

Monthly Update – March 2024

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

An apology for absence has been received from Councillor Carter.

Councillors Langthorne and Robinson to declare and interests in Accounts regarding cheque payments.

2. MINUTES.

RECOMMENDED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th February, 2024 having been having been previously circulated be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3.. FILLING OF CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR VACANCY.

The candidates will be interviewed at the conclusion of the meeting.

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

(i) Northern Powergen Poles.

As per the usual practice the Clerk has given consent for the renewal of a number of electricity poles around the village greens that are beyond their serviceable life.

RECOMMENDED – That the actions taken in this matter be endorsed.

(ii) Church Wall.

The repairs to the Church Wall are now complete. Hopefully no further major works to the wall will be required over the next twenty years or so.

The works have revealed that the south part of the wall is not double skinned and very many years ago has been filled with rubble and stone rather than being a fully constructed inner wall.

(iii) Bollards.

The bollards have now been installed. Delays occurred due to parked vehicles preventing the bollards from being installed.

(iv) Shootings – Use of Air Rifles.

There have been a number of reports in Northallerton North Ward of shootings of rabbits, especially around the new sports village site.

This week following up on a report a rabbit was found in the Recreation Ground and a large pigeon in the Churchyard which both appear to have been shot.

Can residents inform the Council if spot any further birds/animals that seem to have been shot in public places around Brompton so that the Police can continue to follow up the use of air rifles in public places.

- (v) Fly Tipping.

A quantity of broken plaster was left in bus shelter and was removed by the Clerk.

- (vi) Dog Fouling.

Reports have been made on social media about increasing dog fouling around Church View. The Clerk inspected the area this week but found no evidence of dog fouling. However someone may have removed it in the meantime.

5. REPORT OF COUNCILLOR STEPHEN WATSON

To be reported 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	01/02/2024 to 29/02/2024
Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	2 Reports
Anti-Social Personal	1 Reports
Total	3 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	8 Reports
Other crimes inc. Drugs	2 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	3 Reports
Auto Crime / SMV	1 Reports
Total	15 Reports

Hambleton/Richmondshire Independent Police Advisory Panel – 29th February 2024

Right care - Right Person

Much of the meeting was an outline of the “Right Care - Right Person” protocol brought in in 2023 to address highlighted national cases of the manner in which persons suffering from mental illness had been dealt with.

The new protocol ensures that persons suffering from mental health or health issues are referred to the correct agency.

The core role of Policing is protecting life and property, preventing crime and bringing offenders to justice - it does not have a duty of care to every member of the public.

Health is not a Policing issue but if the Police are involved in any way then they have a duty of care.

Under the new protocol every call to the Police goes through a risk assessment to ascertain whether it is a matter which requires Police attendance.

From April the 111 call system will include a mental health link to the local mental health crisis team .

The protocol has received £150m of Central Government funding.

The national team overseeing the protocol has prepared tool kits for use by those working in the call centres.

A reduction of Police officer hours has already been seen by now referring such cases to the correct agencies to be dealt with.

In essence those making calls to the Police on mental health issues want help - they don't want the Police turning up at their door with blue lights.

Hate Crime Statistics

Hate crimes are very low in the Hambleton/Richmondshire areas.

October - December 2023 -

North Yorkshire - 284

Hambleton - 19

Richmondshire - 4

Sexual Orientation is the largest reported group at 10

These have only recently become an issue as they were never reported in the past - well recorded national cases have resulted in this increase

Racial = 10

Disability = 3

All hate crimes are now treated as priority crimes - ie P grade and every such crime is discussed with the Superintendent and the Chief Superintendent.

Officer attendance or contact is within one hour.

Hate crimes in Hambleton equate to 16% of the North Yorkshire total.

Antisemitism has not been of concern in this part of the County but has been an issue in more urban areas.

Other Matters

Removal of Graffiti

Concerns were raised at the length of time that NYC takes to remove graffiti + whether in cases where a person is identifiable in what has been written the Police can put pressure on the Council to take action.

Shoplifters

Goods are frequently taken from clothes rails outside of shops. If this is not to apprehend the shoplifters but to ring the Police and follow them.

Richmond Falls

The current Public Space Protection Order expires at the end of March. There are concerns as to the time being taken by NYC as to the renewal of the Order - indeed if they agree to the Order being renewed. If it is not renewed the Police will be very limited in the actions that they can take.

If not resolved this will be raised at the next meeting of the NYC Area Constituency Committee.

Crime Statistics.

Recording of crimes locally includes a number of instances under the heading - Crimes Against Society.

This is concerning as it is considered that these would include such as terrorism, treason and unlawful gatherings.

The local Police have however stated that they are instances of sexting - obscene publications between groups of young people.

Clarification as to whether these are in the correct crime category has been requested.

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

To be reported to the meeting.

9. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS –

(i) Finance Working Group.

The Finance Group met on the 12th March.

Removal of Path at Top of Cemetery.

RECOMMENDED - That the quotation received from Snowballs in the sum of £1,365,00 + VAT for the removal of the path at the top of the Cemetery be accepted.

Removal of Brash and Debris from the Leaky Dams.

RECOMMENDED - That the quotation received from Coxons for the removal of the brash and debris from the leaky dams that has been washed down during recent high rainfall and is stopping the dams working in the sum of £540.00 + VAT be accepted.

Tenders for Works in the Recreation Ground.

Two tenders were received for new swings and other works in the Recreation Ground -

Pennine Playgrounds. - £15,493.44 + VAT

Streetscape - £13,660 + VAT

RECOMMENDED - That the tender received from Streetscape be accepted and that Streetscape also carry out remedial works to the Rocket base in the sum of £1,210.00 + VAT.

BRG

(1) That the BRG order new goalposts and that the Council be invoiced.

The Council retain the NY Locality Fund amount of £2,000 in its bank account for the present and in due course pay the invoice and reclaim the VAT amount so that this can be added for the benefit of the BRG.

(2) The Finance Group + the Vice-Chairman meet with the BRG Committee so that discussions about future BRG projects can be discussed. The BRG to be asked for a copy of its business plan.

VAT

The VAT reclaim in the sum of £6,53.41 received by HMRC on the 9th January has not yet been paid. HMRC has advised that this is due to them being extremely busy at the financial year end.

Defibrillators

That the Clerk obtain a quotation from the company in Thirsk who maintain the Northallerton defibrillators for the future maintenance of the defibrillators in Brompton.

Budget 2024/25.

The Finance Group reviewed the budget for the financial year 2024/25 for consideration at the forthcoming meeting of the Council.

(ii) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

No meeting of the Highways/Road Safety Group has been held during the past month.

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

No meeting has been held during the past month.

(viii) Joint Pedestrian/ Cycling Working Group.

No meeting has been held during the past month.

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

(i) Decisions.

ZB23/02492/FUL - Application for a detached dwelling and garage - Land Adjacent 53 Water End – Refused

(ii) Applications.

ZB24/00380/FUL - Alterations and extension to single storey building to rear of house – 97 Northallerton Road

Councillors views are requested on the above planning application

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

Nil

Payments –

Sam Turner and Sons (Parts for Stihls, rock salt top soil etc)	353.37
Mr J Robinson (Financial Services Advice)	543.25
P Atkin (Expenses)	****
P Atkin (Salary)	429.38
HMRC (PAYE)	107.20
Mrs C Huang (Sweeping – February + March)	60.00
Hillside Tree Surgeons (tree + hedge works)	780.00
Swaledale Stonemasonry (Repair of the Church wall)	12,999.60
North Yorkshire Council (Microsoft Licence renewal)	65.82
Mr D Langthorne (Grit Bins)	****
YDS Ltd (Trailer hire)	60.00
*NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges)	43.99 *

Bank Balances at 1st March 2024

Current Ac't - £200.00

Business Premium Ac't (i) - £36,613.20

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.

12. BUDGET 2024/25.

BUDGET EXPENDITURE 2024/25	2023/24 Budget	2024/25 Budget	Notes			
Salary/HMRC	6000	6500				
Admin- Expenses, Misc,audit fees,printing, payroll services,web site,newsletter	5000	5000				
Grasscutting	11500	12500				
Hedge Cutting	1000	1000				
Dog Bins*	0	1000				
Allotments	1200	1200				
Insurance	800	900				
Water End Wildlife Area	700	500	wildlife report			
Cemetery Works	1000	1000				
Room Hire	300	350				
Recreation Ground*	25000	20000	£20,000 swings etc			
Defib	300	300				
Tree Works	10000	10000				
Donations	500	250	£100 Methodist/£100 RBL			
Trade Refuse Bin	400	400				
Highways	2000	0				
Flood Prevention - Maintenance	0	2400	£540 brash removal/ £1800 general			
Village Caretaking- building materials, hire charges	8000	8800	£750 sign			
Projects - Water End Bridge*	3900	0				
Projects - Flood Prevention	25000	0				
Projects - Cockpit Hill	1000	1500				
Projects - Graveyard Wall*	13000	0				
Projects - VAS Signs	500	0				
Projects - Wildlife Area		0				
Projects - Cemetery		1500				
Projects - BRG		4400	£4400 Goalposts			
Total Budget	£117,100	£79,500				

BUDGET INCOME 2024/25	2023/24	2024/25
	Budget	Budget
Precept	68000	76000
Bank Interest	1000	1500
VAT Refund	6000	7500
Grants	0	0
Burial Fees	2000	500
Memorials	100	0
Wayleaves	300	300
Allotment Rents	1200	1200
Village Caretaking	200	200
Total Income	£78,800	£87,200

RECOMMENDED - To approve the budget for the financial year 2024/25.

13. LOCAL BUS SERVICES.

Councillor Watson has been asked to report to the meeting.

The Clerk met the North Yorkshire Councils Transport Portfolio Holder Councillor Keane Duncan on the 27 February and handed him all the necessary papers so that he could carry out investigations into the matter

14. LOCAL TRANSPORT EVENT REPORT.

The final report of the Local Transport Event held in the Town Hall on the 7th February is to be sent separately.

15. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Including Notification of Road Closures and Update on Speed Survey North Northallerton Road.

Road Closures

PLANNED ROAD RESTRICTION NOTIFICATION - SW19364 Danby Lane & Rd from Danby Wiske to Streetlam

Location: Danby Lane & Road from Danby Wiske to Streetlam, Danby Wiske with Lazenby CP, Danby Wiske

Description of works: Works on behalf of Northern Power Grid to replace existing overhead poles (09:00-17:00 only). These will be rolling road closures, the works will start on Danby Lane 20-21st March 2024 then move to Danby Wiske to Streetlam 22nd March 2024. Only one road will be closed at once.

The Restriction will be in place for a period of 3 days between 20 March 2024 and 22 March 2024

PLANNED ROAD RESTRICTION NOTIFICATION - Northallerton Road - Brompton Carnival

Location: Northallerton Road, Brompton at Village Green

Description of restriction: Brompton Carnival, road closed between the hours of 13:00 and 18:00

The Restriction will be in place on 27th May 2024.

The Road Restriction and any associated traffic management can be viewed using this URL link <https://one.network/?tm=137861112#>

Update on Speed Survey North Northallerton Road.

Received by Councillor Steve Watson from NY Highways –

I have summarised the speed data collected from the ATC's installed on North Moor Road between 9th and 25th September 2023 (please see attached - Mean speeds are shown in Blue and 85th percentile in orange). The information details 85th Percentile and Mean speeds for both Eastbound and Westbound directions.

Traffic Authorities are most interested in the 85th Percentile (the speed at or below which 85% of vehicles are travelling) and the mean speed, as these figures provide an overall representation of actual traffic speeds.

The Department for Transport states whilst Authorities should continue assessing both, the mean speeds should be used as a basis for determining local speeds. As such, it is the mean value that North Yorkshire Police will assess when determining enforcement locations across the Authority.

You will notice the data shows a specific peak on at ATC locations 3 and 4, of which we expected, this is mainly down to road width, straight alignment and lack of street scene between Goldfinch Way and Northallerton Road junctions. It is hoped with the continuation of development and the passing of time, we will begin to see a natural decline in speeds throughout North Moor Road.

In the meantime I have met with NYC Development Control Team and North Yorkshire Police to discuss the data and look at anything which can be done to reduce speeds at this location.

North Yorkshire Police have agreed to revisit this site and look for a suitable location to park the enforcement vehicle and Development Control are approaching the developer for a contribution towards potential installation of Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)

I do not have a timescale for this, but will keep you updated on the outcome of the above actions.

Request for Bollard

A concern has been made that there is a van that regularly driving through from Portland Road onto Northmoor Road across the path and across the grass rather than exiting in the dedicated place near to the roundabout and turning left. This it is a risk to pedestrians and to the grass.

The matter has been referred to Councillor Watson.

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

Councillors met with a representative from MAB Ecological on the 23rd February at the wildlife area and at the School and a report is currently awaited.

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

(i) Bin Collections.

Complaints have been received about bins being continually left out for a number of weeks at the green at the foot of Cockpit Hill. North Yorkshire Council has been asked to contact the residents living in the flats on Cockpit Hill to remind them that their bins must be taken back in after collection.

(ii) Parochial Church Council – Requests for Use of the Greens.

Sunday 26 May 2024 at 11 am – Carnival Praise Service in Brompton Methodist Church. Possibly on the Green if the weather is warm and sunny

Saturday 24 August 2024 from 2 pm - 4.30 pm

St Thomas' Church Summer Fayre on St Thomas' Church Green

Sunday 25 August 2024 at 10.30 am

Brompton Churches Group Service & Picnic at St Thomas' Church & Brompton Methodist Church Green

Sunday 15 or 22 December 2024 from 5 pm – 6 pm (date to be decided)

Carol Singing around the Christmas Tree at St Thomas' Church Lych Gate

RECOMMENDED – That the above dates be approved.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Including (i) Date of Next Meeting of the Council and Annual Parish Assembly – Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7.15pm

19. BURIAL MATTERS.

Bank Reconciliation to 1st March 2024			
Income			
Income reported at last meeting		£79,870.26	
a) Receipts in the period:			
NYC - Locality Fund grant	£2,000.00		
Total income for the period		<u>£2,000.00</u>	
Revised 2023/24 income to 1st March 2024			£81,870.26
Expenditure			
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£100,597.57	
b) Payments in the period:			
Yorewaste	£27.41		
D.Langthorne - Handyman Services	£685.00		
P.Atkin - Salary	£429.18		
HMRC	£107.40		
P.Atkin - Expenses	£47.95		
YDS Ltd - Tractor Hire	£372.00		
Sam Turner & Sons - Salt Rock & Other	£66.12		
Hillside Tree Surgeons	£2,100.00		
Brompton Methodist Church - Hire Oct - Feb 24	£120.00		
Brompton Methodist Church - Donation	<u>£100.00</u>		
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£4,055.06</u>	
Revised 2023/24 Expenditure to 1st March 2024			£104,652.63
c) Funds:			
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)		-£2,055.06	
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting		<u>£181,059.19</u>	
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting		£179,004.13	
Represented by:			
Balance of Barclays Community Account a/c		£200.00	
Balance of Barclays Business Premium a/c		£36,613.20	
Balance of Barclays Premium Savings a/c		<u>£142,190.93</u>	
Total Funds as at 1st March 2024			£179,004.13