

Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in the Methodist Church, Brompton on Tuesday 19th September 2023

PRESENT – Councillors Mr R Carter, Mr J Hazelwood, Mrs E Kelly, Mr M Langthorne, Mrs M Shiel Dods (in the Chair), Mrs A Robinson and Mrs R Smith.

There were three members of the public present at the meeting including Councillor Stephen Watson.

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brigginslaw (illness) and O’Sullivan (family commitment).

Councillors Langthorne and Robinson declared interests in Accounts regarding cheque payments.

2. MINUTES.

AGREED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 25th July, 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.

(i) NYC 20mph Call-In.

At the meeting of the NYC Transport Scrutiny Committee held on the 26th July the call-in to refer the matter back to the Executive due to concerns about the manner in which the original decision was made was defeated by a motion that the review of the NYC 20mph Policy be not referred back.

Therefore as originally intended the Policy Review would go to the next meeting of NYC full Council for adoption.

(ii) Drainage Channel at Water End,

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillor Hazelwood and the Clerk had met with James Coxon on the evening of 3rd August to discuss the remedial works at the drainage channel. These were carried out the day after the meeting.

James Coxon agreed to rectify the difference in height between the Green where the channel had been dug out and the road on the following morning.

3.6 tons of soil had been removed to recreate the channel which was very close to the estimated amount of soil to be removed when the overgrown channel had originally been inspected which had been estimated to be 4 tons.

The channel would now be capable of dispersing a considerable volume of flood water.

James Coxon met recently with Internal Drainage Board and the application for the Licence to reinstate the leaky dams is being fast-tracked to fast track the application so that the works can be carried out.

Councillors agreed to recommend to the Council that an annual sum be included in the budget every year for maintenance of the leaky dams as in the past insufficient monies had been available for future maintenance and therefore the dams were now in a very poor condition and were ineffective in slowing down flood waters.

James Coxon considered that £1,000 would be sufficient for future maintenance.

James Coxon also undertook to forward an Agreement for the Council to enter into as regards future maintenance inspections.

As regards a further holding pond this was considered to be very difficult to achieve as local farmers had not come forward to agree to a holding pond on their land and no farmers were currently willing to take the spoil with the consequent costs of disposal therefore being up to £20,000.

(iii) Toddler Springers at the Recreation Ground.

The two new toddler springers had been installed at the Recreation Ground.

(iv) Northern Powergrid Tree Works.

On the 3rd August the Clerk had signed the necessary consent forms for Northern Powergrid to carry out tree works where branches were affecting power-lines on the Greens in the village. The works would be carried out late September/early October. AGREED – That this action be endorsed.

(v) Use of Church Green.

Permission had been granted for The Crown Inn to use Church Green on the 26th August for a Herriot Hospice charity event. AGREED – That the action taken be endorsed.

(vi) Works at the Recreation Ground.

Permission was granted for a resident to access his rear garden from the Recreation Ground to remove large tree stumps from his garden. AGREED – That the action taken be endorsed.

(vii) The BRG and Brompton Junior Football Club.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk met with Mrs Barbara Slater the Chair of the BRG on the 1st August.

The Vice-Chairman and the Clerk, as the representatives of the landlords of the site then attended a joint meeting of the BRG and representatives Brompton Junior Football Club on the evening of the 14th August. The meeting attended by representatives of the BRG, Brompton Junior Football Club and the Council was Chaired by Councillor Steve Watson.

There were a number of issues at dispute between the BRG and the Football Club. On behalf of the Council the Clerk advised the Football Club that at the end of the agreement between the BRG and the Football Association the land and building would not transfer to them as their Chairman had assumed would be the case.

The BRG subsequently, as agreed at the meeting, sent a Service Level Agreement to the Football Club for signature but the Football Club had returned this with amendments and the matter was currently still on-going.

(viii) Opening of Tomb in the Churchyard.

Received from the PCC –

“I am sorry to report that we have had visitors in the church yard who opened the top of one of tomb stones on the path side. Jonathan went down yesterday after it was discovered and closed the tomb by pushing the top two stones together. It seems we have regular visitors in the church yard again”.

To date this issue has not been repeated.

(ix) New Wildlife Area.

It was reported that NYC had received a planning application for the construction of a gate to access the new wildlife area off North Moor Road.

Councillor Briginshaw reported that she was awaiting a response from the Environment Agency's Biodiversity Team about ideas for beck side planting and also reported that she had ordered the signs for bridge from RGPS signs.

(x) Thurston Park Estate.

Councillor Smith had had several matters referred to her from residents of Thurston Park estate. These had mainly been reported on by NY Councillor Watson at the last Council meeting but Councillor Watson had been asked to provide an update on the matters to the current meeting.

(xi) Litter Bin in the Recreation Ground.

The litter bin in the Recreation Ground had been tipped over off its base.

(x) The Church wall and the Churchyard.

York Diocese had approved the works in the Churchyard and Swaledale Stonemasonry had been advised accordingly.

The Clerk had looked at the trees in the Churchyard with Hillside Tree Surgeons on the 7th September; two trees were scheduled to be taken down.

Luckily neither was on the eastern boundary wall therefore there was no necessity for a road closure to be applied for or moving the Post Box and as neither of the stumps would be removed there was no necessity for the Diocese to have someone on site during the works in case any human remains were unearthed.

(xii) Christmas Tree.

The same Christmas tree as last year had been ordered through Sam Turners.

(xiii) Annual Newsletters.

The Annual Newsletters were currently being delivered to all residential properties in the Parish.

(xiv) The Planning Inspectorate – Phishing Incident.

On the 1st August the Planning Inspectorate was subject to a Phishing attack. No links were activated and the affected emails sent to BTC and many others were deleted without any consequences.

4. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR STEPHEN WATSON

Councillor Watson reported on two matters that had come before the recent meeting of the Area Committee. Firstly relating to social media reports about the Northallerton Sports Village in respect of which Councillor Watson's response forwarded to the Clerk is set out below.

1) This phase of the project has been about bringing land into community use for 'informal' sport and recreation.

2) When we move into Phase 2 this will be when we consider facilities for formal sport – and this is when we will be consulting the community and local groups to develop this. Unfortunately at the

moment we don't have any timescales for this as the Council is focussing on the strategic leisure review at the moment but hopefully this will inform the development of future projects.

When we started to develop the plans for the sports village we did consult local groups but I believe this was over 10 years ago so things will have changed since then so further consultation will be essential. We will include something about further consultations about the site in our next community briefing.

It was noted that the Sports Village land was still private land.

A question was raised as to whether consultations were to take place regarding what the sports fields would be used for.

Councillor Watson responded that a consultation had taken place, but this had been some years ago and the situation, for example with regard to how many football pitches would be required, would probably be out of date.

It was known that there were a number of local Sports Clubs that were trying to get information about the future use of the land, and the question was raised as to whether the pitches would be grass pitches.

In answer to a question Councillor Watson stated that the current position with regard to the land should not delay the opening up of the allotments for public use.

A Councillor pointed out that tidying up work at the site, such as repairing broken fences and dealing with overgrown hedges and verges needed to be resolved before the land was handed over.

The second issue from the Area Committee related to progress for Special Needs Education of the former Grammar School site and Councillor Watson said it was expected that an announcement of some sort would be made this year; adding that there were currently a number of different groups looking at the possibilities of using the sports grounds attached to the former Grammar School.

Another current issue related to the town centre where recently two mini-markets had opened. Issues relating to one of these were being investigated by the Councils Enforcement Officer and there were also issues with regards to the mini-market at North End in respect of the which the Police had already been involved.

A number of matters had been raised prior to the Council meeting by Councillor Smith and Councillor Watson said that with regard to vehicles speeds and the traffic count on North Moor Road the figures from the traffic survey would need to be reviewed and there would be improved signage with the new signs currently being made and which would be installed within 2 to 3 weeks.

A Councillor asked if traffic lights were to be installed at the crossing point on North Moor Road and was informed that that was the reason why the survey was being carried out. Another Councillor commented that the traffic lights on the western part of North Moor Road lead to a vacant expanse of land which was originally planned for a Supermarket, however Councillor Watson pointed out that this crossing had all been put in the same as the bus stops had been as they had been funded by the developer.

Councillor Watson also reported there was currently a transport review being carried out to find out where the Section 106 monies for bus services was but this was not yet finalised, however NYC was looking for improved bus services. It was also pointed out that there was a need for bus services but Councillor Watson reported that these had not been part of package with developers.

Attention was drawn to the fact that the houses on Northallerton Road opposite the Sports Village were still being affected by HGVs coming down the road and having to turn at the dead end and consequently how's the Watson responded that the inspector to come out to look at the situation and had decided that current signage was more than adequate..

A Councillor said that he considered that it was rather strange that one side of the Thurston Park estate had an exit whereas on the other side of the Thurston Park estate hadn't and that the situation would only get worse once the Sports Village car park was opened.

AGREED – That the Clerk raise the following questions with North Yorkshire Council –

(i) When will there be a consultation with local sports clubs as to what their needs are as regards the pitches? - not just the football clubs but such as hockey clubs and other local sporting organisations.

(ii) Is there any indication yet as to what sports are to be provided for? - Brompton Council feels that this should include hockey and tennis as football seems to be quite well provided for in the locality.

(iii) What will the consultation period be? - Councillors have been asked this several times.

(iv) Is funding in hand for 3G pitches and will their use be for other than football?

(v) How many clubs and teams is it anticipated will be using the sports village?

(vi) Before the Sports Village is opened to the public there will be a lot of tidying up to do - eg reinstating broken fences - I see that overgrown hedges have very recently been cut back. Will all such works be carried out before the land is handed over?

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

- (i) Mrs Slater reported that the situation currently at the BRG was not any better and that Brompton Junior Football Club had still not signed the Service Level Agreement and were still wanting changes made to it. In particular they were requesting an overall right for the use of the field.

Consequently, the BRG would not be able to let the pitches to anyone else.

The Chairman remarked that if the BRG continued not to be informed as to who was using the pitches then their ability to hire them would be restricted this was unacceptable, adding that Brompton Junior Football Club, had to realise that it was merely a hirer of the facilities and that if they did not accept this then BRG would need to break away from its current arrangement with the football club.

Councillor Watson who had Chaired the recent meeting between the BRG and Brompton Junior Football Club, remarked that the football clubs general attitude at the recent meeting had not been acceptable.

The question was asked how the Football Club had gained the impression that the pitches etc would transfer to them at the end of the agreement with the Football Foundation?

Mrs Slater said that the BRG still wished to see the BJFC use the pitches but that needed to be done fairly and if BJFC did not sign the Service Level Agreement then the current arrangement had to end.

Councillor Watson suggested that the BRG should again ask the football club to sign the Service Level Agreement which they had had plenty of time to and that if this was not done then the availability of the pitches should be advertised.

The Chairman stated that the Council would help the BRG if it needed assistance to pay any bills and would in due course look at assisting the BRG in acquiring its own goalposts for the pitches.

Councillor Hazelwood left the meeting at 8.00pm.

Councillor Watson also said that he would consider applying funds from his to his NY Locality Budget for some funding in this respect.

AGREED – That Mrs Slater inform the Clerk of the date of the next meeting of the BRG, in order that the Council could be represented.

A Councillor said that he found it odd that the football club was reluctant at revealing the state of its finances.

Councillor Watson and Mrs Slater then left the meeting.

6. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

Statistics taken from	01/07/2023 to 31/07/2023
Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	5 Reports
Anti-Social Personal	3 Reports
Total	8 Reports
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	2 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	0 Reports
Criminal Damage	0 Reports
Theft (inc. Theft from Shop)	0 Reports
Violence against the person	0 Reports
Other crimes inc. Drugs	0 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Auto Crime / SMV	1 Reports
Total	3 Reports

Statistics taken from	01/08/2023 to 31/08/2023
Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	2 Reports
Anti-Social Personal	2 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)	0 Reports
Violence against the person	3 reports by same person covering several months 1 Reports
Other crimes inc. Drugs	1 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Auto Crime / SMV	0 Reports
Total	5 Reports

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

Both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had attended meetings in connection with BRG add with James Coxon.

8. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS –

(i) Finance Working Group.

The Finance Group met on the 21st August and on the 18th September.

The Chairman was to contact NYC regarding the Pest Control agreement for the allotments as the version sent to the Council for approval was not what was wanted by the Allotments Group.

The Finance Group would agree the Councils budget for the second half of the current financial year at its October meeting with the Clerk advising the Working Groups that details of any amendments to their budgets were required by the 18th September.

As regards the installation of the adult outdoor gym equipment it was AGREED – That the quotation from Pennine Playgrounds be approved and that AB Playgrounds be asked if they can resolve the issues with regard to the climbing frame.

Noted that new bins cannot be placed on the new housing estates until the roads have been adopted by NYC.

RECOMMENDED - That a review of the wildlife area be carried out for the next season and that the area be cut back and tidied up.

AGREED – That the Clerk inform Yorwaste that the Allotments Group requires a large green bin and not a large blue bin.

The Chairman reported that a quote had been requested by the Vice-Chairman from Wallace Engineering for the manufacture of a new panel to house the flood meter although Wallaces would be invoicing the Environment Agency in this matter.

That for the budget review consideration be given to allocating £10,000 to Village Caretaking rather than the current £6,000 for the current financial year.

RECOMMENDED –That a sum of £1,000 be allocated for the annual inspections of the leaky dams.

AGREED – That the Clerk ask Swaledale Stonemasons what works they can carry out to the Churchwall in the current financial year with the budget allocation of £13,000; the remainder of the works to be undertaken in the 2024/25 financial year.

AGREED – That the Clerk submit a claim to HM Customs and Excise for the reimbursement of VAT to date from the making of the last claim.

RECOMMENDED - That as any new CIL money was unlikely to come from NYC before the end of the current financial year the costs of the repairs of the leaky dams be taken from the CIL monies already received.

Finance Group meeting 18th September.

Budget Savings – The Annual Newsletter Invoice had come in at £800 which was a substantial saving on the budget provision of £2,000.

Also not taking the two trees that need to be felled in the Cemetery down to ground height would give a budget saving of around £1,500.

As regards the Pensions Regulator the Council had met its registration renewal obligations which cover the next three years.

The new litter/dog waste bin to be sited at the Rugby Club as identified on the village walk round be purchased in the next financial year.

Enquiries be made as to the purchase of a second-hand cutter to attached to Mr D Langthornes tractor for future maintenance of the wildlife area.

That Darlington Borough Council who have substantial parks and other areas of grasslands land be asked if they can provide advice on the future maintenance of the wildlife area; and that the Clerk research any local companies who specialise in the maintenance of wildlife areas.

That the quotations for the installation of the outdoor adult gym equipment be noted as follows –

Pennine Playgrounds - £2,792.00 + cost of grassmatts from Technix - £2,712.00

PlayEquip Ltd - £14,362.80

AB Playgrounds - £5,520.00

It having been previously agreed to proceed with Pennine Playgrounds.

Clarification be obtained as to where the climbing frame in the Recreation Ground was going to be sent for powder coating and any necessary repairs and who was to re-site the climbing frame at Water End.

That the expenditure on the repair of the leaky dams be taken from the CIL money grant allocation.

Noted that a sub-contractor had been engaged as regards the sweeping whilst Mrs Huang was on vacation in China.

The next meeting of the Working Group be held on the 9th October at 11.00am.

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

(ii) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

Received from a resident at Cockpit Hill –

Do you have any rough time scales for this as the area is getting progressively worse and unkempt.

I have spoken with neighbours at 55 who are happy for the local council to take over. Currently number 51 & 57 are unoccupied.

This was a matter that the Highways Group were looking at a solution for.

The Chair of the Highways Group referred to the inconclusive issue as regards cobbles in a Conservation Area at the foot of Cockpit Hill, which was now substantially overgrown.

It was accepted that the overgrowth needed to be cleared before any decision as to the cobbles could be made. It was suggested that Mr D Langthorne hire the burner from the coal yard in order to clear the area.

AGREED – That the overgrowth be burnt off and that the Highways Group continue to obtain an estimate for surfacing the land.

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

The toddler springers had been installed.

The adult gym equipment would be installed shortly and the climbing frame was also to be refurbished and re-sited.

Quotations were being sought for remedial works to the safety surfacing.

There were also remedial works to the toddler swings to meet current regulations that were being looked into.

AGREED – That Councillor Kelly ask the School if they would like for climbing frame donated to them.

(iv) Joint Pedestrian/ Cycling Working Group.

A joint meeting had been held on the 7th August 2023 to submit to comments NYC on the new Local Transport Plan.

The following submission had been sent to NYC –

I refer to your email dated 7th July 2023, regarding the stakeholder engagement for the development of the new Local Transport Plan (LTP).

We firmly believe that the development of the new LTP is a crucial policy document. Travel and transport are essential to almost every aspect of our daily lives, connecting people to work, education, healthcare, shops and other services and facilities, and transport is therefore fundamental to the recovery of our economy and to enhance the lives of our residents.

Given that transport and travel are not restricted by parish boundaries, the three local Parish Councils, Northallerton, Romanby and Brompton, have agreed to work together to provide a joint response.

Whilst we have completed the on-line survey, we have taken the view that it would also be helpful to submit a brief report to provide you with a better understanding of our initial thoughts on how the new LTP could positively influence Northallerton, Romanby and Brompton and, indeed, similar towns in North Yorkshire.

As such, the attached document has been prepared and jointly submitted by all three Parish Councils.

We would be extremely keen to be involved in the ongoing development of the LTP. As mentioned above, Northallerton is the County town and is probably the key market town in North Yorkshire and has many of the issues and challenges experienced in other towns. In addition, a number of councillors have a thorough understanding and extensive knowledge of travel and transport matters at a local, regional and national perspective which may be of some assistance.

AGREED – That the decision to make a joint response be endorsed.

(v) Village Walk Round – 22nd August 2023.

The Chairman, Councillors Carter and Robinson and the Clerk undertook the annual village walk-round last night from the Rugby Club to Fullicar Lane and back again.

The following matters are in the walking order that they came across them.

The new VAS pole is sited on the Rugby Club side of Northallerton Road as if positioned on the east side as originally intended it would be affected by the lack to sunlight on mornings in adverse weather.

Metal barriers at the end of the cycle path – to ask Steve Watson if there is a solution that resolves anyone with a pram not having to walk into the road. Perhaps by installing smaller barriers.

Overgrown hedges in places on the east side of Northallerton Roads from opposite the Rugby Club to the new Link road.

The Northallerton Road and the De Bruce Road street name signs are both bent and require replacement.

Suggestion that a Dog Bin be located next to the salt bin at the entrance to Lodge Lane.

The recently damaged gate post at the Recreation Ground to be reinstated.

The Clerk to ask Miles to speak to Ben Wallace about manufacturing a new cross bar for the toddler swings.

Details received from a resident about an elderly couple who drive to the Church daily and let their dog out while they sit in their car.

Although a resident had reported increased dog fouling especially around the Church none was seen.

Robert to chase up the two bollards that need to go on the corner outside the Three Horse Shoes to prevent parking.

The unregistered land outside the bottom houses at Cockpit Hill to be reinstated in some form – needs to be considered by the Highways Group.

Car Park – further consideration to be given once the electricity sub-station site has been cleared.

Oak tree opposite Hodgson Terrace that isn't growing in height only in width to be taken out.

Same location – dog bin under a tree to be moved further along next to the next lamppost where it can more easily be seen/

Wildlife Area – overgrown and grass is choking the wildlife plants. Investigate a company who can provide management advice and future maintenance advice.

The Clerk to speak to Crakehall P CI and Sunderland B CI who both have successful wildlife schemes.

The Wildlife Area to be cut back.

Concerns about tractors using the inside of the Green along Fullicar Lane inside the boulders as a passing point – the Clerk to obtain costs of birds mouth fencing from the Water Splash to Fullicar Lane.

Notice board at wildlife area would be better going back to where it had been sited for years before the new notice board was put in.

Overgrowth at the Methodist Church, especially Holly that would affect the path along the side of the Recreation Ground in the coming months – The Clerk to speak to Paul Walker.

Overgrown hedge on east side of Northallerton Road just past Mill Hill Close + overgrowth starting to affect the pavement outside the bungalow next to Councillor Kellys..

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

(i) Decisions.

ZB23/01663 – Retrospective application for a replacement building for two buildings for housing dairy cattle at Lowfields Farm Fullicar Lane – Granted.

ZB23/01366/FUL – Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling, High Dunnas, 45 Northallerton Road – Granted.

(ii) Applications.

ZB23/01485/ADV – Advertisement consent for 2 aluminium signs on steel poles at Taylor Wimpey Land at Stokesley Road - No objections

ZB23/01663/CAT – Works to a tree in a Conservation Area, 8 The Green – No objections.

The above decisions having been notified to the Planning Authority after consultation with Councillors during the recess..

17. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

Northern Electric plc (Annual Wayleave payments)	348.55
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Payments –

MacVenture (Completion invoice for Springers)	2,520.00
North Yorkshire Council (Domain Renewal)	66.00
NY Timber (Wood for seats)	61.24
PlayEquip (Additional charge for supply of gym equipment to installers)	132.00
CE +CM Walker (August grasscutting)	1,648.80
Technix (Safety surfacing)	2,712.00
Printroom (Annual Newsletters)	800.00
P Atkin (Expenses – 2 months - including cash reimbursement to Vice-Chairman + for stamps for posting of Newsletters to rural properties)	131.30
P Atkin (2 Months Salary)	768.56
HMRC (PAYE - 2 months)	192.00
Mrs C Huang (2 months sweeping)	85.00
Pennine Playgrounds (Installation of outdoor gym equipment)	2,792.99
Mr J Robinson (6 months financial services)	543.25
Mr D Langthorne (Labour – various)	515.00
YDS Ltd (Trailer hire)	60.00
*NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges)	27.41 *
* NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges)	41.11 *
*Paid by Direct Debit	
Paid out of meeting in August –	
North Yorkshire Council (Pest Control)	63.20
CE + CM Walker (July grasscutting)	1,648.80

Sam Turner and Sons (Paints etc)	107.52
Hillside Tree Surgeons (Works at the allotments)	752.87
YDS Ltd (Trailer Hire)	60.00
Mr D Langthorne (Various works)	390.00

Bank Balances

Current Ac't - £200.00

Business Premium Ac't (i) - £56,725.18

Business Premium Ac't (ii) - £141,318.85

As at 1 September 2023

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

11. INSTALLATION OF OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT AT THE RECREATION GROUND.

See items above under Reports.

12. HIGHWAY MATTERS – Including Notification of Road Closures and 20's Plenty.

PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION – SW-41130-Crowfoot Lane, Brompton - The Closure will be in place for a period of 3 days between 20th November 2023 and 22nd November 2023 to allow for pressure testing works on behalf of National Grid.

PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION – 41730 – Water Lane Brompton - The Closure will be in place for a period of 1 day on 22nd September 2023 for carriageway pothole patching.

An on line meeting of the North Yorkshire 20's Plenty Group was to take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 21st September 2023.

13. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA – Including Future Management Programme for the Wildlife Area.

Wildlife Area – overgrown and grass is choking the wildlife plants. Investigate a company who can provide management advice and future maintenance advice.

The Clerk to speak to Crakehall P CI and Sunderland B CI who both have successful wildlife schemes.

The Wildlife Area to be cut back.

AGREED – That the Notice Board at the wildlife area be reinstated back to its original position near the bridge over the Water Splash

14. TO ARRANGE A REFRESHER TRAINING SESSION FOR COUNCILLORS.

AGREED – That as regards the training session for Councillors the Clerk email all Councillors requesting their availability on Wednesday or Thursday evenings in November.

15. CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) Bus Stopping Point – Danes Crest Estate.

The resident who had raised this matter has advised that Coatham Coaches were currently stopping at the bottom of Danes Crest Estate.

- (ii) Damages Lamp Post Corner of Cotswold Street and North Moor Road.

A resident wrote to the Council expressing concerns about the delays in the reinstatement of the lamp post damaged by a car in Summer 2021. The Clerk had spoken to Councillor Watson about the matter on the 15th August.

(17) BRIGHTEN UP BROMPTON – A PROPOSAL

Received from a resident –

This proposal was suggested by the “Greater Bedminster (Bristol) Good Front Garden Awards”. *The overall aim is to encourage a community spirit and pride in Brompton and to brighten the village up for locals and visitors. Viewing the front gardens might also encourage people to go out for a walk, to enjoy their surroundings.*

“Brighten up Brompton” should be inclusive, and not limited to those who have a traditional front garden. Anyone can take part by putting a window box, a hanging basket, or a tub of flowers or two at the front of their house, in a position where it can be seen from the pavement.

There should be no pressure for anyone to take part, and no feeling of “letting the side down” should anyone be unwilling or unable to take part.

“Brighten up Brompton” would not be competitive. There would be no categories or classes of Gold, Silver and Bronze, or First, Second or Third, and there need be no prizes, other than a certificate or thank-you card.

To take part, the frontage should be visible from the pavement. No-one viewing the front gardens should need to go onto anyone’s property.

The Town Council’s involvement

- 1. Publicity. Could the Council publicise the awards through its newsletters, notice boards etc?*
- 2. Thanks to participants. Could the Council provide simple thank-you cards or certificates for those who have taken part.*
- 3. Sponsorship. Has the Council any contacts with businesses based in Brompton who might be willing to sponsor these cards or certificates?*
- 4. “Assessors”. Could the Council co-ordinate a volunteer team of “assessors” to award and deliver thank-you cards to those whose efforts have helped to “Brighten up Brompton”?*

Councillors were supportive of this initiative and considered that any expenditure could come from allocations from the CIL monies.

- (iii) Request for Residents Parking – Corber Hill Area.

A resident had submitted a request for a Residents Only Parking Scheme on parts of Corber Hill and had been advised of NYCs current position on the matter. The resident had also been advised to discuss the matter further with Councillor Steve Watson.

Another resident had made exactly the same request some months ago.

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 on Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7.15pm

- (ii) Broken Highway Sign.

It was reported that the sign opposite the bus shelter had fallen down and needed to be reposition on the post.

(iii) Uncut Hedges.

It was reported that the hedge on the west side of Stokesley Road approaching Hellikeld Corner had now been cut.

It was also reported that the hedge alongside the Sports Village had recently been cut on the inside and the outside.

(iv) Annual Newsletters.

It was reported that the Annual Newsletters, apart from the new housing estate and the outlying properties, had all been delivered in recent days.

17. BURIAL MATTERS.

Damage to Flowers in the Churchyard.

The Clerk had written to the grasscutters asking them to take more care when strimming around the ashes plots in the Churchyard as damage has occurred to new flowers on the same plot on two occasions recently.

Ashes Plots.

Local Undertakers had been informed that Brompton Burial Board has decided to open up its ashes plots at the Cemetery, Stokesley Road, Brompton to non-residents of Brompton Parish who reside within the former Hambleton District Council area.

The fees would be double that which applied to Brompton residents but non-residents would no longer have to prove that they had living or deceased residents in the Parish of Brompton.

Each burial plot would be available, if desired, to bury up to 4 lots of ashes of deceased persons of the same family over time – ie only purchase one plot then the future fees be payable as an interment took place.

It being left up to the family as to how many interments up to a maximum of four they would wish to make. The option being there for peace of mind.

Burials

The Clerk reported that one burial of ashes was to take place in next week

The meeting closed at 8.40pm