

Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in the Methodist Church, Brompton on Tuesday 19th March 2024

PRESENT – Councillors Mr J Hazelwood, Mrs E Kelly, Mrs M Shiel Dods (in the Chair), Mr M Langthorne, Mrs A Robinson and Mrs R Smith.

There were four members of the public present at the meeting including NY Councillor Steve Watson.

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brigginsshaw (illness) and Carter (holiday).

Councillors Langthorne and Robinson declared interests in Accounts regarding cheque payments.

2. MINUTES.

AGREED – 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.

One candidate was interviewed at the conclusion of the meeting. The other candidate would be interviewed at a later date.

Councillor Kelly arrived at 7.20pm.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(i) Northern Powergen Poles.

As per the usual practice the Clerk had given consent for the renewal of a number of electricity poles around the village greens that were beyond their serviceable life. AGREED – That the actions taken in this matter be endorsed.

(ii) Church Wall.

It was reported that the repairs to the Church Wall were now complete and that hopefully no further major works to the wall would be required over the next ten years or so.

The works had revealed that the south part of the wall was 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 had now been installed. Delays had occurred due to parked vehicles preventing the bollards from being installed. A Councillor asked whether a reflective strip was to be added to the bollards and the Clerk undertook to ask the question of the contractor.

(iv) Shootings – Use of Air Rifles.

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

At the same time a rabbit had been found in the Recreation Ground and a large pigeon in the Churchyard which both appeared to have been shot.

Residents should inform the Council if they spot any further birds/animals that appear to have been shot in public places around Brompton so that the Police could continue to follow up the use of air rifles in public places.

(v) Fly Tipping.

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

(vi) Dog Fouling.

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

Councillors also reported that there was significant dog fouling occurring both along Cockpit Hill and along Lead Lane.

5. REPORT OF COUNCILLOR STEPHEN WATSON

Regarding the information or the traffic analysis on North Moor Road Councillor Watson reported that he was speaking to the officer who was dealing with the matter and was of the view that because of all the open spaces around the road drivers were of the impression that the speed limit was above 30mph. The officer had responded that repeater speed limit signs did not meet the standards, however the Community Police Officer who had attended the previous evenings meeting of Northallerton Town Council had said that there was insufficient signage along the road. Councillor Watson added that he would bring the matter up at his forthcoming regular meeting with NY Highways.

There was need for a regular speed camera to attend at the location and for the developers of the new Aldi retail site to fund a permanent speed camera.

Councillor Watson added that it was difficult for NY Highways to insist that repeater signs were not needed when it was Highways Englands view that they were.

Councillor Watson also reported that he would be willing to purchase a VAS sign from his NY Locality Budget as North Yorkshire Council had decided to continue with such budgets for local projects.

If NY Highways took no action then further pressure and publicity would be needed on the opening of the new Primary School.

Councillor Kelly raised the issue of lighting around the Sports Village site not working and was informed that they should have been working as they were solar panels.

Funding had been provided jointly by NY Councillors Watson, Dickinson and Wilkinson from their Locality Budgets for a CCTV camera outside the allotments site which would cover an area up to the edge of the new bridge. The camera had already identified two individuals.

The sheds at the allotments site were to be fixed to the surface so that they could not be blown over, however the site had still not been handed over to NYC. Prior to the handover there would be a full inspection.

In answer to a question Councillor Watson said that there would be no consultation on Stage 2 of the sports field until the sign off had been completed. When this had been done NYC would invite the submission of ideas.

Councillor Smith referred to a couple of drivers who were exiting Thurston Park estate onto North Moor regularly cutting across a short section of footpath to do so. This was dangerous especially as the area was used by children on bikes as well as pedestrians who could be hit by a vehicle.

Concerns had been forwarded to Councillor Watson with a request for a bollard to be installed so that this could not happen.

Councillor Smith was trying to get door cam evidence and Councillor Watson said that it would be helpful if registration numbers could be obtained or the name of the company whose van driver was using this as a short cut.

In answer to a further question Councillor Watson reported that the new School Head was liaising with the Headteacher of Brompton Community Primary School in readiness for the new school opening.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

A member of the public commented that the recent resurfacing of Lead Lane did not seem to have been a very good job.

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

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The report of this meeting appears in the Monthly Update.

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

No actions were reported by either the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman.

9. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS –

(i) Finance Working Group.

The Finance Group had 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..

(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 – No objections.

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)	31.80
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 (Various Labour)	400.00
YDS Ltd (Trailer hire etc)	108.13
G Snowball & Son Ltd (Installation of bollards)	2,142.00
*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

AGREED – That the accounts listed above be approved for payment.

12. BUDGET 2024/25.

BUDGET EXPENDITURE 2024/25	2023/24	2024/25	Notes
	Budget	Budget	
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

AGREED - That the budget for the financial year 2034/35 as set above be approved.

13. LOCAL BUS SERVICES.

Councillor Watson had reported that he may have found a solution to the issue but alterations of other bus services to travel along North Moor Road had not been possible due to timetables issues.

The Clerk had met the North Yorkshire Councils Transport Portfolio Holder Councillor Keane Duncan on the 27 February and had 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 had been sent to all Councillors separately.

15. HIGHWAY MATTERS..

Road Closures

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

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

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.

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 had been made that there was a van and a car regularly driving through from Portland Road onto North Moor Road across the path and across the grass rather than exiting in the dedicated place near to the roundabout and turning left. This was 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 had met with a representative from MAB Ecological on the 23rd February at the wildlife area and at the School and a report was currently awaited.

Councillor Hazelwood left the meeting at 7.50pm

17. CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) Bin Collections.

Complaints had 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 had therefore 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.

The following dates for the use of the Greens had been received from the PCC -

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

AGREED – That the above dates be approved.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(i) Date of Next Meeting.

AGREED - That the next meeting of the Council and Annual Parish Assembly be held in The Methodist Church Tuesday on 16th April 2024 commencing with APA at 7.15pm

(ii) Post Box on Thurston Park Estate.

Councillor Smith asked if a Royal Mail Post Box could be installed on Thurston Park Estate as there was not a post box in the vicinity and the nearest one was quite a distance away. It was suggested that Councillor Watson may be able to assist and the Clerk undertook to enquire as to what the procedure for getting a new post box was.

(iii) Meeting with BRG.

AGREED - That the Clerk enquire with Mrs Slater if the 16th April at 1.00pm was a suitable date and time for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk to meet with the BRG.

(i) Outdoor Gym Equipment.

Councillor White asked if there was a need for a sign at each end of the new outdoor gym equipment to indicate that it was For Adults only,

The Clerk undertook to ask Councillor Hazelwood, who had left the meeting, if such a sign was required.

19. BURIAL MATTERS.

No new matters were reported.

At the conclusion of the meeting one candidate was interviewed for the position of Co-opted Councillor.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm