

Monthly Update – March 2023

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

An apology for absence have been received from Councillor Mrs A Robinson (holiday commitment). **+ County Councillor Steve Watson – another P CI commitment.**

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

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21st FEBUARY 2023.

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st February 2023.

3. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

The Police report for February 2023 is set out below.

Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	4 Reports
Total	4 Reports
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	0 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	0 Reports
Criminal Damage	0 Reports
Theft (inc Theft from Shop)	1 Reports
Violence against the person	6 Reports
Other crimes inc Drugs	2 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Total	9 reports

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

County Councillor Steve Watsons report -

Unfortunately tonight's meeting clashes with one of my last old PC meetings so I am attending that one as a last goodbye.

Updates -

Finally I am making progress regarding the transport infrastructure funding identified within the S106 agreement.

It is part of the legal documentation and as such will be held by NYC. We are currently checking how the funding is triggered for payment by TW and Persimmon and if it is a lump sum or 100k per year for the five years.

Safety audit - you will have seen numerous traffic sensors around the Development and feeder roads to gather data.

The junction with the bridge road and the concern regarding visibility and the fence. The visibility splay meets all standards laid out - 2.4m x 43m

The full audit is still progressing.

Hedge - now cut. A little late but no nesting had started and if it had the snow the following week would have curtailed it. The newly cut area will give greater protection to small birds.

Footpaths - I'm waiting a face to face with the footpaths officer. Subsequently added the road closure taking place all next week from 6pm on Darlington (A167) for road planing and tarmacing.

This is from North End level crossing all the way along to the new roundabout at the NND.

Full details are on NYCC web site under Road Closures.

Traffic Management Ambassadors will be on site during the works to ensure that residents and businesses can access their properties and premises.

- (i) Demonstration at County Hall.

The demonstration held at County Hall on the 22nd February attracted much support from a wide area including the teacher of Brompton Community Primary School and a number of pupils who were featured on Radio York.

- (ii) Damage to the BRG Field.

Damage was made to the football pitches behind Weavers Pavilion by a quad bike at 5.45pm on Saturday 11th March.

The bike riders were accompanied by the drivers of a red Ford Fiesta and a white Fiat Punto who all were involved in riding the quad bike across the pitches which of course were extremely wet.

Given the volume of snow and heavy rain recently this was purposely done as the ground was very soft.

The incident has been reported to the Police with CCTV footage.

The quad bike came from the Appleton Wiske/Deighton direction, both the Fiesta and the Punto headed back towards Brompton village.

- (iii) Cutting of Hedge on Northallerton Road

Complaints were received from residents about the cutting of the hedge on Northallerton Road at the new Sports Village which was long overdue and was carried out by HDC. The complainants claimed that birds nests were destroyed which was not the case as there were no nests in the hedge at the time of cutting and it was far too cold weather for birds to be nesting anyway.

- (iv) New Estates – Dog/Waste Bins.

Complaints were received about the siting of the new dog/waste bins at the North Northallerton Development residents saying that they wanted the bins outside their

properties on the estates themselves and not on North Moor Road. This was not possible as the estates are not yet adopted and wouldn't be emptied. Indeed if they had been put outside residents houses complaints would probably have been received as as to why they had been put there.

(v) Dog Fouling.

A Facebook post about increased dog fouling in areas of Brompton attracted numerous comments about dog fouling allegedly all over Northallerton area.

(vi) NYCC Parish Charter Consultation.

The Clerk has submitted the Councils response in respect of the Parish Charter consultation.

(vii) NYCC Climate Change Consultation.

The Clerk has submitted the Councils response in respect of the Climate Change consultation.

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

To be reported to the meeting.

6. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS –

(i) Finance Group.

The Finance Group met on the 13th March mainly to consider the expected end of year outturn and the budget forecast 2023/24 financial year.

For 2023/24 the Working Groups budgets were **RECOMMENDED as follows -**

Wildlife Area - £500 - but not agreed to include the provision of another 10 trees as the Council had decided not to purchase any further trees once the ones ordered in 2022/23 had been planted.

Highways Group - £2,000 - for smaller projects - the car park and Cockpit Hill pedestrian crossing point project to come under the full Council - £9,000 as requested.

Adult Outdoor Gym Equipment/ Play Equipment Working Group - noted that the track will require planning consideration + expenditure on the project to come from the Councils bid to the new NYC for further CIL monies; (£15,000 is in the budget for the Recreation Ground).

Estimated 2022/23 expenditure - £58,800, approximately

Estimated 2022/23 Income - £83,398

Estimated spend for 2023/24 - £118,300

Estimated 2023/24 Income - £119,000

As there is no likelihood of spending any of the CIL monies received in respect of the North Northallerton Development in the forthcoming financial year as it will take time to ascertain what the public's views are it is therefore **RECOMMENDED - That the Annual Newsletter be not circulated until later in the year and to include the CIL questionnaire - this is**

due to printing costs having increased substantially therefore only to print the one document in due course.

(iii) Middle Bridge.

The bridge was removed on the 24th February and the guard rails were installed at the same time.

When the bridge was removed it fell apart as soon as it was lifted off the stone. A steel company representative on site commented on how bad the damage was and was surprised that the bridge had not fallen apart sooner, confirming that the whole bridge was beyond repair.

The stone abutments have been left in place with steel guard rails added.

(iii) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

Zoom Meeting at 7.30pm dated 13 March 2023

Item	Details	Actions
1.	Matters Arising: There were none.	
2.	20s Plenty Campaign: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 3 councillors attended NY Council meeting protest. Nothing further to add to that provided by local media coverage. • EW reported that the house by the bus layby on Northallerton road has a camera that is constantly recording the traffic, most of which seems to be speeding. The 20s Plenty have been offered access to the recording should they be of use. 	
3.	Cockpit Hill Car Park: Garden licence for the Sub-station has been received and a verbal quote of £9060 from Snowballs for refurbishing the car park has been given to RC who included it in the budget application for the next FY.	
4.	Cycle Paths: JH attended the Feb meeting of the Pedestrian/Cycleway Joint NTC/BTC/RTC Working Group. The LCWIP Phase 2 is a discussion document from which the most viable route, likely to be the Brompton-Northallerton route, will be selected for which grant funding will then be sought to submit a bid to Central Government to fund the implementation of the selected route. Competition for funding is likely to be fierce!	
5.	Danes Crest Crossing: Quote from Snowballs of about £700 received and included in the FY 22/23 budget submission.	

6.	Three Horseshoes Visibility Issues: Quote from Snowballs of about £700 received and included in the FY 22/23 budget submission.	
7.	VAS Sign: Awaiting erection of a second pole	
9.	Access to NYCC Highways Portal: RC now has access.	
10.	AOB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JH agreed to produce a “white lining” report based on the Sub Committees walk round in February. Which RC would then submit to NYCC. • There was no progress to report on the lights for the North Moor Road/Northallerton Road crossing. • The hedge alongside the Sports Village had been cut back. It has been noted by the Sub Committee members and several other people that, contrary to the claims by a local resident, there are no old nests in the hedge let alone any new ones. Work is required to clear the detritus off of the hedge side of the path. • RC also included in the budget submission an estimate of £1200 for the removal of the two fences and the reinstatement of the footpath at the Brompton end of the cycle path to Northallerton. There was general agreement that the fences served little purpose. A “cyclists to dismount” sign would also need to be installed. 	JH, RC
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 TBC.	All

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

A very productive meeting at the Recreation Ground was held on Wednesday 15th March.

RECOMMENDED - That the following outdoor adult gym equipment be purchased from PlayEquip -

The wooden outdoor gym - £4,670

The sit-up and leg raise benches - £3,220 +

The climbing wall panel - £1,995

In due course these could be added to.

Siting to be as previously agreed between the Chairman and Clerk along from where the climbing frame is currently sited. This location will not intrude into other areas that may be required for further development as time proceeds.

The climbing frame to be re-located to a site next to the roundabout.

Councillor Hazelwood is to draw up a plan + also to calculate how much safety surfacing will be required.

Whilst the Company recommends rubberised safety surfacing there are other options which will be looked into.

There is also a need to decide whether the gym equipment manufacturer is to install the equipment or whether we outsource this - which would probably be a much cheaper option.

Also the issue of making the gate next to the double access gate more accessible as the existing kissing gate restricts ease of access.

In the past a metal barrier was agreed with NY Highways to go along the edge of the pavement on Northallerton Road so that children could not run out onto the road but this didn't happen due to it restricting access for the grasscutters.

The fence posts inside the small gate behind the rocker and the swings along the hedge line are all broken - new posts are put in along there to fasten the wire onto.

(v) Rural Transport Partnership- - 5th March 2023.

The Clerk attended the quarterly meeting of the Rural Transport Partnership and again raised the matter of the missing Section 106 monies amounting to £500,000 for local bus services resulting from the new housing development.

As the District Council is coming to the end of its life it was agreed at the meeting that after the closure of the County Councils accounts for the current financial year on the 31st March, raise the matter be raised with the County Councils External Auditors if no response is received to previous enquiries by that date.

The Local Transport Plan review consultation will be starting later in the month and details will be on the North Yorkshire website and will be included as another part of the Lets Talk promotion.

Another local issue is that the last bus from Northallerton to Darlington does not travel by way of the villages as it does on the morning and for the rest of the day and therefore anyone wanting to take the bus to work in Northallerton on a morning were therefore unable to do so if they live in one of the villages as they will be unable to get back home.

The maximum £2 fare will remain on local buses for an extended period until the 1st June. Passenger usage has increased by 7% but it is hoped that this will further increase during the better weather.

However, it was suggested that the initiative would be far more successful if the £2 maximum fare could be used within say a time limit of half an hour in order to transfer between one or two additional bus journeys instead of only operating on one service and then having to pay additional fares when transfers were made.

The bus timetables for the market towns have been well received by the Tourist Information Centres. The Northallerton bus timetable has been found to be really useful but needs the My Trip App adding to it so that travellers would know when a bus was coming and how far away it was. In this respect most of the NYCC bus services do not include the My Trip app for its bus services. The Northallerton bus timetable is to be updated later this month as some services are currently out for tender which could result in changes to services.

There was also a need to encourage the bus operators to get onto the My Trip App as many of them currently operate on different Apps if they use Apps at all

The idea of implementing an electric bus service around Northallerton has been looked into; however, the only bus operator who expressed any interest is too far away to become involved.

There needs to be more focus on access for appointments at health services such as doctors etc to overcome health equality around the Hambleton and Richmondshire areas as a lack of mobility in the County leads to poor health. Hubs are being set up to enable people to access Mental Health Services within their own localities without having the need to travel with there being a need to look at specific locations so as to access funding.

There continues to be a Northallerton rail/ bus timetable connection issue as they don't match up for Sunday services.

Information on databases is to be looked at to try to update them so as to include the exact locations of bus stops.

Difficulties are foreseen with the Rail plans to close all ticket offices.

There are also difficulties for wheelchair users at Northallerton Station in travelling south and having to get a train north to Darlington to then travel south again.

6. PLANNING MATTERS.

The views of the Council are required in respect of the following planning applications

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23/00446/FUL - Change of use of land to domestic and remove existing building and replace with proposed detached garage - Standard Hill Farm, Darlington Road.

23/00378/FUL - Application for the construction of a single storey link extension, two-storey extension to granary barn, double garage with a roof terrace, porch over main entrance. New window openings to main barn and granary, and internal alterations - Pond Cottage, Low Grange Farm, Brompton

23/00624/CAT - Works to a Beech tree in a conservation area - Rivendell Water End

Planning Appeal - OS Field 7722, Lead Lane

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of HDC to refuse to grant planning permission for four dwellings off Lead Lane.

8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

HMRC (VAT reimbursement)	2,747.44
W M Scott+ Sons (Memorial fee)	55.00
Dales of Thirsk (Memorial fee)	50.00

Payments –

P Atkin (Salary)	384.24
P Atkin (Expenses)	51.62
HMRC (PAYE)	96.00
Mrs C Huang (Sweeping)	45.00
Brompton Methodist Church (Room hire)	96.00
Northern Powergrid (Annual Garden Licence)	50.00
Sam Turner and Son (2 picnic benches + other)	726.08
NYCC (Renewal of Microsoft Licence)	60.44
Hillside Tree Surgeons (Tree works in the Cemetery)	5,080.00
W Braithwaite & Sons (Salix chrysocoma)	50.00
J Robinson (Financial Services advice - 6 months)	362.50
YDS Ltd (Trailer hire)	132.48
YLCA (Road Safety and Speeding Concerns course)	25.00
W Braithwaite & Sons (Saubus auc. Autumn Spire)	55.00
NY Timber (Wood for fencing)	1,752.78
Mrs S Briginshaw (Reimbursement for Watering Tubes)	35.95
NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges)	24.91*

*Paid by Direct Debit

****Further Invoices to be expected before the Council meeting****

The updated list of Accounts will be circulated at the meeting

Bank Balances

Current Ac't - £200.00

Business Premium Ac't (i) - £70,027.06

Business Premium Ac't (ii) - £141,013.21

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

The Bank Reconciliation appears on the last page.

9. BUDGET 2023/34.

<u>BUDGET EXPENDITURE</u>		2022/23		2023/24	
		Budget		BUDGET	
Salary/HMRC		6000		6500	
Admin- Expenses, Misc,audit fees,printing, payroll services,web site,newsletter		4000		5000	
Grasscutting		11000		11500	
Hedge Cutting		400		1000	
Dog Bins*		500		2100	
Sweeping		600		0	
Allotments		1600		1200	
Insurance		1600		1800	
Water End Wildlife Area W/G		1000		500	
Cemetery Works		4000		2500	
Room Hire		400		500	
Recreation Ground*		1500		15000	
Defib		400		400	
Tree Works		5500		10000	
Donations		600		500	
Trade Refuse Bin		300		400	
Highways Working Group		1000		2000	
Village Caretaking- building materials, hire charges		4900		6000	
Flood Prevention W/G		1000		0	
Project - Water End Bridge		0		3900	
Projects - Flood Prevention		0		25000	
Projects - Graveyard Wall		0		13000	
Projects - Cockpit Hill				9000	
Projects - VAS Signs*		10500		500	
Total Budget		56800		118300	

	2022/23		PROPOSED				
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		2023/24				
	Budget	BUDGET				
Precept	62000	68000				
Bank Interest	0	150				
VAT Refund	2500	6000				
Grants	0	41000			NYC Community Fund	
Burial Fees	2000	2000				
Memorials	100	100				
Wayleaves	400	400				
Allotment Rents	1200	1200				
CIL Monies	0	0				
Village Caretaking	100	150				
Total Income	68300	119000				

To be updated and circulated to Councillors when all Invoices for March have been received.

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Including Notification of Road Closures and 20's Plenty.

20's Plenty

At the meeting held on the 16th March the opportunity was taken to analyse the recent demonstration at County Hall and outline plans to move forward for the future.

There was disappointment that although on the day of the County Council meeting an official had indicated that 30 people would be permitted in the public gallery in the Council Chamber that had later been reduced to 15.

It was also disappointing that the children were not permitted to demonstrate the differences in stopping distances to County Councillors.

The school children have recently posited a video demonstrating stopping distances on Facebook.

All Councils are now being written to to request that they put in 20mph requests to NY Highways as just passing a Resolution that they support 20 doesn't actually do anything.

YLCA Road Safety and Speed Concerns Course

The Clerk attended the above course on the 9th March.

5% of collisions are driver error.

They are not accidents - most are driving at inappropriate speeds, lack of concentration, drink/drugs, not driving to the road conditions.

Every time we use a road we have a shared responsibility to keep everyone safe.

In 2022 on UK roads -

1,760 fatalities - (equivalent to 4 Boeing 747 jets full of passengers)

28,044 seriously injured

107,209 slightly injured

The after effect isn't just on those listed above but also on their families and friends and can last many years.

The cascading effect of accidents is therefore enormous but we only hear about accidents in terms of one or two casualties.

It is usually the inappropriate use of speed that costs lives - either driving too fast or being unable to stop in the required distance. Many drivers are unaware of the speed limits particularly for vans, motorhomes etc which they may only drive occasionally.

Blue surround 30 signs are **minimum** speeds to keep traffic flowing.

There are significant changes in the new Highway Code issued in January - particularly changes to signs. The Highway Code is not a throw away book to dispose of after passing the Driving Test!

Many motorists are unaware that solid white lines down the centre of a carriageway also mean No Stopping. Many motorists are unaware of what road markings mean.

Speed limits are the maximum speed not a target.

There are two categories of people who speed -

1. Lapsers - these are the majority - being those who get distracted and are not fully concentrating on their driving - using mobile phones, listening to music, thinking about other things while they are driving etc.

2. Violators - the hard to reach group - who may get a thrill out of speeding or think they have a right to drive as fast as they like. They may feel that getting caught or having an accident is unlucky.

Many people are unaware of what the speed limits are as they are not up to date in their knowledge.

The York and North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership under its Speed Management Protocol is one place where anyone can report speeding concerns - it does not have to be a Parish or Town Council who does the reporting.

These concerns are handled in the order in which they come in.

Speeds concerns forms are available on both the NYCC and Police web sites.

The Traffic Bureau will check if similar concerns have been reported in the past 3 years and if not a data logger will be deployed at the location for 7 days. The Fire and Rescue Service can also install monitoring equipment on 30 + 40mph roads but if the issue is on a 60mph road then it would need to be referred to the Highways Agency (who put the rubber recording tubes down).

Concerns were expressed at the meeting about locations where there were a lot of distraction signs/crossing points etc and it was reported that NY Highways would look at trends of collisions at such junctions to ascertain what was happening and finding causation factors.

Solutions could be built into Section 106 Agreements, for example to install signalled junctions so as to remove mini-roundabouts.

Development Control Engineers at County Hall look into the likely affects of large planning applications.

It is important that drivers are made aware of why they have to slow down.

There was a feeling that NYCC was letting down rural communities by not taking notice of local concerns.

Speed surveys record two categories - 1. Mean speeds - average speeds and, 2. 85% speeds which give a more complete picture.

After the speed surveys are taken there are a number of possibilities -

1. Community Speed Watch - but has difficulties in getting resident volunteers to get involved.
2. Temporary VAS signs - loose their effect in one location after three months ~+ only target the lapsers - ie the ones who get distracted + not those who just want to drive at speed.

Don't use signs that reveal the speed limit as that is seen as the target.

3. Village Gateway Features - These highlight to motorists that the road situation has changed and that they are entering a village or town.

They are the responsibility of the Parish or Town Council.

Approval is required from NY Highways who will issue a structure licence (free of charge).

Boulders near any highway need to be licensed - fatalities have reacted from motorcyclists hitting boulders.

Any signs near a highway must also be licensed - including where necessary HA approval.

There was a view that NY Highways need to have more engagement with local communities and to share ideas between them.

Getting children involved also involves parents.

Signs on roads stating "125 killed on this route" are very effective.

There is a need to get into motorists minds but the Police are not the best people to undertake engagement.

As regards speed cushions - these are successful for the lapsers but not for the speeders - also they are unpopular with residents due to noise.

11. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

Forty properties were leaflet along Water End/Cockpit Hill with regard to the supply of house martin boxes.

Brompton is host to a population of summer migrant house martins that have historically chosen to make their little mud nest cups under the eaves along parts of Water End and Cockpit Hill. These incredible little birds pick of beak-fulls of mud and form a little 'cup' that is glued onto the facing brick work to rear their young. This year Brompton Town Council is supporting a national drive to encourage further nesting by offering free artificial nest cups to residents who wish to play 'host'. Properties were leafleted near existing nests as there is a stronger likelihood of the artificial nest cups being made into to new home and helping boost declining numbers.

To date six boxes have been supplied.

Unfortunately the daffodil bulbs planted with residents haven't come up at the Rugby Club, at the top of Little Lane nor at Station Rd around the Brompton sign. Perhaps they were planted too late and may flower next spring.

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

- (i) Notice of Meeting – Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee – 23rd March 2023 at 10.00am at County Hall, Northallerton.
- (ii) Highways Concerns.

A resident recently raised several concerns with regard to highways matter in the Parish. These have been passed on to County Councillor Steve Watson, NY Highways and BTCs Highways Road Safety Group.

- (iii) Brompton Churches Group – Events During 2023 – Permission to Use Greens.

Listed below are the activities the Brompton Churches have planned for 2023 and would like to ask permission to use the various Village Greens.

Sunday 7 May from 3 pm – 5 pm
Coronation Cake and Tea Party at Brompton Methodist Church and Methodist Church Green/St Thomas' Church Green

Sunday 28 May 2023 at 11 am
Carnival Praise service on Brompton Methodist Church Green

Saturday 12 August 2023 from 2 pm - 4.30 pm
St Thomas' Church Table Top Sale, Raffle, etc. on St Thomas' Church Green

Saturday 19 August 2023 at 3.30 pm
Pet Service on St Thomas' Church Green/Brompton Methodist Church

Sunday 27 August 2023 at 10.30 am
Brompton Churches Group Service & Picnic at Brompton Methodist Church & Brompton Methodist Church Green

Sunday 17 December 2023 from 5 pm – 6 pm

Carol Singing around the Christmas Tree at St Thomas' Church Lych Gate

RECOMMENDED –That permission be granted for the use of the Greens as requested for all of the above events to be held during 2023.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Date of Next Meeting.

RECOMMENDED - That the next meeting of the Council and of the Annual Parish Assembly be held in The Methodist Church on Tuesday 18th April 2023.

14. BURIAL MATTERS.

A burial is to take place in the coming week. Two ashes plots have been sold this month,

Income			
Income reported at last meeting		£221,059.62	
a) Receipts in the period:			
VAT Refunds	<u>£3,429.10</u>		
Total income for the period		<u>£3,429.10</u>	
Revised 2022/23 income to 3rd Mar 2023			£224,488.72
Expenditure			
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£44,046.14	
b) Payments in the period:			
Yorewaste	£24.91		
P.Atkin - Salary	£384.24		
P.Atkin - Expenses	£54.68		
HMRC	£96.00		
Smeedon Foreman Ltd	£1,983.24		
YLCA	£33.40		
Hillside Tree Surgeons	£2,380.00		
Sam Turner & Sons - Various	£82.87		
JT Atkinson & Sons - Tarmac	£99.17		
Mrs C Huang	£65.00		
Handyman Services - D.Langthorne	£675.00		
YDS Ltd - Trailer Hire	<u>£60.00</u>		
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£5,938.51</u>	
Revised 2022/23 Expenditure to 3rd Mar 2023			£49,984.65
c) Funds:			
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)		-£2,509.41	
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting		<u>£213,749.68</u>	
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting		<u>£211,240.27</u>	
Represented by:			
Balance of Barclays Community Account a/c		£200.00	
Balance of Barclays Business Premium a/c		£70,027.06	
Balance of Barclays Premium Savings a/c		<u>£141,013.21</u>	
Total Funds as at 3rd Mar 2023		<u>£211,240.27</u>	
Unpresented Cheques			
Restarting Hearts (chq 900)	150.00		
W.Braithwaite & Sons - Wildlife tree guards etc (941)	217.85		