

## Monthly Update October 2023

### 1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Apologies have been received from Councillors Mrs Shiel Dods and Mr O'Sullivan – both family commitments.

**Councillors Langthorne to declare an interest in Accounts regarding cheque payments.**

### 2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023.

**To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th September 2023.**

**Subject to -**

**(i) Under item 5 Public Participation - amend to read**

**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 initially acceptable due to a number of misconceptions**

**(ii) Item 16 (iii) is incorrect to read:**

**It was also reported that the hedge alongside the Wildlife Area of the Sports Village (ie, on the Brompton side of North Moor Road) had recently been cut on the inside and the outside.**

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

**(i) Sports Village.**

Responses received from NYC in bold regarding the issues raised from the last Council meeting -

1. 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. **Yes, further consultation will be taking place with local sports clubs to inform future planning for the site, but we don't have any timescales for this at present.**

2. 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. **No, there is no current indication of what sports will be provided for at this stage, it will depend on what comes out of the consultation.**

3. What will the consultation period be? - Councillors have been asked this several times. **I can't answer this at the moment – the Council is currently undertaking a Strategic Leisure Review and we will need to wait to see what comes out of this before we can move into a consultation phase.**

4. Is funding in hand for 3G pitches and will their use be for other than football? **No funding has been sourced or secured yet for future phases. In terms of what sport provision will be included will depend on the consultation.**

5. How many clubs and teams is it anticipated will be using the sports village? **At the moment we know that Park Run and Sunday Football Leagues will be using the site, plus those existing clubs who access the leisure centre and the all weather pitch.**

6. 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? **There is a maintenance plan in place for the site – and work is planned on tidying up the hedges (I have a meeting next Thursday with our contractors to discuss our needs). Are the broken fences you have mentioned the ones that are on the main road on the bridge? If so, these are not our responsibility. There are number of areas of concern around the bridge area (broken access road, broken fencing, graffiti, overgrown landscaping etc.) but these are the responsibility of the developer. We are currently trying to engage with them regarding the graffiti but not having much luck. Colleagues from the Highways Department are helping us with this and I can update you when we have engaged with the developers if that is helpful?**

A Councillor has made the following comment –

*Even though consultation is still to take place someone has already made the decision that there will be yet more football pitches so how much land will there be left to consult about?*

(ii) St Thomas's Church Wall.

Confirmation received from York Diocese of permission to carry out the reinstatement works to the Church wall. A start date for the repair work is currently awaited from the contractor.

The Clerk has made a comprehensive visual inspection of the Church wall in the past week and is of the view that there has been no significant deterioration since the structural survey was carried out.

(iii) The BRG and Brompton Junior Football Club.

Matters are still on-going. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk have been kept informed of the situation.

(iv) Repairs to the Leaky Dams.

The Internal Drainage Board granted the licence to carry out the works to the leaky dams and tractors will be cutting out the watercourse week commencing 9th October and repairs to the dams will start on Monday 16th.

(v) St Thomas's Information Plinth.

The Clerk spotted two Australian visitors trying with little success to read the information plinth on Church Green which was obliterated with dirt, bird droppings etc and went down the next morning and gave the board a good clean - not perfect as the screen print has weathered in places but it is now readable.

- (vi) Overgrown Hedges.

Two properties on De Bruce Road have been written to to ask them to cut their hedges. Both are overhanging nearly half of the footpath. With one hedge being particularly bad as it is 10' high Leylandii which is completely out of control.

- (vii) Felling of Tree on Water End Green opposite 52 Water End.

Concerned residents have been informed that it is planned to fell this tree on the 1st November.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

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

**5. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR STEPHEN WATSON.**

To be reported at meeting.

**6. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.**

<b>Statistics taken from</b>	<b>01/09/2023 to 30/09/2023</b>
<b>Crime Type</b>	
Anti-Social Behaviour	1 Reports
Anti-Social Personal	1 Reports
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 Reports</b>
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	0 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	0 Reports
Criminal Damage	2 Reports
Theft (inc. Theft from Shop)	0 Reports
Violence against the person	7 Reports
Other crimes inc. Drugs	1 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Auto Crime / SMV	2 Reports
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 Reports</b>

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

To be reported to meeting.

**8. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS –**

- (i) Finance Working Group.

The Finance Group is to meet on the 9<sup>TH</sup> October – to be reported to meeting.

Quotations received from Snowballs for land at foot of Cockpit Hill –

Quotation to supply and install 4no bollards (Manchester style) and road marking hatchings to roadway in front of 2no bollards - £1785 + VAT. – bollards being for Cockpit Hill and on corner outside The Three Horse Shoes.

Quotation tarmac surfacing works to parking area at front of cottages - £4780 + VAT

AGREED - That the quotation received from Snowballs for the supply and installation of 4 bollards in the sum of £1,785.00 + VAT to be positioned at the foot of Cockpit Hill and outside the Three Horse Shoes be accepted.

That the works in respect of the quotation received from Snowballs for tarmac the area of spare land at the foot of Cockpit Hill in the sum of £4,780.00 + VAT be deferred until the next financial year and that Mr D Langthorne in the meantime clear the overgrowth as had been originally intended.

AGREED - That the Vice-Chairman and Clerk inspect the climbing frame to ascertain if it is worthwhile cleaning and powder-coating and that if it is then it be offered as a donation to the Primary School.

AGREED - That once the outdoor gym equipment has undergone it's inspection then the Clerk arrange for it to be officially opened to the public inviting the Press, Councillor Watson and Councillor Hazelwood.

AGREED - That at the present time the only works to be carried out at the car park be the clearance of vegetation so that the Council is aware of what overall works would then need to be carried out.

AGREED - That the Clerk enquire if the local Wildlife Consultant can carry out a survey and provide a management report for the sum in the current budget.

AGREED - That the Clerk ask Snowballs for an estimate of the costs of breaking up and removing the top path at the Cemetery.

AGREED - That the Clerk ask Streetscape, Wicksteed and Produlic for quotations to supply and fit new swings in the Recreation Ground and for a new climbing frame and additional play equipment at Water End, including any necessary safety surfacing.

**RECOMMENDED – That the decision of the Finance Group as set out above be endorsed.**

(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 but all on-going.

(iv) Joint Pedestrian/ Cycling Working Group.

No meeting held this month.

## 9. PLANNING MATTERS.

### (i) Decisions.

ZB23/01485/ADV – Advertisement consent of 1 aluminium sign on steel posts at Taylor Wimpey Thurston Park Development North Northallerton Phase 1A Land at Stokesley Road – Granted.

### (v) Applications.

ZB23/01973/FUL – Application to replace ridge tiles, parapets and replace flash banding material with lead flashing at 10 Lead Lane.

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**Councillors comments on the above planning applications are requested.**

## 10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

### Receipts –

North Yorkshire Council (2nd half-yearly Precept)	34,000.00
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### Payments –

CE +CM Walker (September grasscutting)	1,648.80
P Atkin (Expenses)	31.74
P Atkin (Salary)	384.28
HMRC (PAYE)	96.00
PFK Littlejohn LLP (External Audit fee)	756.00
TP Jones and Co LLP (Quarterly payroll)	59.40
PlayEquip Ltd (Fitness Equipment signage)	198.00
Mrs C Huang (Sweeping)	45.00
Mrs M Shiel Dods (Reimbursement for bulbs)	249.36
Mr D Langthorne (Labour – various)	195.00
YDS Ltd (Trailer hire)	60.00
Mrs A Trew hitt (Annual Allotment Rent)	1,200.00
The Royal British Legion (Wreath for Remembrance Day)	100.00
*NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges)	27.41 *

\*Paid by Direct Debit

## Bank Balances

Not received at time of drafting the Monthly Update.

**RECOMMENDED – That the accounts listed above be approved for payment.**

## External Audit

The External Auditors have issued their opinion on the audit of the 2022/23 accounts as follows -

“On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have been met.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention to the authority - None”

Several issues were raised during the course of the audit by the initial investigating auditor and with John Robinsons assistance all were satisfactorily answered.

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

The adult gym equipment should shortly be ready for public use. Information boards informing as to the use of the individual items of equipment have been ordered.

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

PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION - 41864 - Cockpit Hill - The Closure took place for a period of 1 day on 6th October 2023 for pothole patching works.

## Speed Limit at New Bridge.

NY Highways response to Councillor Watson –

“I understand you have raised a query regarding a 30mph sign on the new bridge at North Northallerton. We had requested the developer take this down because speed limit repeater signs are not permitted where you have a system of street lighting in place. There was a concern over being able to enforce the speed limit with that sign in place so it has been removed., the post will be taken down in due course as well”

## 20's Plenty Branch Meeting - Thursday 21 September 2023

The final decision on Councillor Keane Duncans revision of the NYC 20mph Policy does not go for approval to the full Council meeting until November.

It appears that several Parishes, especially around the York area are waiting for the Mayoral system to come in as they are hoping that there will be more money available for such as this initiative.

The North Yorkshire Councils decision to progress 20mph in Harrogate can be seen as a success but it needs to be remembered that the area which will be affected is in effect quite small when taking the whole geographical area of Harrogate into account.

Nevertheless the success of achieving 20mph zones in parts of Harrogate can be said to be due to the joint efforts of political will, parent will and teacher will and this has already shown increases in parents and pupils cycling to schools.

Malton Town Council wishes to try to link with other similar Town Councils, especially as this this could lead to accessing more forms of funding.

The manner in which part of Harrogate achieved success needs to be cascaded to others so that they can follow suit. In this respect, the 20's Plenty campaign organiser is to look at drafting a case study and emphasising the impact that the success has had on cycling in Harrogate.

Although it needs to be remembered that, though there has been this success in Harrogate, this only affects a few of the schools.

It is now suspected that those Parishes and Towns who want to proceed with 20mph are now involved in the campaign.

Wales adopted the 20 mph speed limit in September and the Republic of Ireland has also agreed to it. In addition the Wirral has just changed to 20mph.

It was decided that all County Councillors and City of York Councillors be invited to attend future online meetings: the next meeting being on the 17th October at an earlier time of 7.00pm.

The allied campaign of KSI Equals Zero - that is achieving zero accidents stats for both killed and seriously injured casualties is being pursued nationally, but as yet hasn't been rolled out in York and North Yorkshire.

It was felt that another initiative moving forward would be for the Market Towns in the various areas to work together, especially as with Devolution some Market Towns may want to allocate their own funding for such as traffic calming and speed restrictions as part of their new strategies under the Devolution process.

It was also suggested that the next 20's Plenty National Conference be held in York.

Other campaigns on going nationally are -

Low Traffic Futures

+ Safer Streets Now

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

14. DATE OF REFRESHER TRAINING SESSION FOR COUNCILLORS.

More responses from Councillors as to their preferences for an evenings session in November are awaited – only three responses have been received to date for a session on a Wednesday or Thursday night in November.

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

(i) YLCA Hambleton Branch Meeting.

The Meeting of the Hambleton Branch of the YLCA will be held on Wednesday, 18 October at 7.00pm via Zoom.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Including (i) Date of Next Meeting of the Council – Tuesday 21st November 2023 at 7.15pm

17. BURIAL MATTERS.

No funerals have taken place in the past month.