

## Monthly Update – April 2024

### 1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

An apology for absence has been received from Councillor Carter (holiday commitment).

Councillor Langthorne to declare an interest in Accounts regarding cheque payments.

### DEATH OF FORMER COUNCILLOR

It is with sadness that we have to report the recent death of Mrs Margaret Chandler who passed away recently.

Margaret served on the Council for 33 years and always took an active part in everything concerning Brompton.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman represented the Council at Margarets funeral.

### 2. MINUTES.

RECOMMENDED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 second candidate, who was unavailable last month, will be interviewed at the conclusion of the meeting.

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

- (i) Request for an Additional Post Box for the Thurston Park Estate.

Following this matter being raised at the last Council meeting the Clerk investigated the possibility of having an additional Post Box for the Thurston Park estate.

However based on current Royal Mail information and regulations it was clear that the existing post boxes were deemed to be within access of the new housing estates.

Furthermore having regard to current Royal Mail cut backs it was apparent that the mail boxes in Brompton Parish exceeded the national provision and that an application for additional post boxes in Brompton could very well lead to an existing post box being removed rather than any additional post boxes being installed.

- (ii) Vehicle Fire.

Two weeks ago the Fire Brigade attended a vehicle fire off Station Road. Initial social media reports stated that the fire was in the BRG car park. This was not the case, the fire was in a yard off Station Road and was restricted to a handful of vehicles. The fire had started by accident.

(iii) Outdoor Adult Play Equipment.

Following an issue raised by a resident that was referred to at the last Council meeting the Clerk was asked to contact Councillor Hazlewood for advice. Councillor Hazelwood subsequently responded as follow –

*The signage, equipment heights and surfacing all meets the required standards.*

*There is always an element of risk with any equipment. In recent years designers and manufacturers of play equipment and adult equipment have been encouraged to include risk elements.*

*If the surface below was solid concrete or tarmac, I would agree with \*\*\*\*\* However, that is not the case.*

3. REPORT OF COUNCILLOR STEPHEN WATSON

To be reported to the meeting.

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. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

Statistics taken from	01/03/2024 to 31/03/2024
<b>Crime Type</b>	
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)	2 Reports
Violence against the person	7 Reports
Other crimes inc. Drugs	2 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	1 Reports
Auto Crime / SMV	1 Reports
Total	14 Reports

Over the past month the Clerk in his volunteer Police role dealing with Cyber Crime attended three national crime seminars and outlined the main points of the Heritage and Rural Crime, Police Tactics for Vehicle Crime and Isolation and Loneliness in Scams seminars and forwarded these to all Councillors.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> April.

The majority of the meeting was spent in transferring monies from the Barclays Business Premium account to the Unity Trust Bank. Banking arrangements with Unity Trust Bank became operative on the 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Other matters – The Clerk to chase up outstanding burial fees and VAT reimbursements.

The Clerk to advise NYC of the new Bank details for payment of the Precept, the half yearly payment of which is due this month.

This was done and it is reassuring to see that NYC followed up the request to place the monies into a new bank account by contacting the Clerk to obtain confirmation that the request that had been made had not been a scam.

**RECOMMENDED – That due to the continuing increase in the annual YLCA subscription for future years the Council investigate whether this can be entered into jointly with adjoining Councils.**

The Councils accounts for the financial year 2023/24 are being prepared for Internal Audit.

### (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 contract for works in the Recreation Ground has been let to Streetscape who estimate that the anticipated start date of the works will be the middle of May.

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

Suggestions about the cycling infrastructure have been sent to the Group by a Brompton resident and the Deputy Mayor of NTC who Chairs the Group has responded as follows –

*We have a meeting with NYC officers next week to discuss pedestrian/cycle connectivity between Brompton and Northallerton - involving both the Transport Planning and highways Development Control teams. I'll ensure this includes the specific issue of the crossing.*

*As you are aware, the issue will be one of funding in the short term which is why we are trying to get NYC to consider how potential funding could be sought from elsewhere (S106 potentially).*

*I shall report back after our meeting but I'm not confident that things will happen very quickly.*

The Deputy Mayor has also undertaken to speak directly to the resident concerned.

#### 10. PLANNING MATTERS.

(i) Decisions.

ZB23/02288/FUL - Retrospective construction of a agricultural storage building. Newstead Bungalow, Deighton Lane.

ZB23/02494/FUL - Application for the construction of a replacement dwelling - Southolme Farm - Granted

(ii) Applications.

None received.

#### 11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

Nil

Payments –

RGPS Signs (Signs for the allotments)	57.60
Yorkshire Local Councils Association (Annual subscription)	809.00
T P Jones &Co LLP (Quarterly Payroll)	59.40
Fletcher Pest Control (Rat control at the allotments)	186.00
Sam Turner and Sons (Grass seed etc)	29.78
P Atkin (Salary)	429.38
HMRC (PAYE)	107.20
P Atkin (Expenses)	****
Mr D Langthorne (Various Labour)	****
YDS Ltd (Trailer hire etc)	****
*NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges)	29.33 *

Bank Balances at 3rd April 2024

Barclays Bank -

Current Ac't - £200.00

Business Premium Ac't (i) - £18,263.30

Business Premium Ac't (ii) - £142,722.69

Unity Trust Bank

£699.80 – Includes the transfer of the £200 from the Barclays Bank current account.

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

12. LOCAL BUS SERVICES.

13. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Condition of Footpath alongside Stokesley Road.

Communications have been made both by email and on social media about the state of the footpath along the west side of Stokesley Road which is considerably reduced in width due to overgrowth.

Four years ago Brompton Council took out the overgrowth along the whole length of this footpath but it is not the Highway Authority and Councillor Watson has been asked if he can urge NY Highways to take some action on the matter.

14. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

The report from the Ecological Company is awaited.

15. CORRESPONDENCE .

(i) Car Parking.

Lengthy correspondence has been received from a resident about parking around the Green and generally in Brompton.

The Clerk having consulted Councillors responded to the resident who has since engaged in further correspondence about the matter which is on-going.

There is very little that the Council can do with regard to the issues that have been raised as they are all issues for North Yorkshire Council as the Highway Authority to address.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Including (i) Date of Next Meeting of the Council – Tuesday 21st May 2024 at 7.15pm - Annual Meeting of the Council.

17. BURIAL MATTERS.

One burial has taken place in the Cemetery this month.