

## Monthly Update – December 2023

### DEATH OF FORMER COUNCILLOR

Former long-standing member of the Councillor Reginald Collins died unexpectedly on the 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL

North Yorkshire Council has advised that an insufficient number of electors have requested that an election be called to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of former Councillor Mr S O'Sullivan. The vacancy will therefore be filled by way of co-option in due course.

#### 1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Apologies for absence have been received from Councillors Mrs Robinson and Mrs Smith.

Councillor Langthorne to declare and interest in Accounts regarding cheque payments and Councillor Carter declared an interest in planning application ZB23/02506/MRC.

#### 2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21st November 2023.

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

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

- (i) Compacted Leaves on the Pavement Opposite the Bus Shelter.

The leaves were cleared by NYC shortly after the last meeting.

- (ii) Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Consultation.

The Clerk has submitted a response to the consultation on behalf of the Council. Some Councillors have also completed the consultation.

- (iii) Tree in Beck at new Development North Northallerton.

The Environment Agency have been asked to remove the tree.

- (iv) Container at the BRG Field.

Following a meeting with the representatives of Brompton Junior Football Club the BRG has been asked if it is possible to remove the left hand container on the field and replace it with a container which has been given to them by the Army free of charge as the original Container leaks and has holes in. It is also in a position where part of it is hanging over the beck side.

The replacement containers would be turned so that the doors would face the field and free up car parking spaces.

Councillors were asked for comments and the Chairman is to check whether any planning consents would be required. It was also suggested that the container should be dark blue, dark green or dark grey so that it blends in.

- (v) Coathams Bus Services.

The Clerk has been contacted by a satisfied resident informing him that Coathams Buses are picking bus users up at the bottom of Danes Crest without any problems.

(vi) Rabbits in the Cemetery.

The rabbits in the Cemetery are infected with Myxomatosis. The RSCPA wildlife division was contacted who advised that as they are not inoculated they cannot be saved. However if anyone does catch one they can be humanely euthanised if taken to a local vet without any charge as they are wild animals. An article was placed on Facebooks Northallerton Noticeboard warning people living nearby to keep any pet rabbits indoors for the time being.

(vii) Northallerton Sports Village – Progress Update.

The capital works on the first phase of Northallerton Sports Village were completed in July.

The site remained closed to the public to allow the recreational grassed areas to establish.

Opening of the site was then further delayed due to a delay in the transfer of the land from the developers to the Council.

Although the transfer of the land is still not complete, we are now able to allow public access onto the site which includes the one-kilometre circuit, amenity grass and car park. This area is due to be opened imminently. However, organised activity, that would require a licence, is not currently permitted.

A planning application is also currently under consideration to create a pedestrian access from the Brompton end of the site (north of the bridge).

Outstanding Works -

The land that includes the grass-crete access road providing access to, and underneath the bridge, and the area within this (bridge, pillars, banking, fencing and gate) remains the responsibility of the developer.

NY Council is aware that there are still works to be undertaken by the developer, which includes the removal of the graffiti underneath the bridge. The Council will screen as much as possible until it is removed and is working with the Police and other agencies to consider ways to prevent further occurrences of graffiti in the future.

Hedge Maintenance -

NY Councils parks and ground staff have recently been undertaking maintenance works to the hedge along Northallerton Road. They advised that the hedge needed to be cut back to approximately 7 metres high to allow the bottom of the hedge to flourish and create a safer habitat for nesting birds.

Allotments –

As part of the sports village development 18 small allotment plots have been created, which are enclosed with fencing. Each plot has a water collection point and shed. Once the land has been transferred into the ownership of North Yorkshire Council the management of the allotments will be passed to Northallerton Town Council.

Future plans –

The new North Yorkshire Council's Sport and Active Wellbeing Service is now tasked with completing a major Strategic Leisure Review which will include the production of a new county wide Playing Pitch Strategy. These strategies will be used to help inform future phases for this site.

The Northallerton Environmental Enhancements Project (phase 1) is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund with a grant of £503,706.

(viii) Defibrillator – Thurston Park Estate.

The Council previously decided to see if a defibrillator could be installed at the Thurston Park Estate. Whilst there are several locations from which it would be obvious that there was a defibrillator situated there none of them have access to an electricity supply which is necessary as defibrillators do not perform to 100% if temperatures fall below 5 degrees C. Hence the reason why defibrillators are found outside public houses, shops and the Town Hall etc as they are connected to an electricity supply.

(ix) Church Wall.

Reinstatement works to the Church Wall have started.

#### 4. REPORT OF COUNCILLOR STEPHEN WATSON

To be reported to meeting.

5. 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.

#### 6. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

Statistics taken from	01/11/2023 to 30/11/2023
Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	0 Reports
Anti-Social Personal	1 Reports
Total	1 Reports
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	0 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	1 Reports
Criminal Damage	0 Reports
Theft (inc. Theft from Shop)	1 theft of electricity
Violence against the person	2 Reports
Other crimes inc. Drugs	0 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Auto Crime / SMV	0 Reports
Total	4 Reports

#### **Police Community Drop-ins**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 between 10:00hrs to 12:00hrs Fraud awareness, Barclays Bank, High Street, Northallerton.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 between 15:00hrs to 17:00hrs at Sainsburys, Northallerton

#### 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 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### (ii) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

No meeting of the Group has been held in the past month.

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

The Working Group met on the 5<sup>th</sup> December - see recommendation under agenda item 13 below.

### (iv) Joint Pedestrian/ Cycling Working Group.

In August the Chairman of the Group submitted the views of the three Local Councils to NYC in response to the Transport Plan review. Over the subsequent months discussion were held with the Local Transport Plan team and officers of the Council. This has been every positive and the officers are keen to work with the Group to develop their plans.

A meeting of the Joint Working Group was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December in Northallerton Town Hall when it was agreed to prepare for a proposed Transport Event on the Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in Northallerton Town Hall. The members of the Working Group are currently working on drawing up a list of invited attendees and to agree the exact format of the event and how to publicise it widely as a cross parish event to include the whole of Northallerton, Brompton and Romanby.

## 8. PLANNING MATTERS – To consider the applications for planning permission received since the last Council meeting.

### (i) Decisions

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

ZB23/01973/LBC – Listed Building Consent to replace damaged ridge tiles, parapets and replace flash banding material with lead flashing – 10 Lead Lane – Granted

ZB23/02055/FUL - Single storey rear extension and part roof replacement – 21 Mill Hill Close – Granted

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 – Refused

ZB23/02179/FUL – Retrospective application for the extension to existing conservatory at 13 Lead Lane - Granted

### (ii) Applications

ZB23/02459/REM - Application for approval of reserved matters with access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale to be considered relating to planning application 15/01083/HYB and associated with Phase 1 of the Neighbourhood Centre comprising foodstore and retail unit (Class E(a)) (formerly Class A1), restaurant and coffee shop with drive thru lanes (Class E(b)) (formerly Class A3) and associated car parking.

LOCATION: Taylor Wimpey North Northallerton Phase 2 TW Land At Darlington Road Northallerton

ZB23/00938/FUL - Revised application for construction of 38no. residential dwellings with associated access, parking, landscaping and infrastructure.

LOCATION: OS Field 6504 Northallerton Business Park Thurston Road

ZB23/02506/MRC - Variation of conditions attached to Planning Consent- 2147- The occupation of the dwelling shall be limited to a person employed locally in agriculture or forestry as defined in section 290 of the Town and Country planning act. 1971 or the dependents of such a person residing with him but including a widow or widower of such a person.

LOCATION: Northfields Bungalow Long Lane

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

9. PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH Nos 10.19/8, 10.19/22 & 10.19/26, Moor House & Moor House Farm - Consultation for Section 119 Highways Act 1980 Public Path Order HAM/2022/22/DO

**Councillors have been emailed for their comments about this proposed Diversion Orders.**

#### 11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

##### Receipts –

Nil

##### Payments –

Mrs C Huang (Sweeping)	45.00
P Atkin (Expenses)	****
P Atkin (Salary)	429.18
HMRC (PAYE)	****
Sam Turner and Sons (Christmas tree)	132.98
Mr D Langthorne	
YDS Ltd (Trailer hire)	
*NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges)	27.41 *

##### Bank Balances at 1<sup>st</sup> November

Current Ac't - £200.00

Business Premium Ac't (i) - £44,697.51

Business Premium Ac't (ii) - £141,697.51

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

##### VAT Reimbursement.

HMRC have paid in full the VAT claims put in for January - end of September 2023 in the total sum of £7,523.

The calculation is that when another claim is submitted at the start of January for the period October - end of December 2023 this will amount to a further £6,381.

Total - £13,904

12. SETTING OF PRECEPT LEVEL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/25.

**The Finance Group to make a recommendation to the Council meeting.**

13. INSTALLATION OF OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT AT THE RECREATION GROUND AND PROVISION OF NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/25.

**RECOMMENDED -**

That HAGGS be added to the list of companies requested to tender for the following project in the Recreation Ground –

Prelims - Site set-up, welfare, heras fencing

Site clearance - remove and dispose of double bay cradle swing

Groundworks - PCC edge and MOT 1 base to Proludic Springer

Additional baseworks to swing

Supply and install new double bay cradle swing

Supply and install powder coated self closing steel gates - Two of 300mm cutback and repair to perimeter of basket swing surfacing

Overlay to basket swing surfacing

Wet pour to Proludic spinner

300mm cutback and repair to perimeter of see saw surfacing

Overlay to see saw

14. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Including Notification of Road Closures, 20's Plenty and the Re-siting of the Brompton Sign.

Road Closures

PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION - SW-42915-Brompton Lane&Station Rd, Brompton

The Closure will be in place for a period of 8 hours between 2nd March 2024 and 3rd March 2024 to allow for inspection works on behalf of Network Rail (22:00-06:00 only)

The Road Closure and any associated Diversion Routes can be viewed using this URL link <https://one.network/?tm=136675917>

15. LEAKY DAMS - FUTURE MAINTENANCE PLAN.

The estimates received from Coxon Bros for the proposed leaky dam maintenance across the Brompton Beck and lngs Beck catchment are as follows -

- (a) Debris clearance across the eight leaky dams

Supply a two-man team with hand tools to clear the leaky dams as a one off.

Total excluding VAT £670.00

- (b) The dams would need checking following any significant rainfall, I will discuss this on site with you as we work across the district clearing structures before and after rainfall events for the IDB.

If budgeting, I would estimate £1,675 + VAT, this allows up to 25 hours per year to visit the dams. When planning for future structural maintenance, the initial leaky dams were installed in 2014.

The larch piles have an estimated life span of 15 years; therefore, the original dams have been in position for nearly 10 years.

Predicting forward, I would estimate £2,000 + VAT per year is saved for the ongoing and future maintenance of the structures.

It's easy for me to recommend, but if £5,000 + VAT per year could be budgeted, it would hopefully give an excess over the years for both for regular & long term maintenance.

**Decision required as to whether to proceed on this basis.**

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

MAB Environmental and Ecology from Thirsk have been asked to provide costs of them drawing up a management plan for the wildlife area.

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

- (i) Proposed Closure of Barclays Bank.

**To agree the Councils views as regards the establishment of a Banking Hub in Northallerton.**

- (ii) Grit Bins

- (a) Thurston Park Estate.

A request has been received for grit bins to be placed on the Thurston Park estate. However this cannot be done at present as the estate has not been adopted.

- (b) Danes Crest Estate.

Three requests have been received for new grit bins on the Danes Crest estate.

**A decision is required From Councillors**

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Including (i) Date of Next Meeting of the Council – **Wednesday 24th January 2024 at 7.15pm (changed date)**

- (ii) Christmas Tree – 2004.

**The question has been raised as to whether the Council should purchase a larger Christmas tree in 2024.**

(c) Domestic Disturbance.

A resident contacted the Council to report that she had gone to the Police regarding a domestic incident near to where she lived. It was alleged that the incident had caused distress to neighbours over a period of time. It was also reported that the incident had been reported to Broadacres Housing who had failed to respond. In the circumstances the matter was not within the remit of Brompton Council.

(d) Sports Village.

A resident emailed a number of concerns about the Sports Village after the last Council meeting. There were very similar to those raised at the last Council meeting and were forwarded to Councillor Watson.

19. BURIAL MATTERS – Including Setting of Burial Fees from 1 January 2025

**RECOMMENDED REVISED FEES -**

- £400.00 per burial plot
- £180.00 per interment in a burial plot
- £60.00 for Memorials (half size headstones – half fee)
- £120.00 for the purchase of ashes plot
- £60.00 for interment of ashes
- No fee for deceased persons under 16 years of age.

Fees are doubled where the deceased person did not reside within the Parish boundary but in such cases proof is required that the person still had immediate relatives in the Parish, unless they had moved out of the Parish within a period of less than 12 months.

One burial is scheduled for the coming week.