

Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in the Methodist Church, Brompton on Tuesday 17th January 2023

PRESENT – Councillors Mrs S Brigginsshaw, Mr R Carter, Mrs M Sheil Dods, Mr J Hazelwood, Mrs E Kelly, Mr M Langthorne, Mrs A Robinson, Mr S O’Sullivan and Mrs A Robinson.

There were 6 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.

No apologies for absence were received; all Councillor being present at the meeting.

Councillors Carter and Langthorne declared interests in the Accounts regarding cheque payments.

2. MINUTES.

AGREED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th December, 2022 having been having been previously circulated be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Due to having to attend another meeting County Councillor Steve Watson gave an update on the current matters from his County Councillor viewpoint.

Councillors Smith, Kelly and Hazelwood arrived at 7.05pm, 7.15pm and 7.20pm respectively, all during the consideration of this item.

County Councillor Watson reported that North Yorkshire County Council would be experiencing a challenging couple of years, particularly with regard to its adult care and children and young peoples budgets, which were a huge cost to the Council.

He had attended the presentation to the Conservative Party members on the previous evening by the North Yorkshire 20’s Plenty Branch, from which some more in depth questions would need to be answered, including the figures that had been quoted in the presentation; the general feeling being that 20mph should be implemented when appropriate if in the right places.

With regard to the opening of the new bridge, Councillor Watson was currently receiving feedback on a number of the issues and these had been addressed at the previous evening’s meeting of the Northallerton Town Council.

The two pedestrian crossing points that had been installed on the west side of the bridge were one for the new primary school which was built yet and the other for the supermarket site. However, from the original figures it was considered that there was no need for a toucan crossing on the east side of the bridge, however Councillor Watson would ask NY Highways to have another look at this.

As regards the 30mph signs, he also said that he would ask NY Highways to look at installing repeater signs. However, what had been installed met with current standards.

A question had been raised about the colour of the bridge, and Councillor Watson explained that the metal surface was covered with a finish that would prevent anyone from climbing up the bridge to self-harm.

The position as regards the new bus service was to be reviewed and with regard to the monies allocated for new bus services this matter would be discussed with the transport providers.

Councillor Watson said that he hoped that the Council had been pleasantly surprised at the amount of CIL money that it had received.

A question was asked about the signage at the two new roundabouts as this did not include Brompton, but only the A19 and Teesside etc. In response Councillor Sanderson pointed out that there was a weight limit. However it was considered that Brompton should be included on some of the signage.

It was also pointed out that some of the signs were not very clean and Councillor Watson undertook to take that up with North Yorkshire Highways.

As regards, the current crossing point to the east of the bridge Councillor Watson reported that it was of the required standard. However, Councillors pointed out that the route was also a cycle path and it was difficult for cyclists to cross the island.

As regards the drainage at Hardwick Close and Portland Road, Councillor Watson reported that the situation was more complex than had been first thought, but until the developer carried out the works these roads could not be adopted.

I was also reported that mud on Northallerton Road from the Sports Village site was making it difficult to walk although there appeared to be a street sweeping machine regularly stood in the former bus layby site near Stonecross. Councillor Watson said that he would ask for the road to be cleaned up.

It was also pointed out that with regard to the metal barrier fencing on the east side of the bridge there needed to be a reflective strip as the fence was very difficult to see in the dark and Councillor Watson undertook to ask for this to be installed.

The question was raised with regard to the cutting of the hedge adjacent to the Sports Village and Councillor Watson reported that he was currently trying to get the contractor at the Sports Field to cut the hedge and that he would chase the matter up.

Questions were raised about the future maintenance of the vacant areas situated around the new development and Councillor Watson said that that was an issue that he would be taking up with the contractors.

A Councillor also said that there would be room for more allotments once the soil pile on the east side of the bridge had been taken away

Both Councillors Watson and Sanderson said that they would ask for allotments on this land.

Councillor Carter thanked Councillor Watson for supporting the 20's Plenty initiative and said he felt that this was reassuring.

Councillor Watson added that he considered that a toucan crossing on the east side of the bridge was justified and Councillor Kelly reported that she didn't use the island as she felt it was too dangerous.

The question was also asked as to whether when the new bus services were implemented would there be new bus shelters and Councillor Watson asked whether Brompton Council would be willing to pay for these.

County Councillor Watson left the meeting at 7.25pm

3. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

The Police report for the remainder of December 2022 is set out below. Future reports will cover the calendar month, ie the January report will cover to the 31st December 2022

The February report will cover 1st Jan – 31st Jan
The March report will cover 1st Feb – 28th Feb
The April report will cover 1st March – 31st March
The May report will cover 1st April to the 30th April,

And so on.

| Crime Type | |
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| Anti-Social Behaviour | 1 Reports |
| Total | 1 Reports |
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| Arson | 0 Reports |
| Burglary Dwelling | 0 Reports |
| Burglary Commercial/Other | 0 Reports |
| Criminal Damage | 0 Reports |
| Theft (inc Theft from Shop) | 0 Reports |
| Violence against the person | 13 Reports |
| Other crimes inc Drugs | 0 Reports |
| Hate Crime | 0 Reports |
| Robbery | 0 Reports |
| Fraud | 0 Reports |
| Total | 13 reports |

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

(i) North Northallerton Development Dog/Litter Bins.

The Clerk had met with HDC Street Scene on the 9th January to determine the most appropriate locations for the two new dog waste/litter bins purchased by Brompton Council. The two bins purchased by Northallerton Town Council having been in place for some time.

However the bin that was originally installed at Cotswold Street, where there was a need for a bin, had been taken away some time ago as it had been pointed out that it was on the wrong side of the Northallerton/ Brompton Parish boundary. There wasn't a bin anywhere nearby and Cotswold Street which lent itself to dog walkers having a lot of grassed areas.

The Finance Group had agreed that the two bins budgeted for 2023/24 be installed in the current financial year at locations on the approaches to the new bridge as agreed with HDC and that a third bin be provided to be situated at Cotswold Street.

Councillor Smith undertook to inform the Clerk as regards the siting of the bin in Cotswold Street.

(ii) Condition of Church Wall.

The Clerk had met with the Stonemason on the 11th January so that he could look at the work required to repair the Church wall having regard to the report of the Structural Engineer.

An outline of this meeting is contained in the Monthly Update.

Whilst at the Church the Stonemason was asked to carry out a full check of the condition of the headstones/ monuments in the Churchyard as due to Covid the Council is outside of its timescale on this insurance wise.

(iii) CIL Monies.

The Council received a sum of £141,000.00 from Hambleton District Council on the 28th December as its share of the Community Infrastructure Levy contribution. Residents would be consulted in due course about their preferences for the spending of this money together with a public consultation event as already agreed to be held probably during April.

(iv) Scot Pit Lane.

The procedure permitted the applicant, The British Horse Society to put in any further evidence for the Order by the 24th January.

After 24th January then the Objector and all others could make their representations. Once these were made then everybody could comment on each others and then it would be closed for comments etc by 18th April. The Inspector would make an unaccompanied site visit i.e. on his own. Then he would deliberate and probably about 2 months later there would be a decision from the Inspector on whether he was going to Confirm the Order (i.e. the route would be officially a Bridleway) or not confirm and the route and remain as it is now.

(v) Tree Survey.

The Clerk reported that the tree survey had been received on the day of the meeting with report running to 100 pages.

Breakdown of Recommendations for Tree Removal

T31 Tilia sp. (Lime) South side of Water End Green T2890

Acer pseudoplatanus (Sycamore) Church Yard T2898

Chamaecyparis lawsoniana cv (Lawson Cypress) Church Yard T2954

Tilia sp. (Lime) North side Water End Green T2975

Salix sp. (Willow) North side Water End Green T2997

Fraxinus excelsior (Ash) South side Water End Green T3000

Fraxinus excelsior (Ash) South side Water End Green T3010

Fraxinus excelsior (Ash) Field Boundary North Water End T1

Ulmus sp. (Elm) South side Water End Green

AGREED- That the tree survey report be sent to all Councillors.

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

No matters were reported under this agenda item.

6. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS –

(i) Finance Group.

The Finance Group met on Monday 16th January.

Application for Grants to HDC

Recommended -

To substitute the proposal for applying for a grant to HDC towards the costs of a replacement middle bridge at Water End for an application for a grant towards revitalisation of the childrens play area at Northallerton Road Recreation Ground in view of the fact that insufficient details are available on which to base an application for a grant for the bridge within the designated time limit however sufficient details are available in order to submit an application for a grant for the play equipment.

Flood Relief.

Recommended - That the Councils number one priority be the repair of the leaky dams by Coxons Bros at a cost of £26,630 excluding VAT.

NND Development - New Dog/Litter Bins

To agree the acquisition of two dog/litter bins to go on the approach to the new bridge in the current financial year instead of in 2023/24 and to also purchase a new bin to be sited in Cotswold Street.

Receipt of CIL Monies

To agree to leave the £141,000 CIL monies contribution received from Hambleton District Council in the Councils Business Premium Account at Barclays Bank as it has not proved possible to obtain better interest rates at other Banks and Building Societies are unwilling to open accounts for Local Authorities.

The Annual Newsletter to be issued to all residents in April with a tear off pro-forma so that views on the spending of the CIL monies can be obtained and also this information be included on the Councils web site, and an article be placed in the Darlington and Stockton Times, Hambleton News and Your Northallerton to encourage responses, together with a public consultation event being also held in The Methodist Church in April.

Allotments

Recommended - That a sum of £1,000 be allocated from the Caretaking Budget towards the costs for the materials and labour for the repair of the fence at the allotments.

+ That new metal signs be ordered informing people not to feed the Alpacas and also a "Brompton Allotments" sign (with a contact detail).

Tree Works

Recommended - That Conservation Area consent be applied for the works to trees in the Conservation Area as outlined in the recent tree survey report.

Parish Boundary Sign.

That an application be made to NY Highways for consent to place the Parish boundary stone/marker in the highway verge at a location on Northallerton Road.

Street Signs

Recommended - That Hambleton District Council be asked to outline the procedure for renewing street name signs such as the one at Little Lane.

Bank Mandate

After difficulties with the Bank Mandate during December the new mandate has been in operation since the 2nd January.

With regard to the work of the Finance Group, Councillor O'Sullivan reported that the Group had now been meeting to look at the Councils finances for two years adding that the Council was now in a healthy position with the financial situation, having improved considerably and the Council was able to go forward with a 2.5% contingency fund at each year end. He warned however that the Council had a lot of potential expenditure coming forward, including the repairs to the Church wall and a considerable amount of tree works, however the Council was not in the situation where it would need to borrow the money to carry out these works.

The Working Groups were asked to supply the Finance Group in time for its next meeting with their budget requests for the 2023/24 financial year with these to be submitted to the Clerk no later than the 16th of February

The Chairman thanked the members of the Finance Working Group together with John Robinson for the hard work they had carried out in ensuring that the Council was in a healthy financial position.

AGREED – That the recommendations set out above be accepted.

(ii) Middle Bridge.

The Vice-Chairman reported that he had spoken to the Health and Safety officers on the previous day, who were happy with the progress on the matter with the bridge being removed, which would be done later in the month or early February. Wallaces were currently manufacturing the hand railings as these needed to be installed on the same day that the bridge was removed.

Councillor O’Sullivan remarked that everyone needed to recognise the amount of hours that the Vice-Chairman had put into the middle bridge situation and the Chairman added that it had been entirely wrong the way some people had spoken to Councillor Langthorne and the appalling way that some people had treated him over the matter.

(vi) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

The Highways/ Road Safety Group met on Monday 9th January –

| Item | Details | Actions |
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| 1. | Matters Arising: There were none. | |
| 2. | 20s Plenty Campaign: The banner launch was considered a success with a front page article in the D&S but we now need to keep the pressure up by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirming Cllr Steve Watson’s position with regards to our campaign • Formally submitting an application for a 20 mph zone in the village | All |
| 3. | Brompton Village Sign: No progress as location has yet to be decided by the full Council | |
| 4. | Cockpit Hill Car Park: No progress as still no quote from Snowball’s and we still await the “garden” licence from NPG. RC to contact Snowballs | RC |
| 5. | Cycle Paths: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The confidential NYCC Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) Phase 2 has been released to all the members of the group • Next meeting of the Pedestrian/Cycleway Joint NTC/BTC/RTC Working Group on 7 or 8 Feb 23 | RC & JH |
| 6. | Danes Crest Crossing: No further progress can be made until the quote from Snowballs has been received. RC to contact Snowballs | RC |
| 7. | Three Horseshoes Visibility Issues: No progress as a number of issues still to be resolved in Council | |
| 8. | VAS Sign: Awaiting erection of a second pole | |

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| 9. | Access to NYCC Highways Portal: No further progress | RC |
| 10. | AOB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White lining at junction of Fullicar Lane and Water End • White lining generally in the village need renewing • The “heritage” status of cobbles had still yet to be resolved • There has been damage caused to kerbs and the road surface on both the north and south side of the Water End roadway • The unofficial layby at the northern end of Brompton Lane should be closed • The reasoning for no “pelican crossing” where Northallerton Road crosses North Moor Road needs to be ascertained before a case for lights can be made | |
| 11. | Date of the next meeting: The sub cttee will meet be at 7.30pm on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting would be on 13 Feb 23 | All |

Councillor Carter undertook to follow up matters with Snowballs.

Councillor Carter asked what it was intended to do about the cobbles at the bottom of Cockpit Hill and the Chairman pointed out that these were in the Conservation Area and it was unlikely therefore that they could be removed and would need to be reinstated where necessary.

Councillor Carter also referred to the issue of planters outside of the first parking space adjacent to the Three Horse Shoes and said that the Highways Groups preference would be for bollards due to the future maintenance issue with the planters. Although it was an offence to park inside of the double yellow lines if bollards were not installed there was the issue of the who would police the parking and it was therefore AGREED - That the Highways Group look at the bollards situation again.

As regards the issue of the layby on the approach to the Oak Tree garage junction it was AGREED - That the Clerk ask North Yorkshire Highways to install bollards to stop parking there.

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

The Clerk and the Chairman had met at the Recreation Ground on Friday 13th January, the other members of the Working Group being unable to be present.

A number of issues with regard to the outdoor adult gym equipment and the children’s play equipment were looked at.

The preference was for wood outdoor gym equipment as per the details received from PlayEquip, which is more easy to maintain and easy to add to in the future.

There is a wide range of this wood equipment in the PlayEquip catalogue with the main item being the Wood Outdoor Gym Unit at £4,410, to which could be added such as Single Beam Monkey Bars, a Squat Lift, an Up and Over Scrambler and a Balance Beam Trail which takes the budget to just over £10,000, but there are quite a few variables that could be fitted around the gym unit.

It was considered that inclusion of dynamic gym equipment would prove to be too expensive to maintain over time.

As regards location, it was felt that the outdoor gym equipment should be along the north boundary of the park, i.e. the fence line along the adjoining path.

This would necessitate moving the existing climbing frame, and it is suggested that this would be better located in the area near to the roundabout.

It was also considered that at least in part the cost of the surfacing could come out of the recoverable VAT amount from the Awards for All grant supplemented by monies from the Council.

The Chairman and Clerk also looked at the following -

Moving the goalposts further into the field, which should be easy to achieve as these are sleeved into the ground.

Repairing/repainting of the picnic bench and two sets of benches to come out of the Caretaking Budget and to move the picnic bench further away from the adjacent long bench and to acquire a second picnic table.

Also to repaint the rocker horse springer in situ.

Councillor Hazelwood clarified that the provider for the Springers, the details of which he had circulated, were based near Wetherby.

Councillor Kelly said that she would forward her views on the Springers to the other members of the Working Group.

As regards safety surfacing the Group would need to consider whether this could be supplied and installed locally.

In due course the Clerk would need to update the National Lottery as regards the Councils final agreed intentions for the scheme.

AGREED – That the above suggestions be further discussed and moved forward by the Working Group.

6. PLANNING MATTERS.

(i) Decisions.

None received.

(ii) Applications

22/02845/FUL - Erection of a steel portal framed agricultural building for general purpose use – Poppy Cottage, Brompton Lane – No objections.

8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

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| Hambleton District Council (CIL Monies) | 141,000.00 |
| NYCC (Locality Budget Grant) | 1,400.00 |

Payments –

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| P Atkin (Salary) | 384.24 |
| P Atkin (Expenses) | 54.13 |
| HMRC (PAYE) | 96.00 |
| Mrs C Huang (8 hours sweeping) | 80.00 |

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| Treescape (Tree works) | 1.500.00 |
| Mr R Carter (Reimbursement for 20's Plenty Banners + frames) | 153.23 |
| Mr D Langthorne (Inspection and filling of grit bins) | 90.00 |
| NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges) | 24.91* |

Bank Balances

Current Ac't - £200.00

Business Premium Ac't (i) - £217.170.08

Business Premium Ac't (ii) - £13.21

The Bank Reconciliation appears on the last page.

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

9. BROMPTON & INGS BECK CATCHMENT AREA ESTIMATIONS.

The Clerk had met with James Coxon of Coxon Bros on the 10th January to inspect the leaky dams. Adverse weather conditions meant that the effectiveness of the dams could easily be seen.

Whilst the leaky dams had done their work over the past six or seven years a number of them are no longer capable of performing and some were serving very little purpose whatsoever.

Limited funding meant that insufficient monies were available to the former Flood Group to put in wing walls on both sides of each dam and in some cases none at all had been put in which had meant that the strength of fast flowing water had washed out areas of the land adjoining the dams and it was quite reasonable that the farmers were now complaining about that their agricultural land being eroded.

It was imperative to maintain the goodwill of the famers in this matter.

In most cases the water was bypassing the dams through self-made diversionary routes.

In addition, a number of the dams themselves required work, as only one was now performing as would be expected - ie letting the water flow through the middle.

This was all outlined in Coxon Bros report which had been circulated to Councillors in December.

The Council had already agreed to the digging out of the drainage channel at the southern end of Water End Green which Coxons would carry out in the late March or early April when the Green was able to reinstate itself.

Regardless of the cost of digging out a further holding pond together with the probable additional estimated £14,000 of transporting and depositing the way spoil to landfill, there was a significant need to repair the leaky dams and properly install the wing walls as they were currently failing in their intended purpose.

Whilst any application for CIL grant monies was yet to be seen the dams required immediate repair plus the essential wing walls to prevent further agricultural land deterioration and to serve their intended purpose as leaky dams, which had proved in the past to be a success in preventing Brompton and areas downstream from flooding, if Brompton was to be safe from any further flooding in the future.

AGREED – That the repair of the leaky dams and the addition of wing walls be a Council priority.

10. NORTH MOOR ROAD PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS.

On the 5th January 2023 two new pedestrian controlled lighted crossings were made operative on North Moor Road, Northallerton on the west side of the new bridge.

These are located where every few people would cross the road as they are in line with (i) the yet to be built new Primary School on the north side of North Moor Road, and (ii) in line with a site which was in the NND Masterplan designated for supermarket retail development but in respect of which no planning applications have been submitted to date.

Consequently assuming that the school will be built in time to open in September 2024 it will be only then that reasonable number of pedestrians will cross North Moor Road at this location and at a guess some considerable time later when residents from the new housing development will want to cross North Moor Road to get to any new supermarket.

To the contrary there is no provision for a pedestrian controlled lighted crossing on the east side of the bridge where numerous people, both pedestrians and cyclists, cross North Moor Road on a daily basis including a considerable number of pupils going to the new Northallerton College site and returning home in the afternoon. This is also a busy junction leading to the large village of Brompton, with a good footfall and path to the only Secondary School in the area and also leading to substantial leisure facilities and to the town of Northallerton itself.

In addition, this small pedestrian refuge crossing island at the bottom of the high slope on the east side of the new bridge is where vehicles are naturally going at their fastest which amplifies the need for a pedestrian controlled lighted crossing point at that location. North Moor Road is a good open road and motorists can very easily drive along it at 40 without realising it which makes the need for the crossing essential.

Residents have pointed out that it is quite awful crossing at the refuge island with vehicles passing on either side making pedestrians and cyclists feel extremely vulnerable.

How indeed has a decision been arrived at not to install a similar crossing to the two new crossings on the west side of the new bridge on this side of the bridge? – the decision must be based on something.

For some time Brompton Town Council had been of the view that there would be a pelican crossing on either side of the bridge. However there are now two permanent crossings on the west side and none on the east side.

These two sets of pelican crossings which will be little used for quite some time and a crossing in constant use that is dangerous because it is not light controlled.

Any cyclist utilising a tag-along for their younger children, which increases the length of the bike considerably, are far too long to safely use a pedestrian refuge and must have a lighted crossing.

Councillors also praised the letter that Councillor Kellys ten year old son had recently sent to the Prime Minister.

AGREED – That the Council take all possible steps to pursue the immediate inclusion on highway safety grounds of a pedestrian controlled lighted crossing to the east of the new bridge including canvassing its local County Council representative for his support.

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

20's Plenty – NY Branch Meeting held on 5th January 2023

The resume of this meeting appears in the Monthly Update.

The Clerk thanked Councillor Hazelwood for his work on a map of the County which showed how Parishes were clustered together in support of 20mph and this map was now displayed on the 20's Plenty web site.

AGREED - That the Council send representatives to attend the forthcoming meeting of the County Council at County Hall on the 22nd February at 10.00am to see how the electives representatives pay regard to the wishes of their constituency residents in voting on this important matter.

The Clerk also reported that the Leader of NYCC had been asked if he could circulate the following to all Conservative County Councillors serving on the Richmondshire Constituency Area Committee -

I am writing to you on behalf of Brompton Town Council as we have been informed that the Conservative Members of North Yorkshire County Council are to receive a presentation from the organiser of the North Yorkshire Branch of the 20's Plenty campaign on Monday 16th January urging the County Council to change its existing Policy and make 20mph the norm in our towns and villages with 30 mph being the exception.

I will not now outline the proven benefits of 20mph to our communities as you will see this in the presentation on Monday, of which incidentally getting on for 150 Parishes have signed up to, but will look to our local County Councillor Stephen Watson to put the case of Brompton to your Group meeting as he has been very well aware of the feelings of Brompton Council and its community on this matter from his regular monthly attendance at meetings of Brompton Council.

Indeed Councillor Watson agreed to take this matter to the March meeting of the Area Constituency Committee but this has been superseded by the decision to take the matter straight to the February meeting of the full County Council.

As in the case of County Councillor Watson I am sure that other Conservative County Councillors will have similar stories to relate to your Group meeting.

Lastly, I have for your information attached a copy of the case outlined by Brompton Town Council which was intended to be referred to the Area Committee.

North Moor Road, Additional 30mph Signs.

Following representations from residents the Clerk had asked NY Highways to increase the number of 30mph signs on the new North Moor Road route as there was only one 30mph sign on the top of the bridge

12. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

It was reported that 22 volunteers had turned out to plant the remainder of the bulbs at the wildlife area. All the 1,000 bulbs had also been planted at the Thurston Park estate.

The Clerk reported that a comprehensive litter pick of the Greens areas and around the Church had been carried out during the last week.

13. CORRESPONDENCE.

- (i) Tree Works in the Cemetery.

Email received from a resident thanking the Council for carrying out the cutting back to overgrown trees from around graves in the Cemetery.

- (ii) The Living Rooms Northallerton.

Email received thanking the Council for its recent donation.

- (iii) Church Wall.

Email received from a resident of Church view expressing concerns about the Church wall and trees in the Churchyard; the Clerk has advised about current on-going inspections.

At 8.00pm, the meeting was open for the asking of public questions.

(i) Councillor Sanderson reported that in her view, the probability of Brompton Council receiving further CIL money grants through the County Council was unlikely.

The Chairman also pointed out that with the new Unitary Council there would be fewer call ins of planning applications, as it was likely that call ins of applications to be considered by the new Planning Committee would be limited to major developments. In addition, there would be far less local input into the planning system that had existed in the past.

(ii) Mr Paul Walker referred to the Monthly Update in which in respect of the outdoor gym equipment there had been mention of advice received from an ex-Marine concerning the use of equipment for Boot Camps and asked whether this would be free for everyone to use and would no persons have priority. Councillor, Hazelwood said that he had only consulted the former Marine in order to get his ideas and the Clerk added that he would check with Romanby Parish Council how they operated boot camps in their parks. Councillor Hazelwood added that the boot camps would not be profit-making ventures.

(iii) Councillor Sanderson referred to the leaky damn situation, pointing out that the former Flood Group had gone to the Environment Agency for funding adding that Brompton Council should not be paying for the works. The Clerk reported that of the monies received from Defra for flood alleviation works only a small proportion had resulted in physical works being carried out as much had been spent on reports, surveys etc and this had been recently confirmed by Coxon Bros.

Councillor Sanderson said that she was on the Internal Drainage board who were currently highlighting the flood areas and that information may be obtainable from them as regards works to the beck.

The Chairman said that the leaky dams had been proved to work but Councillor Sanderson said that the Council should forget all about them.

Councillor Smith left the meeting at 8.00pm.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(i) Date of Next Meeting of the Council

AGREED – That the next meeting of the Council be held in The Methodist Church at 7.00pm on the 21st February 2023.

(ii) Drains on Northallerton Road.

Councillor O'Sullivan pointed to the blockage of four drains from the Recreation Ground south along Northalleton Road and the Clerk reported that he had already reported this to NY Highways

(iii) Lead Lane.

The Vice-Chairman said that following the Yorkshire Water Authority's works the carriageway hadn't been swept properly and the Clerk undertook to contact NY Highways in this respect to arrange the large road sweeping machine.

(iv) Warm Spaces.

Councillor Carter undertook to contact the organiser of Warm Spaces to ask if they were in need of a further grant.

(v) Damage to the Green.

A Councillor reported that recently two residents had been on the Green with a wacker plate repairing damage made by large wagons.

Attention was drawn to the kerbs that had been displaced by wagons on the Green to the South end of Water End and to the fact that the drains appeared to be getting damaged by HGVs manoeuvring around the area of the noticeboard; with wagon drivers using this route as it was quicker to get to the A19, and were damaging the Green.

(vi) Street Sweeping along Water End.

The Clerk undertook to arrange with the District Council for a sweep along Water End as many of the gullies along the side of the Green looked to be clogged over with leaves.

(vii) Sinkhole

Councillor Carter reported that a sinkhole has appeared in his garden but at present he did not know how much digging out around the area would need to be carried out or whether this would be similar to what had happened previously

15. BURIAL MATTERS.

The Clerk reported that a burial was to take place later in the month and that there were two potential plot sales pending.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm