winter weather. The costs to be taken from the Flood Prevention budget.

The quotation received from Wallaces Engineering for the removal of the middle bridge and the re-erection of barriers at a price of £3,250 +VAT be agreed and be confirmed by the Clerk. Such works to take place in the last week of January 2023. The monies to be reclaimed from HDC as part of the CIL monies as soon as the work has been completed.

The details of the quotation were as follows-

Remove footbridge from concrete piers. Sheeting the underside to avoid pollution into water below.

Clean old pipes of any old fixings. Fabricate and fit 2 small runs of galvo and powder coated railings to form barrier for safety.

The Church wall survey be considered at the next Finance Group meeting.

The Memorial Benches Policy as circulated be approved.

When additional defibrillators are needed these be acquired from the CIL monies at a price of £1,500 covering the price of the defibrillator and ongoing costs as discussed with the organiser of the defibrillator provision in the Thirsk areas etc Stuart Mountford of First Aid Training Skills Co. The defibrillators having an eight year guarantee and being tested weekly.

A request from Northallerton Town Council for a donation towards the Fireworks and Bonfire event in November 2023 be considered by the Finance Group at its March 2023 meeting.

The long laid down headstone inside the Cemetery gates be re-erected by Mr D Langthorne at the Burial Boards expense.

The Burial Board again advertise it's offer for burial plots at a reduced rate over the Christmas period and include this information on the Councils web site.

That as Treescape have not to date carried out the specialist tree works which they submitted a tender for, should these be not undertaken in the near future then the second tenderer be requested to carry out the works.

The Clerk to ask Hillside Tree Surgeons when they intend to carry out hedge cutting etc having regard to the fact that these works must be undertaken by March 2023.

The Clerk enquire of the YLCA if having regard to the increased population of the Parish brought about by the NND developments the Council qualifies for an increase in its Councillor representation.

That in the next Annual Newsletter the roles and duties of the Council be outlined as they were in the past and particularly outlining what the Council is not responsible for.

The Finance Group to consider at its March 2023 meeting what grants to include in the 2023/24 budget and to what financial level.

Commencing in December on a quarterly basis all Councillors be forwarded the details of income and expenditure as agreed by the Finance Group.

All budget heads were proceeding according to plan.

AGREED – That the recommendations of the Finance Working Group be approved.

(ii) Middle Bridge.

See report above under the Finance Working Group.

District Councillor Mrs Sanderson suggested that it would be appropriate for the Council to consult with the village if it was considering using any of the CIL monies as it had not consulted residents in this respect for some time; this was a requirement of the spending of CIL monies even though the District Council had agreed to an advance of £25,000 towards such as fees, surveys etc.

The Chairman however responded that the money was not coming from the CIL money pot and was coming out of the District Councils own funds.

Councillor Hazelwood arrived at 7:20 pm.

(viii) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

A meeting of the Highways Group had been held on the 14th November.

Councillor Carter had taken over as Chairman of the Group.

The three 20's Plenty banners had arrived and Councillor Carter would be making the necessary frames. Recommended that a Press release be issued to coincide with erection of the banners.

Line painting at Bowe Bridge had been completed.

Councillors Carter and Hazelwood would be attending the NTC/BTC Joint Pedestrian/Cycling Working Group in the Town Hall on the 15th November.

With regard to the Danes Crest crossing Councillor Carter was to contact Snowballs regarding a quotation for the parking restriction bollards. Repairs were needed to in the cobbles as they presented safety hazards.

To enquire as to the current position as regards flooding on Stokesley Road and standing water at Portland Street and the pedestrian crossing on North Moor Road.

Potholes near The Shop had been repaired.

Clarification of the position as regards bollards/planters to prevent parking on the cobbles at the junction outside The Three Horse Shoes.

The Clerk to arrange with NY Highways to set up Councillor Carter on the Parish Portal in place of Councillor Brigginsshaw.

To pursue white lining at the junction of Fullicar Lane and Water End.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Brigginsshaw and Carter for their work with regard to the 20's Plenty banners.

AGREED – That the progress of the Highways Group be noted.

Councillor Carter mentioned that the Project Tracker needed reviewing and the Chairman said that this has been left for each of the Working Groups to update.

(ix) Play Equipment/Adult Outdoor Gym Equipment Working Group.

The Chairman and the Clerk met on Zoom the 10th November so as to start to move forward the issues regarding play equipment in the Recreation Ground and the Awards for All grant received for adult outdoor gym equipment.

It had been confirmed that the adult outdoor gym pod in Broomfield Park that had been installed by Streetscape was at the total cost for the unit, the installation and delivery of £9,950.

Romanby Parish Council would be able to reclaim the VAT element of this therefore the actual amount of equipment that could be acquired from the grant would be £12,000. This would be similar in the case of Brompton Council.

Concerns were expressed that the static gym pod provided by Streetscape would not necessarily be what would be used by adults in the Recreation Ground - Romanby Parish Councils bid for a grant having been based around the fact that this type of static equipment would be used by staff working at County Hall in their lunchtimes etc for fitness training as County Hall was adjacent to Broomfield Park. The equipment was also used by two Boot-camps.

It was felt that for the Recreation Ground there needed to be a mix of dynamic and static equipment particularly as it would be unlikely that parents with children who were playing on the children's play equipment would at the same time want to exercise on a static pod similar to that in Broomfield Park.

It was agreed to recommend to the Finance Group that a sum of £15,000 be placed in the Councils budget for the financial year 2023/24; this being the £10,000 from the grant, plus the £2,000 of recoverable VAT monies and an additional £3,000 for other adult outdoor gym equipment.

Disregarding any monies coming from CIL it was also agreed to recommend to the Finance Group that a figure of £3,000 be replaced in next year's budget to cover the replacement of the fire engine Springer and remedial works to safety surfacing in the Recreation Ground.

A total allocation of £18,000.

As regards Water End it was considered that when the CIL monies were available the play equipment and the safety servicing should be relocated further away from the beck, especially as in the future it is hoped to re-profile the beck. The swings and climbing frame at Water End would therefore in due course become redundant; these being well over 50 years old and the safety surface tiles in the present location would always be susceptible to floodwaters and would require regular expensive maintenance.

Perhaps in the future the opportunity could be taken for wooden play equipment to be installed at Water End.

Also agreed that no monies be allocated in next years budget for the new housing estates in the North Northallerton Development as it would be for those communities to liaise with all residents in order to see what the majority would like installed.

As the Awards for All grant was received in September it was considered that all final decisions need to be agreed in time for the meeting of the Finance Group on the 12th December.

Councillor Hazelwood had been asked to use his knowledge and expertise to help to find a best preferred mix of static pod / dynamic adult outdoor gym equipment and to advise who the Council should approach in order to achieve best value for money; aiming at what he would consider would be used by adults in the Recreation Ground and Councillor Hazlewood had subsequently sent around some very useful information which meant that the matter could be progressed.

District Councillor Mrs Sanderson suggested that the Council should look the adult outdoor gym equipment at Knayton.

- (x) Pedestrian/Cycleway Joint NTC/BTC Working Group.

A meeting had been held in the Town Hall on Tuesday 15th November to discuss –

1. Objectives of the Group
2. Outcome of Previous Meeting (19/08/22)
3. Matters arising Since Previous Meeting
 - Each Council to provide brief update
 - Meeting with Head of Transport Planning, NYCC
4. Northallerton Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan: Phase 2 Project Report (Confidential)
 - Background
 - Discussion on NYCC draft proposals
 - Form of response
 - Involvement of County Councillors
 - Resident consultation
 - Surveys
 - Events
5. Next Steps

Councillors Carter and Hazelwood reported that the meeting had been very positive.

7. PLANNING MATTERS.

(i) Decisions.

22/00739/FUL - Application for change of use of land for an additional 6no Gypsy/Traveller pitches comprising 6 no. static caravans, 6no day rooms, 6no touring caravans, and associated works (as amended - additional documents received on 11.10.2022 and 17.10.2022) – Land to the rear of The Workshop, Stokesley Road - Refused.

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

22/01992/FUL - Application to construct fencing next to a highway as amended on 20 October 2022 - 20 Brickside Way – Granted.

(ii) Applications.

Councillor Sanderson reported that the planning application at The Glen, Little Lane had been withdrawn

8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

None

Payments –

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| P Atkin (Salary) | 384.24 |
| P Atkin (Expenses) | 28.79 |
| HMRC (PAYE) | 96.00 |
| Mrs C Huang (8 hours sweeping) | 80.00 |
| CE + CM Walker (October grasscutting) | 914.40 |
| Sam Turner & Sons (Poly bags, broom etc) | 23.20 |
| Brompton Methodist Church (Room Hire – May to November) | 180.00 |
| NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges - August) | 24.91* |
| Hambleton District Council (Pest control at the allotments) | 59.63 |

Bank Balances

Current Ac't - £200.00

Business Premium Ac't (i) - £89,743.3

Business Premium Ac't (ii) - £13.20

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

External Audit.

The Council had been informed all Councils in North, South and West Yorkshire will continue to have PKF Littlejohn LLP as their external auditor.

9. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Including 20's Plenty North Yorkshire Branch Meeting.

The report of the Meeting of the North Yorkshire Branch of 20's Plenty held on the 27th October appears in the Monthly Update.

10. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

Following the last Council meeting Mr Walker the grasscutting contractor had informed the Clerk that he had cut the wild life area to the same height that he had cut it last year and with the same rotary cutter. He has asked that full instructions as to how the Council wants him to carry out the grasscutting in the next season be sent to him immediately after the February Council meeting.

An account had been opened with Braithwaites of Leeming Bar and trees that had previously been agreed were now being ordered. An update was provided as regards the tree situation along Water End as there were some dead trees that needed to be taken out. It was also planned to plant two

young Willow trees ideally in a position of full sun and also so that they put some shade over the back. The total number of trees to be planted was 10 of which six would be replacements and it was also reported that the Jubilee Oak tree had re-sprouted.

Councillor Brigginsshaw undertook to put a plan together and to circulate it to Councillors, adding that three trees had been donated by the Woodland Trust.

As regards the daffodil bulbs these had been given to Councillor Smith but subsequently not been wanted by the residents as they had contended that the location was designated as a Green area on the NND Master Plan and not a wildlife area. A Councillor suggested that as an alternative the bulbs could be planted on the new roundabout or all along the verge along Stokesley Road.

Councillor Brigginsshaw also undertook to write a report for the Darlington and Stockton Times about the recent planting days.

The Clerk also undertook to contact the Company that had indicated that it would carry out the next tree survey to ascertain when they would be able to do this.

AGREED – That Walkers Grasscutters be instructed not to cut the wildlife area in 2023.

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

(i) Devolution.

A consultation is being launched for the public to have their say on what they believe are the priorities for devolution, and to gather views on how the proposed deal is to be implemented.

The consultation with the public, which begins on Friday, October 21, and runs until Friday, December 16, will provide an important chance to gather views on what priorities should be focused on through devolution.

It was reported that there was also an drop-in event in Northallerton Library on Friday 18th November from 10am to 2pm when the public could ask any questions.

At 7:55 pm the meeting was opened for the asking of public questions.

1. Mr Paul Walker asked, on behalf of a resident, when the guttering on the shed at the Cemetery was to be repaired as it currently no longer provided any water to the water tank. The meeting was advised that this work was to be carried out shortly together with the cleaning of the water tank.

2. Mr D Waring in referred to the forthcoming Inquiry into the situation regarding Scot Pit Lane and asked when the signs had been removed. For clarification the Clerk reported that the Councils views in support of those favouring including Scot Pit Lane on the Definitive Public Rights of Way Map would be part of the Inquiry by the Planning Inspector. A Councillor pointed out that the owner of a nearby farm had a right to take his cows along the route of the path.

3. District Councillor Mrs Sanderson reported that the District Council had quite an amount of spare finance and would be shortly looking at the issues of warm spaces and the cost of living crisis. She therefore asked if it was possible to donate a sum of £250-£500 for the people who were running this and making meals in the village rather than them having to beg for a donation. The Chairman reported that the issue of grants had been discussed by the Finance Group on the previous day who had agreed to look at the issue at its next meeting in December and would therefore include possible payments to the Warm Spaces group.

Councillor Sanderson suggested that it would be appropriate for an immediate grant to be made. In response the Chairman said that the Council had to be advised of the details and was also informed that the first Warm Space is event had been held a fortnight previously and another was to be held shortly.

The Chairman reiterated that the Council needed to be informed of the details before it could consider making a grant and Councillor Sanderson also suggested that a donation be made to The Living rooms.

The Clerk undertook to visit The Living Rooms on the following day to ascertain who would be the official recipient of a donation and Councillor Carter also undertook to find out information from the organiser of the Warm Spaces Group.

Councillor Carter also suggested that there was a need for an emergency fund to be established in order that emergency donations could be paid in the future.

The Chairman of the Brompton Recreation Association in whose Weavers Pavilion the Warm Spaces event had been held remarked that no Councillors had attended the event and Councillors responded that this would have been inappropriate as it could be seen as though they were seeking to see who was present by those persons who had attended. The Chairman also reported that the Allotments Group could supply any vegetables that were needed but to date had not been asked to do so.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(i) Date of Next Meeting of the Council.

ARGEED – That the next Council meeting be held in The Methodist Church at 7.00pm on Tuesday 13th December 2022.

(ii) Vulnerable People in the Parish.

The Clerk outlined the intention of the local PCSO to make contact with those members of the local community who did not engage with anyone and may have problems that no-one would become aware of as they were in effect hidden away. The PCSO intended to liaise with such as Living Rooms, the CAB and the New Life Baptist Church who had established local networks. Reference was made to the CABs Warm and Well team. It was suggested that it would be more appropriate for the established local agencies to pursue this as the PCSOs frequently changed and that would be an issue if they had established contacts with vulnerable people and then disappeared.

(iii) Recreation Ground.

A question was raised with regard to future expenditure in the Recreation Ground and the Clerk reported that sometime ago a comprehensive scheme has been worked up by a play equipment provider which totalled £97,000. There was also the issue of the possibility of a BMX track in the Recreation Ground which had been previously looked into by Councillor Langthorne and the Clerk. The Clerk undertook to circulate the previous report adding that the play equipment situation of Water End would also need to be considered in due course.

(iv) Brompton Signs.

Councillor Langthorne had circulated a map showing the possible position of new Brompton signs. Councillors undertook to have a look at a location near the Rugby Club. It was suggested that the sign should be incorporated with a planter. It was also suggested that sign should read "Brompton Village".

13. BURIAL MATTERS.

The Clerk reported that another enquiry has been received regarding the pre-purchase of an ashes plot.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

