

Monthly Update – January 2024

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Apologies for absence have been received from Councillors Carter and Hazelwood.

Councillor Langthorne to declare and interest in Accounts regarding cheque payments

2. MINUTES.

RECOMMENDED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th December, 2023 having been having been previously circulated be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. CO-OPTED VACANCY.

As there were insufficient electors who came forward to call an Election following the resignation of Mr S O’Sullivan the vacancy will need to be filled by way of co-option.

TO AGREE to advertise the vacancy at the Council meeting.

There will then be a period of 35 days in which electors can apply to be considered.

If advertised after the January meeting this would conveniently take the period to the 1st March. If no-one applies then the 35 days is repeated and so on.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(i) Grants of Permission Various Streetworks.

As per the Councils usual practice the Clerk has granted permission for various street works comprising a Virgin Media cabin next to the BT one on the Green near the bus shelter and for the replacement of various poles around the Greens and adjacent to the Recreation Ground. RECOMMENDED – That the actions taken by the Clerk be endorsed.

(ii) Bollards Outside The Three Horse Shoes and at Cockpit Hill.

Works are currently on-going to install bollards on the corner outside the Three Horse Shoes and at the crossing point at Cockpit Hill.

(iii) Damaged Public Right of Way Stile.

The damaged stile on the footpath west of The Orchards has been reported to NYC Countryside Services for repair.

NYC has advised that there is a 21 year backlog on such matters.

(iv) Bulb Planting at the BRG Field.

The BRG Committee do not feel that it would be beneficial to plant bulbs in the area that had been suggested by Councillor Carter at last months Council meeting. They have however suggested that the area fronting the pavilion could be planted however all bulbs have been used up this season and this would have to wait until next winter.

5. REPORT OF COUNCILLOR STEPHEN WATSON

To be made to the meeting.

6. 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.

7. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

Statistics taken from	01/12/2023 to 31/12/2023
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	0 Reports
Criminal Damage	2 Reports
Theft (inc. Theft from Shop)	0 Reports
Violence against the person	4 Reports
Other crimes inc. Drugs	0 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Auto Crime / SMV	1 Reports
Total	7 Reports

Please see below dates, times, and locations for Community Drop in events where residents can come and speak to the local Neighbourhood policing team to discuss: Any concerns in the area – drugs, anti-social behaviour, fraud advice, speeding/parking etc etc.

Sign up for Community Messaging and Hambleton Facebook that allows you to keep up to date with what is happening in the area.

Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at Marks & Spencer's, Northallerton from 1000hrs to 1200hrs.

Thursday 25th January 2024 at Tesco, Northallerton from 1700hrs to 1900hrs.

Wednesday 31st January 2024 at B & M, Northallerton from 1100hrs to 1300hrs.

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

To be reported to meeting.

9. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS –

- (i) Finance Working Group.

Meeting held on Monday 23rd January.

VAT has been claimed in the sum of £6,395 from HMRC for the period October - December 2023.

The Clerk is pursuing obtaining the sum of £1,870 held by HSBC Bank since the closing down of the Middleton Whittaker Charity.

The Clerk is to apply for a sum of £184.40 from NYC as a contribution towards the cutting of highway verges in the 2024 grasscutting season.

As regards Forestry Grants under item 15 on the agenda it is RECOMMENDED that this matter be not proceeded with as it would require the purchase of approximately 44,000 trees to meet with conditions of the grant scheme.

As regards Bank Accounts it is RECOMMENDED that the everyday working account be moved to the Unity Trust Bank but that the bulk of the Councils monies be left on deposit at Barclays Bank in view of the interest rates obtainable.

An application for a donation towards works to the entrance of the Methodist Church has been received and will be considered when the Finance Group reviews the Councils budget for the financial year 2024/25 in March.

The Clerk to liaise with Councillor Watson regarding the siting of two "Brompton" signs.

ALL COUNCILLORS TO CONSIDER MATTERS FOR BUDGET EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024 - 25 AND INFORM THE CLERK OF THEIR WISHES PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FINANCE GROUP WHICH IS TO BE HELD ON THE 5th FEBRUARY

(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.

The works for the replacement toddler swings and remedial works in the Recreation Ground are out for tender.

(iv) Joint Pedestrian/ Cycling Working Group.

See under agenda item 14 below.

9. PLANNING MATTERS.

(i) Decisions.

ZB23/02270/FUL - Proposed single-storey extension to dwelling and conversion of outbuilding [no change of use] to create additional residential accommodation - Granted.

ZB23/01925/LBC - Listed Building Consent for the addition of solar panels to the roof at the rear of the property, Greenview, 7 The Green - Granted

(ii) Applications.

ZB23/02518/FUL – Retrospective construction of a shed at 65 Northallerton Road

ZB23/02516/FUL – Installation of a dropped kerb to allow access to driveway at front of dwelling, 24 Corber Hill

ZB23/02492/FUL – Application for a detached dwelling and garage, Land adjacent to 53 Water End

ZB23/02494/FUL – Application for construction of replacement dwelling, Southolme Farm

Councillors views are requested on the above planning applications

10. 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 – To reconsider the Councils Decision.

Received from NYC -

Thank you for your email dated 9/1/2024 and I acknowledge receipt of Brompton Town Council's objection to these proposed diversions.

However, I would like to take this opportunity to provide some further information, which I hope will address the Town Council's concerns regarding these proposals and hope that you might consider withdrawing your objection:-

The aim of the diversion are to move the public right of way onto the currently used route of the Coast to Coast National Trail. The proposals would avoid paths having to go through a private garden, through farm buildings and across arable fields. Also, we believe the proposed diversions are for the public's benefit, as well as the land owners' interest.

The increase in length is negligible, when taking into account the total individual path length, and recent diversion appeals have found this not to be a sufficient reason to outweigh the benefits described in 1.

Our experience is that the public would much prefer to walk along a well-maintained grass field edge, rather than use what will often be a muddy cross-field path.

If it would be helpful to the Town Council, we would be willing to meet any interested Councillors on site, to look at the proposed routes on the ground, if they haven't had the opportunity to do so already.

To consider whether to withdraw the Councils objection.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

Coop Funeral Care (Burial fee)	165.00
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Payments –

T P Jones & Co LLP (Quarterly payroll)	59.40
Sam Turner and Sons (Road salt)	48.00
P Atkin (Expenses)	23.65
P Atkin (Salary)	429.38
HMRC (PAYE)	107.20
Mrs C Huang (Sweeping)	55.00
Mr D Langthorne (Grit Bins)	172.50
YDS Ltd (Trailer hire)	60.00
*NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges)	27.41 *

Bank Balances at 3rd January

Current Ac't - £200.00

Business Premium Ac't (i) - £39,910.80

Business Premium Ac't (ii) - £142,190.93

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

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

VAT Reimbursement.

A claim has been submitted to HMRC for the period 1st October – 31st December 2023 in the sum of £6,395.41.

Former Middleton Whittaker Charity.

The Clerk is in discussions with the HSBC Bank in an endeavour to get the Bank to release to the Council the sum of approximately £1,800 that has been deposited at the Bank since the Charity was wound up on the expiration of the deposited War Stock and Bonds.

13. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION - SW-18890-Bullamoor to Kirby Sigston, Northallerton

The Closure will be in place for a period of 6 hours between 1st February 2024 and 1st February 2024 to allow for pole replacement works on behalf of BT (09:30-15:30 only)

The Road Closure and any associated Diversion Routes can be viewed using this URL link <https://one.network/?tm=137026051>

PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION - SW-18948-Viking Court, Brompton

The Closure will be in place for a period of 5 days between 19th February 2024 and 23rd February 2024 to allow for fibre installation works on behalf of Avonline Network Services Ltd

The Road Closure and any associated Diversion Routes can be viewed using this URL link <https://one.network/?tm=137111394>

20mph Zone Traffic Regulation Orders

Received via Councillor Watson from NYC Transport Portfolio Holder Councillor Keane Duncan which addresses the Council's concerns about the costs of making a Traffic Order for a 20mph speed limit scheme -

There is no requirement for a Parish or Town Council to fund any part of the application assessment nor the TRO or physical measures such as signing, road markings and traffic calming features should the application be successful.

The Council has a budget fund a number of schemes each year and they will be prioritised to ensure the best value is achieved. Should it be the case that an approved application isn't prioritised for funding in year and potentially in future financial years depending up the size and scale of other approved schemes, then Parish/Town Councils can provide funding should they wish to.

A prioritisation matrix is currently being developed, which when finalised, will be taken through the formal governance approval process. For reference the matrix will score the type of scheme i.e. a low cost signed only speed limit or if it's a traffic calmed multi-street zone, the size of the residential population, current speeds, the number of collisions and other public health data sets for example.

I trust the above information alleviates any concerns regarding costs and that the council is working to ensure schemes are delivered to benefit local communities.

14. LOCAL TRANSPORT EVENT – NORTHALLERTON TOWN HALL SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY.

A Local Transport Event will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 19th February to engage with local residents regarding the future of transport in North Yorkshire to feed into the local plan process.

Invitations will be sent to organisations, North Yorkshire Mayoral Candidates and key Councillors at NYC to encourage attendance.

This is a joint venture between Northallerton and Brompton Town Councils and Romanby Parish Council to see what people would like to see change around town.

North Yorkshire Council is currently preparing a new Transport Plan and the election of a new Mayor for North Yorkshire and York in May 2024, who will have responsibility for transport, means that the views of the town are needed.

Officials and members from NYC as well as the mayoral candidates are being invited to hear people's views about buses, trains, walking, cycling, driving, taxis, parking, congestion, level crossings and anything else transport wise residents are urged to come along to share their thoughts so that they can be used to help shape plans for the next few years.

Are any Councillors available to assist on the day?

15. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA - Including Future Management Programme for the Wildlife Area and White Rose Forestry Grants for planting woodlands.

MAB Ecology of Thirsk are currently looking at the wildlife area at Water End.

Information received from Councillor Brigginslaw from the White Rose Forest agency which provides grants for planting woodland/ tree/scrub has been circulated to all Councillors. Councillors need to consider how they wish to proceed with this matter.

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

(i) Moles at Water End Green.

A complaint has been received about the number of moles this year at Water End Green and asking what action the Council intends to take.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(i) Date of Next Meeting of the Council – Tuesday 20th February 2024 at 7.15pm

(ii) Lifting of Prohibition of Funds Churches.

As from 26th December the Government lifted the prohibition under the Local Government Act 1894 on Councils which prevented them from providing funding to Churches - ie allowing contributions to be made towards the execution of works to Churches.

The prohibition was put in place so that Councils could not be seen to favour any one religious denomination.

In the past BTC has had to turn down requests for funding from St Thomas' for roof repairs and towards a new boiler.

18. BURIAL MATTERS.

One burial has taken place in the past month.

Bank Reconciliation to 3rd January 2024		
Income		
Income reported at last meeting		£78,975.01
a) Receipts in the period:		
Interest	£236.83	
Interest	£493.42	
Total income for the period		<u>£730.25</u>
Revised 2023/24 income to 3rd January 2024		£79,705.26
Expenditure		
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£94,088.25
b) Payments in the period:		
CE & CM Walkler - Grasscutting Oct	£1,004.40	
Pennine Playgrounds - Adult equip installation	£2,792.99	
Pennine Playgrounds - Installation & fencing	£234.00	
Yorewaste	£27.41	
P.Atkin - Salary Dec	£429.18	
P.Atkin - Expenses	£34.59	
HMRC	£131.23	
Handyman Services - general village work	£210.00	
YDS Ltd - Tractor Hire	£60.00	
Mrs C Huang - Sweeping Nov/Dec	£45.00	
Sam Turner & Sons - Christmas Tree	<u>£132.98</u>	
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£5,101.78</u>
Revised 2023/24 Expenditure to 3rd January 2024		£99,190.03
c) Funds:		
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)		-£4,371.53
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting		<u>£186,673.26</u>
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting		£182,301.73
Represented by:		
Balance of Barclays Community Account a/c		£200.00
Balance of Barclays Business Premium a/c		£39,910.80
Balance of Barclays Premium Savings a/c		<u>£142,190.93</u>
Total Funds as at 3rd January 2024		£182,301.73
Unpresented Cheques		
NYCC - Microsoft Licence (chq 822)	£50.37	
Northallerton Mens shed	£40.00	
The Play Inspection Company	<u>£420.00</u>	
Total		£510.37