

Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in the Methodist Church, Brompton on Tuesday 27th June 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 3 members of the public present at the meeting including County Councillor Stephen Watson.

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

No apologies for absence were received from Councillors; all 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 16th May, 2023 having been having been previously circulated be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

(i) Leaky Dams and Drainage Channel.

Coxons Ltd had confirmed that the digging out of the drainage channel at Water End was programmed to start on Tuesday.

The application for a licence to repair the leaky dams was with the Internal Drainage Board who had agreed to fast-track the application so that the works could all be completed by the Autumn.

(ii) Boulders alongside the Green at Fullicar Lane.

Following representations from a member of the public concerning the dangers of the boulders alongside the wild life area of Water End Green adjacent to Fullicar Lane it was decided that they be strimmed round until a decision was reached regarding their future..

A discussion took place regarding the boulders sited alongside the Village Green past the Water Splash adjacent to Fullicar Lane and it was AGREED - That as there were only four small boulders there then these be removed to be used elsewhere where needed, and that consideration in due course be given as to whether larger boulders to placed there or alternatively a post and rail fence.

(iii) Allotments.

Messrs D and M Langthorne had renewed the water meter at the allotments site as the original had been there for ten years and had been found to be faulty.

(iv) Annual Newsletter.

Councillors had been consulted on the Annual Newsletter and it would be ready for printing and circulation shortly.

(v) Middle Bridge.

A meeting was held onsite on the 1st June with the NY Corporate Director of Environment, the NY Senior Technical Officer and the Councils Commons Registration Officer. The meeting was also attended by County Councillor Watson.

Subsequently NYC forwarded the Council a copy of a letter that it had sent to Rushi Sunak MP.

A letter was also received from a resident about this matter and after Councillors had been consulted a response was made to the resident concerned.

- (vi) Painting of Bridge at The Ford.

As the bridge at the Ford came under NYC the painting works to be carried out by BTC would only be on the approaches to the bridge which did not form part of the bridge itself.

- (vii) Dead Birds on Church Green.

On the 13th June it was reported that there were 17 dead birds near the Lychgate area, these included 6 crows, 2 goldfinches and 9 pigeons. The Clerk reported these to the Gov Uk site that deals with occurrences of dead birds.

- (viii) Weeds in the Beck at Water End.

Following the last meeting the Clerk took a comprehensive series of photographs of the whole length of the beck along Water End and sent them to the Environment Agency. The EA responded that in view of what it had seen they did not intend to carry out any weed spraying works at the present time and were pleased to see that the water in the beck was in flow.

- (ix) Scot Pit Lane.

Having consulted Councillors the Clerk had written to the Planning Inspector to inform her that in BTCs view it is absolutely imperative that she carry out a personal visit to the site prior to making her decision on the matter.

- (x) New Primary School Name.

The Council had been informed that the new Primary School is to be called Oakbridge Church of England Primary School. The oak tree represents knowledge, understanding, what is right and true, strength and power, all integral values which align to the schools' Christian ethos.

- (xi) 20's Plenty Banners.

Unfortunately the new 20's Plenty banner near the Rugby Club had been once again vandalised very shortly after being put up. A newly designed banner which has a metal backing had now been put in place.

- (xii) Battle of the Standard Memorial Site.

The Battle of the Standard site had recently been strimmed.

- (xiii) Donation to Brompton Community Primary School.

It was reported that the £330 donation was to be used towards the cost of school bus trips. A trip was coming up which was going to cost £700 for the bus to Saltholme. The School arranged trips each Summer term for whole school to different places.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

The meeting was be opened for a maximum of 10 minutes for Members of the public who wished to speak regarding items within the remit of the Council.

- (i) A member of the public asked if the notification about public participation as contained on the agenda could be added to the notices and this was AGREED.

- (ii) A member the public referred to the discussion about the boulders and accepted that they would fit in with their surroundings and prevent damage and was informed that the ones to be removed could possibly be relocated at the Water Splash

The resident also mentioned the damaged culvert near the Water Splash and Councillors undertook to look at this at their forthcoming village walk-around

5. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR STEPHEN WATSON

Issues raised –

1. New roundabout on Stokesley Rd – grass was cut on the 23rd June by Taylor Wimpey. They have unfortunately decided that the damaged lamppost(Cotswold St) is not their responsibility now and we have escalated this to NYC Highways. I will pursue this and the damaged road signs if I hear nothing back from Highways by close of play next Monday.
2. Large signs – only scheduled cleaning etc will be carried out as the signs are in an acceptable condition.
3. Additional Brompton signage is being progressed.
4. Gate into wildlife area – currently no plans exist to add any further access. This is to limit the impact on the habitat.

On another note work is progressing on the new planned school off North Moor Road and its opening September 2023 is on track with a number of key appointments being made. Also the C of E are working on its name etc.

Portacabins on Orchard Grove to the rear of Northallerton Road residents. The issue has now been resolved after I spoke to Broadacres chief executive and the height reduced.

County Councillor Watson updated the meeting as follows -

With regard to the 20 mph proposals Councillor Watson pointed out that whilst there had been a lot of the support for default 20 a lot of Parish Councils had however contacted the Portfolio Holder and had said that they did not agree with the imposition of default 20.

There would, however, be support for 20mph in the specific areas that identified particular problems regarding traffic speed.

Councillor Watson added that in his view default 20 would be applicable in the local area and a Councillor pointed out that it had never been intended for a blanket 20 to be imposed across the County.

Councillor Watson added that he was of the view that some of the information provided to support default 20 did not stand up to scrutiny.

On being asked about Brompton Councils stand-alone case Councillor Watson advised when North Yorkshire Council had completed its deliberations about the review of the current 20 mph policy then Bromptons case would be raised following that consideration.

Councillor Watson also reported that the roundabout on Stokesley Road had now been cut. A Councillor pointed out that the construction of the roundabout meant that a wheeled mower could not access the grass,

As regards sweeping of the estate by the contractors Councillor Watson said that when the new school site was open for development there should be sweeping on a regular basis and undertook to contact the schools contractors to ask that they carried out regular sweep.

Councillor Kelly arrived at 7:20 pm.

As regards the damaged lamppost and sign at Thurston Park Councillor Watson reported that Taylor Wimpey had determined that it was not their responsibility and therefore he would contact NY Highways.

The Chairman reported that spraying works had been taking place inside the gate of the wildlife area and Councillor Watson undertook to look into the matter.

The question was asked as to who was responsible for keeping weeds down on the vacant areas of land on the new estates which were covered in thistles and Councillor Watson responded that he would contact the contractors working on the new school site.

It was also reported that on exiting lead Lane visibility for vehicles was severely restricted due to the overgrown adjacent hedge which was also across the footpath.

The Vice-Chairman pointed to issues relating to slurry being taken to land near the Fox and Hounds which was being spilt all over the highway. Councillor Watson said that vehicles moving the slurry should be sheeted over to prevent this from happening. However, there was no indication of any business name on the trailers and this was a health and safety issue. Councillor Watson undertook to raise the matter with Environmental Health and if these operations were making the roads dangerous then it would be a Police matter.

It was pointed out that the emergency connections adjacent to the new estate on Stokesley Road were situated where the new grass was growing but at present they were incorporate in the mud and Councillor Watson said that he would look the matter.

There had been a massive increase in the number of large agricultural tractors and trailers going up and down Fullicar Lane recently. This matter had also been raised by a resident in correspondence with the Council.

6. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

The Police report for May 2023 is set out below.

Anti-Social Behaviour	2 Reports
Anti-Social Personal	3 Reports
Total	5 Reports
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	0 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	0 Reports
Criminal Damage	1 Reports
Theft (inc. Theft from Shop)	0 Reports
Violence against the person	2 Report
Other crimes inc. Drugs	0 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Auto Crime / SMV	0 Reports
Total	3 Reports

Independent Police Advisory Panel – 15th June 2023

The report on this meeting is contained in the Monthly Update.

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

The Chairman reported that recent approaches by a resident to a Councillor were not acceptable especially as approaching a woman on her own several times was considered to be harassment.

The Chairman also reported that the large metal boiler plate that had been attached to the former Linen Mill chimney had been recovered from storage at the Council Depot where it had been for 23 years. Councillors were asked to give consideration as to where they would like to see it sited for the future and it was AGREED - That the plate be cleaned and that when cleaned photographs of the plate be circulated to Councillors.

8. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS –

(i) Finance Group.

It was reported that payment was forthcoming from the Allotments Group in the sum of £1,200 for annual allotments rents.

Mr Robinson undertook to contact Restarting Hearts about the unrepresented cheque for the maintenance of the defibrillators.

The Finance Group considered the AGAR Return for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 and the Report of the Internal Auditor and RECOMMENDED both for approval – see separate item on the agenda below and that the AGAR be signed the forthcoming Council meeting.

The Group agreed that expenditure on a bridge information board/poster be allocated to Village Caretaking and that the metal 20's Plenty sign be allocated to Highways.

(ii) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

No meeting held this month.

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

No meeting held this month.

Councillor Hazelwood reported that he was currently working up a list of installers for the outdoor adult gym equipment.

9. PLANNING MATTERS.

ZB23/00922/FUL - Retrospective application for a replacement building for two buildings for housing dairy cattle, Lowfields Farm Fullicar Lane.

ZB23/00919/MRC - Retrospective modification of condition 2 (approved drawings) of previously approved application 20/02582/FUL - increase in height of building from approved drawing, Lowfields Farm Fullicar Lane.

ZB23/00796/MRC - Modification of condition 2 (Plans) from previously approved application 22/01443/FUL- Construction of agricultural building for the rearing of livestock, Lowfields Farm Fullicar Lane.

AGREED – That with reference to planning applications - ZB23/00922/FUL, ZB23/00919/MRC + ZB23/796/MRC the Planning Authority be informed that Brompton Town Council objects to the granting of these applications and is especially concerned that the applicant has carried out very substantial works without the benefit of planning permission and that all of these have subsequently come before the Council as retrospective applications.

The Council recommends that the planning applications refused.

It also finds the views of NY Highways concerning.

Regardless of the category of Fullicar Lane NY Highways must have regard to the effects of the traffic from Lowlands Farm on Brompton village and its residents including the damage caused to the local highway network.

This substantial business affects many peoples day to day lives in the village due to the high volume of heavy agricultural vehicles that travel to and throe to Lowlands Farm.

At such as slurry time the movements of very large agricultural tractors and heavy trailers is continuous for hours on end.

There had been many issues of the speed of these vehicles putting residents at risk and they caused disruption along Water End, Cockpit Hill and Lead Lane on a daily basis.

The applicant has an alternative route but he only uses this for a percentage of his traffic but that route does not of course appear on the HGV drivers Sat Navs.

Some 20 years or so ago enquires revealed that this part of Fullicar Lane is a Bridleway with rights for those living along Fullicar Lane to use it for vehicle access purposes.

ZB23/01076/FUL - Change of use of part of camp site and construction of Facilities block including retrospective permission for five extra caravan pitches and twenty tent pitches, Lenthor Farm Stokesley Road - Concerns were expressed that the applications was retrospective however no objections were raised to the application.

ZB23/01271/TPO - Works to fell tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order 1990/14 at 1 Water End – No objections.

Planning Appeal.

The Clerk reported that the Planning Appeal in respect of 1 Cockpit Hill had been dismissed.

Councillors Brigginsshaw and Kelly left the meeting at 7.45pm

10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

William Crow and Sons (Rent of Green)	185.00
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Payments –

Mrs C Huang (Sweeping)	30.00
P Atkin (Expenses)	36.15
P Atkin (Salary)	384.24
HMRC (PAYE)	96.00
Mr R Carter Reimbursement for metal backed 20's Plenty banner)	182.40
YLCA (Flying Start Councillors course Parts 1 & 2)	66.80
Mr D Langthorne (Various works)	****
Brompton Community Primary School (Donation)	330.00
Restarting Hearts (Re-issued cheque)	150.00

*NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges)	27.41 *
*Paid by Direct Debit	
** Paid out of meeting –	
NYC (Printing of Tree Plans)	32.40
Mr R Carter (Reimbursement for two 20's Plenty Banners)	57.54
YLCA (Village Greens Course)	33.40
CE+CM Walker (May grasscutting)	1,648.80
Mrs P M Watt (Internal Audit)	180.00
Hillside Tree Surgeons (Various tree works)	930.00
Sam Turner & Sons (Water meter adapter etc for Allotments)	71.76

Bank Balances

Current Ac't - £200.00

Business Premium Ac't (i) - £75,853.25

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

As at 2 June 2023

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

11. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT – FINANCIAL YEAR 2022 – 2023.

The report of the Internal Auditor is contained in the Monthly Update.

AGREED – That the report be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

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

AGREED – That the Annual Financial Return for the Financial Year ended 31st March 2023 be approved as follows for submission to the External Auditors –

	31 st March 2022	31 st March 2023
Balances brought forward	- £5,642	£35,212
Precept	- £54,000	£62,000
Total Receipts	- £23,936	£162,826
Staff Costs	- £4,876	£5,831
Loans	- 0	0
All Other Payments	- £43,490	£54,065
Balances carried forward	- £35,212	£200,142
Total Value of Cash	- £35.212	£200,142

Fixed Assets	- £75,500	£75,500
Total Borrowings	- 0	0

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

Road Closures

PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION - SW-40259-Brompton Lane & Station Road, Brompton

The Closure will be in place for a period of 8 hours between 13th July 2023 and 14th July 2023 to allow for Network Rail works for Annual Level Crossing Testing (22:00-06:00)

The Road Closure and any associated Diversion Routes can be viewed using this URL link <https://one.network/?tm=134557088>

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PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION - SW-40203- Cockpit Hill, Brompton

The Closure will be in place for a period of 5 days between 24th July 2023 and 28th July 2023 to assist with Yorkshire Water works on private land.

The Road Closure and any associated Diversion Routes can be viewed using this URL link <https://one.network/?tm=134519154>

20's Plenty

The report of the meeting of the local Branch of 20's Plenty held on Thursday 15th June is contained in the Monthly Update.

14. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

Councillor Hazelwood informed the meeting that many wide backed dragonflies had been spotted around the length of the beck which was unusual as they were not normally found so far north. Bull rushes were also in growth along the beck and ducks with chicks, a barn owl and a sparrow hawk had also been seen.

It was also suggested that a blackboard would be useful at the wildlife area so that children could write down what they had seen. AGREED - That Councillor Briginshaw be asked for her views on this.

As regards the car park it as AGREED - That Councillor Briginshaw be asked to bring the plan for the project to the village walk-round.

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

- (i) YLCA Hambleton Branch Meeting.

To be held at Welbury on Wednesday 29th June. The Clerk undertook to attend.

(ii) Caravan parked at the Car Park.

It was reported that a large caravan had been parked adjacent to the fence at the Councils car park some time. Complaints had been received that this contravened the car park rules and was unfair on other caravan owners who had to pay storage fees.

Councillor Hazelwood undertook to try to speak to the owner of the caravan.

16. 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 Tuesday 25th July 2023.

(ii) Overgrown Hedge.

Attention was drawn to the overgrown hedge alongside Stokesley Road on the approach to Hellikeld Corner. The Clerk advised that regulations prevented the cutting of the hedge until 1st September.

(iii) Footbridge.

Councillor Robinson reported that the footbridge behind The Orchards was going to be repaired by North Yorkshire Council in the current week. John Robinson was to take photos of the bridge when the works were completed.

(iv) YLCA Off to a Flying Start Course.

Councillor Carter reported that he considered his attendance on the course recently had been well worthwhile and had confirmed to him the reasons as to why there was a national shortage of Parish Councillors.

AGREED - That the Clerk present a refresher course for Councillors before the September Council meeting.

(v) Village Walkround.

AGREED - That date for the annual walk round of the village by Councillors be determined at the July Council meeting.

(vi) Time of Commencement of Council meetings.

AGREED - That from the September Council meeting for a trial period meetings commence at 7.15pm.

(vii) Overgrown Hedge alongside the Sports Village.

Councillor Carter reported that the hedge alongside the Sports Village was again overgrown and the Clerk undertook to inform Councillor Watson.

17. BURIAL MATTERS.

The Vice-Chairman reported that 7 graves had recently been topped up.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

