

Monthly Update – May 2023

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

A nomination has been received from Councillors in respect of Councillor Mrs M Shiel Dods.

2. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Apologies for absence have been received from Councillors **Mr J Hazelwood, Mr S O’Sullivan** and Mrs R Smith (other commitment).

Councillor Langthorne to declare an interest in Accounts regarding cheque payments

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

A nomination has been received from Councillors in respect of Councillor M Langthorne.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25th APRIL 2023.

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on the 25th April 2023.

5. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON 18TH APRIL 2023 – **FOR INFORMATION.**

Circulated as a separate document.

6. APPOINTMENTS TO WORKING PARTIES –

FINANCE WORKING GROUP - S O’Sullivan, A Robinson and M Shiel Dods

ROAD SAFETY AND HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP - R Carter, J Hazelwood and E Kelly,

WILDLIFE AREA WORKING GROUP - . S Briginshaw and E Kelly

FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP - R Carter, S Briginshaw, M Langthorne and M Shiel Dods.

PEDESTRIAN/CYCLING STRATEGY JOINT WORKING GROUP - . R Carter, J Hazelwood and E Kelly

NEW ESTATES WORKING GROUP.

To appoint Councillors to the above.

7. APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BODIES ETC–

The Allotments Group – M Shiel Dods

YLCA Branch Meetings - Chairman + Clerk

PCC liaison meetings - . Councillors M Shiel Dods, A Robinson and the Clerk

To appoint Councillors the above.

8. LOCAL CRIME REPORT

The Police report for April 2023 is set out below.

Statistics taken from	01/04/2023 to 30/04/2023
Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	2 Reports
Anti-Social Personal	0 Reports
Total	2 Reports
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	0 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	1 Reports
Criminal Damage	0 Reports
Theft (inc. Theft from Shop)	1 Reports
Violence against the person	2 Report
Other crimes inc. Drugs	2 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Auto Crime / SMV	0 Reports
Total	6 Reports

Community Messenger

A polite reminder to join our Community Messaging Service! Yorkshire Community Messaging is a free email messaging service from North Yorkshire Police and the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, providing news and updates on policing matters that are relevant to you and your local community.

Sign up and receive email alerts about policing activity and initiatives in your local area as well as crime prevention advice and information. You will also have the opportunity to reply directly to your neighbourhood team and provide feedback via surveys.

If you'd like any further information or if you'd like to join please email PCSO Stokes carly.stokes@northyorkshire.police.uk

Recruitment

Recruitment is open for special constables and NYP would really appreciate help to advertise within communities, groups, organisations etc.

Special constables have the same powers as regular police officers, wear the same uniform and equipment, and perform the role on a voluntary basis. They undertake a wide range of police duties and play an essential role in serving our communities.

Link to Specials recruitment is

<https://northyorkshirepolice.engageats.co.uk/Redirect.aspx?enc=2EhiSlqUofjCb3EPQzt9LBdJ/gkUWxb4xHZ0LiDqhR8NUAx9VvHwDgotUDonBi66&eoq=1>

Link to Volunteers is

<https://northyorkshirepolice.engageats.co.uk/Redirect.aspx?enc=2EhiSlqUofjCb3EPQzt9LBdJ/gkUWxb4xHZ0LiDqhR9v/R1b/PDOqZuu95XtkWca&eoq=1>

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – **FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

(i) Local Elections.

Three complaints were received on the 4th May that The Methodist Church was not open for people to cast their votes. However there were no elections locally that day and it was apparent that Radio York had been urging people to go out and vote and therefore some people had thought that there was an election in Brompton.

(ii) Planning Application for Works to Trees in the Conservation Area.

Large scale plans depicting the trees that require works to be carried out to them have now been deposited with the Planning Office. Councillors have been asked for their views as regards the trees that will in due course those that are to be felled.

(iii) Metal Plate off the Linen Mill Chimney.

The large metal plate weighing 2cwt has been stored at the former HDC Deport since the chimney was demolished. Arrangements are being made for this to be collected and stored away.

(iv) Damage to 20's Plenty Banner.

On the evening of 6th May the 20's Plenty banner near the Rugby Club was damaged beyond repair. Councillor Hazelwood has redesigned the banner and two new banners have been ordered; one as a spare.

(v) Damaged Sign Post at the Level Crossing, Station Road.

The Highways Officer who covers Brompton has advised that he has raised an order for both sign posts to be replaced. This order has now been passed to our contractors to be programmed according to priority.

(vi) St Thomas's Church Wall.

The PCC is currently preparing the application for a Faculty for the works to the Church Wall.

(vii) CIL Monies.

A resident has asked if the Council would spend the CIL monies during the current financial year. The Council previously agreed that this would not be the case and Councillors have confirmed that they do not wish to change this previous decision.

(viii) Flood Alleviation Works.

The Internal Drainage Board has confirmed that it is not awaiting any information from the Council.

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

To be reported to the meeting.

11. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS –

(i) Finance Group.

The Finance Group met on the 15th May and monitored the income and expenditure for the current year to date and will continue to do so on a monthly basis before each Council meeting.

There were no matters of concern.

The Clerk has yet to meet with Internal Auditor therefore the report of the Internal Auditor and the AGAR return for the last financial year will be considered at the meeting of the Council in June.

Crow Leisure has agreed to increase the rent paid for the hire of Church Green for the May bank holiday Fair from £150 to £180.

However the Fair organisers do not wish to continue to partake in the scheme to provide fair tickets to the school children.

The Finance Group therefore RECOMMENDS that the income from Crow Leisure each year be donated to the School and that the School be asked if it has any specific projects that the money would benefit.

The current amount stands at £330.00.

Unfortunately the cheque for the deposit for the toddlers springers has not arrived at the manufacturers and has been cancelled and a replacement cheque will be issued at the Council meeting.

As regards the purchase of the notice boards and positioning of a Brompton sign for the new estates these matters will have to be deferred until the estates have been adopted.

(iii) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

No meeting has been held this month.

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

No meeting has been held this month – all matters are progressing.

(v) Joint Pedestrian/Cycling Working Group.

The Joint Working Group is to meet on the 16th May to consider –

- Which of the four identified corridors is the top priority?
- How do we gather public support?

The Working Group RECOMMENDS –

That its name be changed to The Active Travel Working Group.

That the order of priority for routes be –

1. **Brompton – Northallerton**
2. **Crosby Road – Treadmills**
3. **Broomfield – town**
4. **Standard Way area**

That Councils support a public event in the lower Town Hall on a market day to publicise the routes and/ or at a stall at the Food Festival on the 15th June.

Further consideration be given to the Press and social media publicity. Local Gyms be targeted with leaflets advertising any events.

Romanby P CI is continuing to press issues with regard to the bridges.

It is anticipated that a planning application will be submitted later in the year.

12. PLANNING MATTERS.

(i) Decisions.

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

23/00446/FUL - Change of use of land and remove existing building and replace with proposed building to be used in connection with holiday accommodation business, Standard Hill Farm Darlington Road – Granted

(ii) Applications

ZB23/00938/FUL - Revised application for construction of 38no. residential dwellings with associated access, parking, landscaping and infrastructure - OS Field 6504 Northallerton Business Park Thurston Road.

Councillors views are requested on the above planning application

(vi) Development at Lowfields Farm, Fullicar Lane.

The Clerk spent the afternoon of Friday 5th May at Lowfields Farm at the invitation of Mr Geoffrey Spence even though the Clerk had on several occasions informed him that he was no longer a Councillor for Brompton and that he really needed to speak to County Councillor Steve Watson and that BTC was not the Planning Authority.

The large building for the rearing of livestock granted consent last Summer is virtually complete with livestock in there and the old wood buildings from the 1950's put up by Mr Spences father have virtually all gone.

In time the intention is to build a continuous brick the full length of the development with that part on the roadside of the wall being retained for parking along the outside of the wall adjacent to Fullicar Lane.

There is currently a Planning Enforcement issue about the height of the new agricultural building but that is of no concern to BTC.

Also the apartments for the workers are well on the way to completion which will mean that the static caravans that have been there for the past ten years will go.

Other improvements are the large expanse of Solar Panels on the full length of roof of the new building.

Mr Spence outlined future intentions for further development but was advised to speak to his Agents and the Planning Authority.

County Councillor Watsons contact details have been provided to Mr Spence and he has confirmed receipt of them and it has been suggested to Mr Spence that he may also wish to give County Councillor Watson an opportunity to have the same tour of the developments especially as he is on the Planning Committee.

A Retrospective planning application for a replacement building for two buildings for housing dairy cattle at Lowfields Farm has been received and will be considered at the June Council meeting.

- (vii) Applications for Tree Works in the Conservation Area on the Village Greens.

The required annotated plans relating to the proposed tree works have been lodged with Planning Authority who have now logged the Councils planning application.

13. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

NYC (Half-yearly Precept)	34,000.00
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Payments –

Wallace Fabrications Ltd (Bridge removal + fabrication of railings)	3,900.00
CE+CM Walker (April Grasscutting)	1,648.80
Sam Tuner & Sons (Sand and Cement)	14.96
Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd (Annual Insurance Premium)	812.74
RGPS (Signs for the Alloments)	108.00
Mrs C Huang (Sweeping)	40.00
P Atkin (Expenses)	29.65

P Atkin (Salary)	384.24
HMRC (PAYE)	96.00
Mr D Langthorne (Fencing works etc)	220.00
YDS Ltd (Trailer hire)	60.00
*NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges)	27.41 *
*Paid by Direct Debit	
** Paid out of meeting –	
PlayEquip (50% deposit for Outdoor Gym Equipment)	6,255.00

Bank Balances

Current Ac't - £156.01

Business Premium Ac't (i) - £92,015.04

Business Premium Ac't (ii) - £141,024.82

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

The Bank Reconciliation appears on the last page of the Monthly Update.

The Clerk has agreed with Mr G Crow that the rent for the hire of Church Green for the Fair be increased this year from £150 to £180 as the sum of £150 has been in existence for over ten years.

14. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT.

Item withdrawn from the agenda until the June Council meeting as the Clerk has not yet had time to meet with Auditor to discuss the report.

15. AGAR – ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN – YEAR END 31 MARCH 2023.

Item withdrawn from the agenda until the June Council meeting.

16. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

20's Plenty.

The local Branch meeting was held on the 27th April.

There were 8 attendees - Brompton, Malton/Norton, Lythe, Pannal, Great Ayton, Whitby, Great Broughton + Harrogate.

The main impetus at present is around Harrogate following the serious injury of two pupils outside a school from a car running onto the pavement in a 30mph zone.

However this is having to be lead by the 12 Harrogate schools and other local organisations as Harrogate has gone from being a large Borough Council covering a wide area to having

no representation at all by Parish/Town Councils as, in the same way as Scarborough, Harrogate is not parished so has no-one to speak up for it; in effect having gone from considerable local representation to nothing.

Pannal has found that despite NY Highways objections the local Council purchased four speed indicator devices rather than VAS signs and these are placed on private property since NYC will not permit them in the highway verge. The information from the speed indicators is sent to the Police who decides from the results where to deploy safety cameras and the view is that this initiative has been very successful.

Malton submitted a case of its own but received a reply for NY Highways that as the average speeds on the roads applied for to become 20mph the speeds when surveyed were 24mph and therefore did not qualify.

Malton has now joined with Norton to apply for default 20 for all 30 areas and to all 40mph areas to 30. They also hope to include the adjoining villages.

Malton Town Council has consulted 2,700 households but has only reviewed a 4% response rate although the vast majority were in favour. This fell below the accepted 8% threshold as arrangements were not put fully in hand as to how responses were to be returned.

The view is that the Police Commissioner needs to get the Police to enforce 20mph - especially applicable to Harrogate as this is where her HQ is to be situated.

NY Highways officers have commented that all the engineering works and signs in the world won't work without enforcement.

The forthcoming closure of Eskdale Secondary School in Whitby will mean that many pupils will have to walk a considerable distance across town alongside 40mph roads which will require a Transport assessment.

Lythe Parish Council had carried out a residents survey however this had received a negative response although speeds on the A174 which bounded the Primary School reached 65mph. Difficulties in this area also resulted from Sandsend having become an extremely popular holiday resort with there having been four non injury accidents recently.

Great Broughton has also received negative feedback from its residents and has been waiting for NY Highways to carry out a speed survey in view of the volume of traffic and high speeds of vehicles on route to Stokesley. Schools in the area are desperate to see children cycling and walking to school however this is currently not safe to do.

It was the view that promoting active travel to schools was being suppressed at present.

Great Ayton having two Primary Schools also had a long term vision of seeing pupils walking and cycling to school and 20mph being the norm.

It was generally accepted that 20mph brought a much calmer feel to communities.

It was very disappointing that the new North Yorkshire Council made it very difficult for people to find out who to contract.

All previous contact references for the Area Highway Offices across the County on line had been removed and there was now only a general link about contacting NYC on a chosen variety of predetermined matters all with no email links as there had been with the former NYCC for very many years.

Lack of responses from Area Highway Offices to any issues raised since 1 April were also noted.

Whilst it would be good to see other political groups on NYC speaking to each other this wasn't happening.

20mph was an acknowledged vote winner but Councillors in general were unwilling to support it as there was a historic bias against 20mph and County Councillor Gareth Dadd the NYC Deputy Leader was a hostile opponent and unfortunately held much of the political sway on the new Council.

It was considered that there was still a need for more Parishes to come on board and it was agreed that in order to do this Clerks of Parishes who had signed up to 20mph should speak to Clerk of their adjoining Councils to ensure that all Clerks are placing 20's Plenty on their Council agendas.

There is still a need to see what County Councillor Keane Duncan comes up with in his review which is expected during May. Unfortunately recently he has changed his tone and has been quite hostile in the media. Several complaints have been lodged about his attitude at the recent County Council meeting was held on the day of the demonstration at County Hall including one from the Headteacher of Brompton CP School.

Involvement of the Harrogate Advertiser and The Stray Ferret news publication is seen as essential following the serious accident outside a school in Harrogate but this will need to be lead by the schools and their pupils as they have no representation locally due to not being parished.

School Councils and Governors are also to be encouraged to become involved.

Questions can of course be asked, subject to submission in time, at County Council meetings including those of its Executive.

For those contacting the Press it is suggested that they send their own script as well as photos, with the letters pages of newspapers also leaning themselves to be used for publicity of the 20mph initiative.

Radio York is very receptive to the campaign.

Parish Councils are to be encouraged in the coming months of better weather to follow Bromptons lead and set up gazebos at any events in their villages such as carnivals, food festivals etc and also to give free 20mph wheely bin stickers etc away at such events.

The next meeting is to be held on Zoom at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th June 2023.

BTC awaits the outcome of the visit of County Councillor Keane Duncan to the village with County Councillor Steve Watson to see the local situation for himself.

17. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

Nothing new to add.

18. CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) Portakabins at Orchard Grove.

Complaints have been received from residents about a number of portakabins sited in the car park at Orchard Grove by Broadacres Housing. The residents have been advised to contact the planning authority.

(ii) Scots Pit Lane.

The following has been received from the Planning Inspectorate -

I am writing concerning the 2021 Modification Order for Public bridleways nos. 10.19/28 & 10.110/43, Scot Pit Lane, Brompton & North Allerton which is being determined based on the paper file. The health and safety questionnaire advises that less than 150 metres is accessible that there are potentially dangerous animals on site. Although there is some user evidence, the case for the Order appears to be predominantly based on historical documents. The Inspector considers that a site visit is not necessary and will not assist were her decision. Therefore, she proposes not to undertake a site visit and intends to determine the Order based solely on the papers on file. Please can you indicate your agreement to this approach.

Councillor Carter has commented as follows –

The dangerous animals, by which they the ones that Langthornes farms are not actually on site, ie assuming the lane is or will be properly fenced they will be in the fields on either side. If the inspector is concerned about these animals the she should make a site visit to determine what they are if they are properly controlled in accordance with the law. If they are not then Langthornes are breaking the law anyway. I find it hard to believe that the animals are not properly controlled as I am not aware of anyone being attacked by one and I don't think there are as many as there used to be anyway. The inspector needs to be made aware of the circumstances as they exist today not that based on historical evidence.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Including Date of the next Meeting – Tuesday 20th June 2022.

20. BURIAL MATTERS.

(i) Missing Headstone.

The Clerk was contacted by the mother of a daughter buried in an ashes plot in the Cemetery informing him that a headstone had been recently removed from the grave. Despite extensive searches of the Cemetery the headstone could not be found. However the headstone reappeared back on the grave two days later. The matter remains a complete mystery.

A burial is to take place next week.

Bank Reconciliation to 3rd May 2023			
Income			
Income reported at last meeting		£0.00	
a) Receipts in the period:			
Precept	£34,000.00		
Burial Fee	<u>£165.00</u>		
Total income for the period		<u>£34,165.00</u>	
Revised 2023/24 income to 3rd May 2023			£34,165.00
Expenditure			
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£0.00	
b) Payments in the period:			
W.Braithwaite & Sons - Tree	£50.00		
W.Braithwaite & Sons - 1 tree	£55.00		
Yorewaste	£41.11		
P.Atkin - Salary	£384.24		
P.Atkin - Expenses	£36.03		
HMRC	£96.00		
J.Robinson - Financial Advice Sept - Mar 23 (chq 952)	362.50		
HDC - 3 Dog/Litter Bins (chq 959)	916.56		
NYCC - Microsoft Licence (chq 949)	60.44		
Lisa Huang - Sweeping	£45.00		
Sammy Jo Rolph - Seeds	£43.99		
Sam Turner & Sons	£109.76		
YDS Trailer Hire	£60.00		
Handyman Services - general village work	<u>£495.00</u>		
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£2,755.63</u>	
Revised 2023/24 Expenditure to 3rd May 2023			£2,755.63
c) Funds:			
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)		£31,409.37	
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting		<u>£201,786.50</u>	
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting		<u>£233,195.87</u>	
Represented by:			
Balance of Barclays Community Account a/c		£156.01	
Balance of Barclays Business Premium a/c		£92,015.04	
Balance of Barclays Premium Savings a/c		<u>£141,024.82</u>	
Total Funds as at 3rd May 2023		<u>£233,195.87</u>	
Unpresented Cheques			
NYCC - Microsoft Licence (chq 822)	50.37		
Northallerton Mens shed	40.00		
Restarting Hearts (chq 900)	150.00		
MacVenture - Deposit for Springers at Rec	2520.00		
YLCA - Membership	759.00		
Hillside Tree Surgeons	<u>1770.00</u>		
		£5,289.37	

