

Monthly Update – May 2024

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

A proposal has been received in the name of Mrs Shiel Dods.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS INTERESTS.

Apologies for absence have been received from Mrs M Shiel Dods and Mrs A Robinson.

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

3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBER.

Interviews of the candidates took place following the March and April Council meetings.

RECOMMENDED – That Mrs Karen Mann be appointed to serve on the Council for the current term of office of Councillors.

Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

A proposal has been received in the name of Mr M Langthorne.

5. MINUTES.

RECOMMENDED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th April, 2024 having been having been previously circulated be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON 16TH APRIL 2024 – FOR INFORMATION.

RECOMMENDED - That the Minutes of the meeting of Annual Parish Assembly held on the 16th April 2024 be noted.

7. APPOINTMENTS TO WORKING PARTIES –

Current membership in red -

- (I) FINANCE WORKING GROUP – R Carter, A Robinson and M Shiel Dods
- (II) ROAD SAFETY AND HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP - R Carter, J Hazelwood and E Kelly
- (III) OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT AND PLAY EQUIPMENT WORKING GROUP – M Shiel Dods, M Langthorne, J Hazelwood, E Kelly and the Clerk
- (IV) WILDLIFE AREA WORKING GROUP - S Briggishaw and E Kelly
- (V) FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP - R Carter, S Briggishaw, M Langthorne and M Shiel Dods.
- (VI) PEDESTRIAN/CYCLING STRATEGY JOINT WORKING GROUP - R Carter, J Hazelwood and E Kelly
- (VII) NEW ESTATES WORKING GROUP - R Smith and M Shiel Dods.

TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO REMOVE THE ROAD SAFETY AND HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP, THE OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT AND PLAY EQUIPMENT WORKING GROUP AND THE FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP FROM THE Above LIST DUE TO THEM NOT HAVING HAD MEETINGS IN RECENT MONTHS.

8. APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BODIES ETC–

The Allotments Group – M Shiel Dods, YLCA Branch Meetings – Chairman and Clerk + the PCC liaison meetings - Councillors M Shiel Dods, A Robinson and the Clerk

9. REPORT OF COUNCILLOR STEPHEN WATSON

To be reported to meeting.

10. 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.**

11. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

Monthly report not received at time of writing. To be circulated by email when received.

Received from NY Police –

We want to make it as easy as possible for you to contact the police, which is why a new app called PoliceUK has been launched. This will allow you to report a range of services online in the same way you would as if you called 101.

These include reporting anti-social behaviour, domestic abuse, road traffic incidents and many others - and means you can do it whenever suits you without having to make a phone call.

PoliceUK is available now via both the Google Play and iOS app stores, so please consider searching for it there. Remember, it is an emergency, you should always call 999.

The Clerk had attended the meetings of the Safer Hambleton Northallerton Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group and of the quarterly Cyber Crime meeting and had forwarded summaries of both meetings to all Councillors.

Office of Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner to be renamed York and North Yorkshire Office for Policing, Fire, Crime and Commissioning

The first York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Mayoral Election took place on Thursday 2 May 2024. The Mayor will take up the role officially on 7 May 2024.

On 7 May 2024 the roles and responsibilities of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner will transfer to the York and North Yorkshire Mayor.

On the same day, the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner will become part of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority.

From 7 May 2024 the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner will be renamed the York and North Yorkshire Office for Policing, Fire, Crime and Commissioning (OPFCC).

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

- (i) Works in the Recreation Ground.

The works undertaken by Streetscape in the Recreation Ground are complete.

- (ii) Sports and Carnival.

As per the usual practice the Clerk has granted consent for the holding of the Fair on Church Green over the Bank Holiday. As previously agreed when the sum of £180 has been received from Crow Leisure this will be passed onto the School.

- (iii) Flood Relief – Leaky Dams Monies.

The payment of CIL monies in the sum of £25,730.00 has been received from North Yorkshire Council.

- (iv) Fly Tipping.

There was a large black sack full of all sorts mainly alcohol bottles and cans left outside the Cemetery gates –this was put in the Cemetery waste bin.

There hadn't been any incidents of fly tipping there since Covid when people didn't go to Yafforth Road tip.

There have also been incidents of fly tipping of household waste on the double bend on Bullamoor Banks.

- (v) Sports Village – Drainage.

Concerns were received about standing water on the sports village site at the footpath access to the bridge.

The matter was reported to Councillor Watson who responded that the path was purely the service access and as such would be rarely used and was designed to be grown through and blend with the grass whilst still giving a firm base if needed. Councillor Watson undertook to take the matter up but considered that it was unlikely to be changed.

- (vi) Car Park

Works are currently being undertaken to extend the car park at the foot of Cockpit Hill into the area of land formerly occupied by the electricity sub-station.

- (vii) Councillors Attendance.

For the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 Councillors attendance at Council meetings was as follows - from a maximum of 11 meetings -

S Briggshaw - 7

R Carter - 7

J Hazelwood - 7

E Kelly - 10

M Langthorne -11

A Robinson - 10

M Shiel Dods - 10

R Smith - 6

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

To be reported to meeting.

14. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS –

(i) Finance Group.

The Finance Group met on the 7th May and considered the following matters -

Skip Hire

AGREED - That a 10 yard skip be ordered from Bedale Skip Hire at a cost of £220.00 for the waste from the former Electricity Sub Station site and the Clerk arrange for the date for delivery to the site with the Vice-Chairman.

Headstones - Single or Double fee

The Clerk reported that a stonemason had paid a double fee for a new headstone for someone who had lived outside of the Parish at the time that they had died some years ago.

The Clerk added that only single fees had been collected in the past regardless of where a person had resided when they had died, especially as it was not always possible many years later to determine where the person had lived at the time of their death.

The Finance Group AGREED that the double fee rules were only intended to be in respect of plot purchases and interments and it was agreed that the payment be returned to the stonemason and an invoice sent for the correct amount due.

The Clerk would also re-write the burial fee rules so that it was clear that the double fee rule did not apply to headstones.

Trees overhanging the Highway

AGREED - That later in the season when tree works are permitted trees overhanging the highways be looked at to see if they needed tidying up.

Damage to Headstones in the Cemetery

Mr D Langthorne had repaired headstones damaged by the grasscutters in the Cemetery at a cost to £186.00. AGREED - That CE+CF Walkers be invoiced for the costs of this work.

Recreation Ground - Annual Safety Inspection.

AGREED - That the Clerk approach RoSPA to carry out this years safety check and that consideration be given to repositioning the climbing frame in the Recreation Ground.

Cemetery - Removal of Top Path

AGREED - That the Clerk get a date off Snowballs for carrying out this work.

Unity Trust Bank - Savings Account

That the Clerk enquire of Unity Trust Bank what the rate of interest is on the savings account so that monies can be transferred to the account from the current account where there is presently over £90,000.

Carnival Insurance

The Clerk had received invoices from the Sports and Carnival Committee as follows -

2022 - £288.00

2023 - £122.00

+ The invoice for 2024 would be due later this month.

Having regard to the fact that one invoice was two years old it is **RECOMMENDED - That the sum of £122.00 be offered for both 2022 and 2023 years - totalling £244.00.**

(viii) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

No meeting held this month.

(ix) Outdoor Gym Equipment/ Play Equipment Working Group.

No meeting held this month.

(x) Joint Pedestrian/Cycling Working Group.

No meeting held this month.

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

(i) Decisions

ZB24/00288/FUL - Erection of 3 No. Detached Dwellings and Provision of Associated Domestic Curtilage. Lombardy 89A Northallerton Road – Granted

(ii) Applications

ZB24/00785/FUL - Retrospective application for use of an agricultural building as a temporary dwelling - Barn Conversion Former Street House Farm Deighton Lane

Councillors to consider comments to be made on the above planning application

16. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

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| HMRC (VAT reimbursement) | 6,395.41 |
| NYC (Leaky Dams Monies) | 25,730.00 |
| NYC (Half Yearly Precept) | 38,000.00 |
| Hill Bros (Burial Fee) | 180.00 |
| <u>Payments –</u> | |
| Gallagher (Annual Insurance Premium). | 880.74 |
| Streetscape (Works in the Recreation Ground.). | 17,844.00 |
| P Atkin (Salary). | 429.18 |
| HMRC (PAYE). | 107.40 |
| CE + CM Walker (April grasscutting) | 1,725.60 |
| MAB Environmental & Ecology Ltd (Wildlife Area report). | 677.99 |
| Swaledale Stonemasonry (Church wall works - balance). | 2,432.40 |
| YDS Ltd (Hire of digger and trailer and resin for repairs). | 174.65 |
| D Langthorne (works at allotments, car park + cemetery). | 435.00 |
| Brompton Sports + Carnival Cttee (Insurance contribution 2022 + 2023) | 244.00 |
| Mrs C Huang (Sweeping April + May). | 45.00 |
| P Atkin (Expenses) | |
| *NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges) | 29.33 * |
| Paid out of meeting – | |
| Bedale Skip Hire (Skip of car park) | 264.00 |
| <u>Bank Balances</u> | |
| <u>Barclays Bank – at 3rd May -</u> | |
| Business Premium Ac't (i) - £533.30 | |
| Business Premium Ac't (ii) - £130,452.69 | |
| <u>Unity Trust Bank = at 17th May 2024 -</u> | |
| Current Account - £98,528.28 | |

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

17. TO APPROVE THE PROCESS FOR PAYMENT OF INVOICES AS A RESULT OF ON LINE BANKING.

What should happen each month concerning the authorisation of payments -

1. Clerk to produce 2 lists of creditors to be given to 2 of the signatories at the Council meeting.
2. On the night of the Council meeting, one of the signatories to check the list against the invoices and initial each invoice.
3. After the meeting both signatories to go online asap and authorise the payments, checking them against the list they have been given.
4. If there are any additional payments on the night, the Clerk to manually add them to the signatories list and will have to add them to the bank account before the signatories can do the final authorisation.

RECOMMENDED - That the above procedure be agreed

18. FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT.

Sent as separate document.

RECOMMENDED - That the updated Financial Risk Assessment be approved.

19. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Including Notification of Road Closures.

Road Closures

PLANNED ROAD RESTRICTION NOTIFICATION - SW-51838-De Bruce Road&De Ferrers Rd, Brompton

Location: De Bruce Road & De Ferrers Road, Brompton CP, Brompton,

Description of works: Yorkshire Water works to install a new foul sewer, including manhole constructions.

The Restriction will be in place for a period of 26 days between 8th July 2024 and 2nd August

PLANNED ROAD RESTRICTION NOTIFICATION - Water end Brompton

Location: Water End, Brompton

Description of works: Road closure for carriageway pothole repairs. Access will be maintained for residents

The Restriction will be in place for a period of 1 day on 22nd May 2024

Cycle Hoops in Central Brompton

Received from resident in answer to the questions raised at the last Council meeting -

Thank you for raising this issue with Council members and for providing me with the opportunity to clarify the issue further and suggest a suitable location. Please accept my apologies for the delay in getting back to you – we had a family bereavement which has delayed me responding.

As you may know we live at 18 Church View which provides an unobstructed view of the village green directly to the east of St Thomas' Church yard. Over the last 11 years we have observed numerous occasions (one being just today) when cyclists stop on the green and have to either prop their bike against the church wall (obstructing the path), prop their bike against the two benches on the green (which sometimes are in use by non-cyclists and are unavailable), or lay their bike on the grass.

Often the individuals are cyclists wishing to explore the tranquility of the centre of Brompton and stop for while to explore the heritage of the church and conservation area, or as you quite rightly mention, stop at the shop to purchase a drink (the latter which also does not benefit from any cycle parking)

I would agree that the cycle parking wouldn't ordinarily be used by Brompton residents, but instead by visitors to the village. The benefit of the cycle parking would be that it would prolong the visit length of visitors to the village or when promoting the village facilities make it easy for the village to be accessed by a range of modes of transport, giving the potential to increase visitor numbers to our lovely village.

Certainly in an age where sustainability and climate change are of utmost importance, providing the infrastructure to allow all individuals to easily access an area is crucial, and this extends as much to vehicle parking as it should to cycle parking. The improved infrastructure provides individuals with greater choice depending on what their access needs are.

I have spent time looking in the village at where it would be appropriate to provide the cycle parking. I would suggest that the hoops range from 2-4 in number and be securely positioned on a concrete base only surrounding the base of the hoop ends with grasscrete forming the remaining surface between and surrounding the hoops to allow the grassed character of the centre of the village to remain. I have attached a photograph of what grasscrete is and how it works in visual terms.

I have also attached an annotated photograph of where I feel that these hoops could be realistically be delivered.

The benefits of this location are that:

- the hoops are on Town Council controlled land, and therefore, from a planning perspective, the works are permitted development and don't require the Town Council to make an application for planning permission.*
- the hoops do not adversely affect the character of the immediate area given that there is already street furniture in situ nearby, such as the bollards, dog walker signage, post box, and the elevated heritage plaque.*
- the wider surfacing surrounding the hoops could be formed of grasscrete so that the grassed character is maintained and that the hoops sit discretely in the landscape*
- the hoops would not sit within a visibility splay of any village junction and adversely affect highway safety.*
- the hoops would sit away from nearby tree trunks, and the shallow formation of the grasscrete and light weight of the bikes would not harm the root plate of any nearby tree.*
- the hoops would be accessible from a surfaced footway from the public highway.*

In terms of your comment regarding the BRG field, my thoughts are that this is too far out of the centre of the village to serve the needs of the many individuals who we have witnessed with

bicycles on the village green outside our house. It may certainly be that in the future, hoops are installed in addition in this location to again provide readily accessible multi modal transport options to the users of the BRG field and Weavers Pavilion.

I would be very grateful if you could take the above and attached back to the Town Council for their further thoughts and I would be pleased to assist the Town Council further as required with the project.

Councillors views are requested.

20. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

To consider the report prepared by MAB Ecological.

Sent to Councillors as separate document.

RECOMMENDED – That the management objectives for the site as outlined in the report be agreed and oversight be delegated to the Wildlife Area Working Group.

Agricultural Vehicle Movements on the Wildlife Area

Issues that have been raised about the current tractor movements –

The Road Traffic Act 1988 Section 34 prohibits driving of motor vehicles elsewhere than on roads including on Common land.

Whether there are any Bye Laws

There are - written pre World War 1 when the reference to driving on the Greens would be to horse drawn carriages.

If this was extended to motor vehicles then the fine would be one shilling and the Council would be responsible for Court costs - today estimated to be around £500.

By and large the majority of Bye Laws are unenforceable.

Damage to the Greens

This could be recoverable - most probably a long drawn out process, if the other party is unwilling to make an offer of recompense.

The Council did think about installing the same wooden fencing as at the foot of Cockpit Hill along the edge of the Wildlife Area past the Water Splash.

Damage would need to be proved – photographs taken of the Greens at the time of the vehicle movements do not reveal any damage to the surface.

Vehicle Speeds

Residents have said the tractors are speeding but there most probably isn't any actual evidence that would stand up.

The operator contends that speeds are significantly lower than previously.

Dirt from Tractor Vehicles

Unless the silage is being moved uncovered who would you report this to for making parked vehicles dirty?

Hours of Working

Farmers are permitted to work 24 hours a day and that includes vehicle movements.

They are also exempt from noise disturbance restrictions that come under local Councils. It is accepted that farm work makes some degree of noise.

The Police can take action for disturbance of the peace but that would have to be extreme events and they probably wouldn't act anyway.

Nationally farm movements seem to start at 4.00am in busy times.

The operator informed the Clerk that all silage movements work ceased on Saturday 11th May and that 80% of all tractor movements were using the top road.

He added that the only tractor movements affecting the village were those that necessitated moving silage to farms on those routes.

Advice received from NYC Commons Registration –

The Commons Registration Authority would usually advise that a resolution may be sought in the first instance by talking to the persons causing the damage to the village green, pointing out the protected status of village green and any offences that you believe have been committed. Please see the Defra guidance attached for reference to offences on registered village greens.

If no resolution can be found then the damage and driving on the village green should be reported to the police.

The Parish Council might want to consider installing low fencing with small gaps in between that allows local inhabitants to access the green on foot but prohibits vehicles from driving onto the green to protect it from further damage.

21. CORRESPONDENCE - Not appearing elsewhere on the agenda.

(i) Trees on Church Green - Bird Droppings.

Letters received from residents regarding overhanging tree branches around Church Green damaging vehicles with bird droppings have been sent to all Councillors and Councillors comments have been received.

In the meantime several dead birds have been found on Church Green in the past week and the cause of death is unknown as a person removed them before they could be kept and sent for analysis.

It is therefore not known if the birds were poisoned, shot or died from bird flu, although there are no current recorded instances of bird flu in the locality.

Local residents have said that there have been occasional cases of dead birds on Church Green but these were individual cases only.

A similar instance occurred on Church Green a few months ago.

Killing of wild birds carries a penalty of up to £5,000 and possible imprisonment of 6 months if such as an air rifle has been used in a public place or in the vicinity of a public highway.

(ii) The Crown Inn – Licensing Application.

An application for the grant of a new premises licence was received from North Yorkshire Council in respect of the Crown Inn, Brompton.

The application had been made to replace the previous licence, which had lapsed following the death of the previous licence holder.

The final date for representations was 17 May 2024 and the application had been sent to all Councillors for comments.

(iii) Letter from PCC regarding St Tomas's Church.

As you may be aware we are in the process of looking to reorder the interior of St Thomas' Church with a view to showcasing the rare hogback stones, ensuring the internal space is more accessible and adaptive to different needs, and providing a toilet and kitchen area for church users.

We are currently seeking grant funding for this work and as part of this process it is important for us to engage with community groups, and users and non-users of the building.

We would be grateful if you could outline what the church means within the community from the Town Council's perspective, how the Town Council feel that these internal works would directly impact the community of Brompton by enabling the different users to experience the improved facilities on offer, and why such works would be important locally.

Councillors views are requested – several comments have been received especially as to the reasons why the PCC feels there is a need for opening the Church up to other uses when there are other local facilities such as Weavers Pavilion, the Methodist Church and the Village Hall that are all available for alternative use locally and at time when All Saints Church has already adapted itself for such as Art Exhibitions etc.

22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(i) Date of the next Meeting – Tuesday 18th June 2024.

(ii) YLCA Hambleton Branch Meeting.

To be held in Easingwold on the 26th June 2024.

23. BURIAL MATTERS.

There are two burials arranged this month.

To approve an amendment to the burial fees –

Burial Fees from 1 January 2024

The burial fees for the forthcoming calendar year be as follow -

- £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 in respect of interments and plot purchases 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.