

Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in the Methodist Church, Brompton on Tuesday 16th April 2024

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

There were three 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 Hazelwood (other commitment) and Carter (holiday).

Councillor Langthorne declared an interest in Accounts regarding cheque payments.

DEATH OF FORMER COUNCILLOR

It was with sadness that the recent death of Mrs Margaret Chandler who passed away recently was reported to the meeting.

Margaret had 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 where the Vicar had made reference to Margarets love of reading and it was suggested that perhaps the Council could do something to recognise this through providing books locally for the community or the school children.

2. MINUTES.

AGREED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th March, 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 having been interviewed at the previous Council meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

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

Following this matter being raised at the last Council meeting the Clerk had 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 previously the Fire Brigade attended a vehicle fire off Station Road. Initial social media reports had stated that the fire was in the BRG car park. This however 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.*

Councillor Kelly asked if a sign should be provided at the Methodist Church end entrance to the field indicating that the gym equipment was intended for adult use only and the Clerk undertook to take advice from Councillor Hazelwood on this.

(iv) Letter of Thanks.

The Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received from the Methodist Church in respect of the donation that had recently been made by the Council.

3. REPORT OF COUNCILLOR STEPHEN WATSON

Councillor Watson reported that he was confident that North Yorkshire Council would meet the costs of the repair of the leaky dams as Phase 1 of the flood protection works at a cost of £32,000 and that this money could be put back into the Town Councils CIL pot.

As regards new bus services Councillor Watson said that he had an email confirming that a 42 day consultation would take place with the Transport Department and therefore he would report to the a future meeting as to what bus service was to be provided. In addition enquiries were being made as to whether an independent bus company could pick up the peak time services.

The graffiti at the bridge was currently being cleaned off, after which a coloured rubberised solution would be applied so that any further graffiti could be more easily washed off. This work would help towards signing off the Sports Village site and was therefore a big step forward.

Speeding over the bridge was still an issue and Councillor Watson said that there was a need for a speed matrix sign and that an approach would be made to Aldi to see if they would be willing to fund this sign.

A suggestion had been made that 30mph signs on the carriageway would help the situation and Councillor Watson said that he was awaiting a response on this.

The 20's Plenty issue would very much depend on who was elected to the new North Yorkshire Mayor position with Councillor Keane Duncan being in the area in the next week which could be another opportunity to raise concerns.

As regards recent concerns about the state of the footpath along the west side of Stokesley Road Councillor Watson said that he would get an update from NY Highways as to what their response was on the matter.

No response had been received as regards the lining of the pitches at the BRG field which was carried out by NYC and had been of concern to the BRG Committee recently.

The Chairman reported that there had been a lot of feedback about opening up the wild life area to the south of North Moor Road which was being well used by residents out walking. A Councillor expressed the view that there was a need to do that something to the pond, possibly by putting in pond weed to help clear the water which was very muddy. The Vice-Chairman suggested planting bullrushes.

A Councillor reported that there was a lot of rubbish including metal fencing under the new bridge and Councillor Watson said that he would ask the person who was carrying out the graffiti removal to have a look at it.

It was also reported that motorcycles were being ridden on the spare land at the west side of North Moor Road and Councillor Watson said that he would ask the Community Police to look into this.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No matters were raised by the public present at the meeting.

6. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

Statistics taken from	01/03/2024 to 31/03/2024
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)	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 had 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.

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

The Vice-Chairman was dealing with issues at the Cemetery that had resulted in damage to some kerbs and headstones. It was hoped that the damage could be rectified.

9. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS –

(i) Finance Working Group.

The Finance Group had met on the 11th April.

The majority of the meeting had been 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 5th 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 were being prepared for Internal Audit.

AGREED – That the recommendation of the Finance Group as set out above be approved.

(ii) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

No meeting had been held this month.

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

No meeting had been held this month. The contract for works in the Recreation Ground had been let to Streetscape who had informed the Clerk that they would be able to commence works in the following week.

(v) Joint Pedestrian/ Cycling Working Group.

Suggestions about the cycling infrastructure had been sent to the Group by a Brompton resident and the Deputy Mayor of NTC who Chairs the Group had 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 had also undertaken to speak directly to the resident concerned.

10. PLANNING MATTERS.

(i) Decisions.

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

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)	20.09
Mr D Langthorne (Work at Allotments etc)	335.00
YDS Ltd (Trailer hire)	60.00
*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.

The monthly Bank reconciliation appears at the end of the Minutes

Financial Year 2023.24 – Final Expenditure and Income

AGREED – As set out below

BUDGET EXPENDITURE 2023/24	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Spend to date	Revised Budget	Budget Remaining
Salary/HMRC	£480.24	£480.24	£480.24	£480.28		£960.56	£480.28	£930.68	£560.41	£536.58	£536.58	£536.58	£6,462.67	6000	-£462.67
Admin- Expenses, Misc,audit fees,printing, payroll services,web site,newletter	£795.03	£29.65	£348.75	£93.45		£1,540.55	£847.14	£59.29	£34.59	£83.05	£47.95	£1,140.87	£5,020.32	5000	-£20.32
Grasscutting		£1,648.80	£1,648.80	£2,473.20	£1,648.80	£1,648.80	£1,648.80	£1,004.40					£11,721.60	11500	-£221.60
Hedge Cutting											£300.00	£700.00	£1,000.00	1000	£0.00
Dog Bins*													£0.00	0	£0.00
Sweeping													£0.00	0	£0.00
Allotments							£1,200.00						£1,200.00	1200	£0.00
Insurance		£812.74											£812.74	800	-£12.74
Water End Wildlife Area	£43.99						£249.36	£72.00					£365.35	700	£334.65
Cemetery Works													£0.00	1000	£1,000.00
Room Hire				£144.00							£120.00		£264.00	300	£36.00
Recreation Ground*		£8,775.00				£8,156.99	£198.00	£4,238.44					£27,623.43	25000	-£2,623.43
Defib			£150.00	£150.00									£300.00	300	£0.00
Tree Works	£1,770.00		£930.00	£580.00				£2,108.60			£1,800.00	£80.00	£7,268.60	10000	£2,731.40
Donations			£330.00				£100.00				£100.00		£530.00	500	-£30.00
Trade Refuse Bin	£41.11	£27.41	£27.41	£27.41	£27.41	£41.11	£27.41	£27.41	£27.41	£27.41	£43.99		£372.90	400	£27.10
Car Park													£0.00	0	£0.00
Highways			£239.94									£2,142.00	£2,381.94	2000	-£381.94
Village Caretaking- building materials, hire charges	£709.76	£442.96	£671.76	£665.81	£1,373.59	£721.24	£300.00	£455.30	£447.98	£340.50	£1,123.12	£921.50	£8,173.52	8000	-£173.52
Projects - Water End Bridge*		£3,900.00											£3,900.00	3900	£0.00
Projects - Flood Prevention								£30,876.00					£30,876.00	25000	-£5,876.00
Projects - Cockpit Hill													£0.00	1000	£1,000.00
Projects - Graveyard Wall*												£12,999.60	£12,999.60	13000	£0.40
Projects - VAS Signs				£500.00									£500.00	500	£0.00
Total Budget	£3,840.13	£16,116.80	£4,826.90	£11,369.15	£3,049.80	£13,069.25	£5,050.99	£39,772.12	£1,070.39	£987.54	£4,055.06	£18,564.54	£121,772.67	£117,100	-£4,672.67

Notes:
These include committed amounts, some that haven't been presented to bank as yet

BUDGET INCOME 2023/24	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Income to date	Revision	Under/Over
Precept	34,000.00					34,000.00							68,000.00	68000	0.00
Bank Interest			448.06			560.26			730.25			680.58	2,419.15	1000	-1,419.15
VAT Refund								7,523.14					7,523.14	6000	-1,523.14
Grants											2,000.00		2,000.00	0	-2,000.00
Burial Fees	165.00		550.00							165.00			880.00	2000	1,120.00
Memorials													0.00	100	100.00
Wayleaves					348.55								348.55	300	-48.55
Allotment Rents				1,200.00									1,200.00	1200	0.00
CIL Monies													0.00	0	0.00
Village Caretaking			180.00										180.00	200	20.00
Total Income	34,165.00	0.00	1,178.06	1,200.00	348.55	34,560.26	0.00	7,523.14	730.25	165.00	2,000.00	680.58	82,550.84	78800	-3,750.84

AGREED – That the end of year turnouts as outlined above be approved.

12. LOCAL BUS SERVICES.

The latest position is outlined under Councillor Steve Watsons report above.

13. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Condition of Footpath alongside Stokesley Road.

This matter is referred to in Councillor Watosn report.

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

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

Cycle Hoops

A resident had asked if cycle hoops could be provided in the village.

Councillors questioned whether there was actually an issue in Brompton with people wanting leave their bikes attached to a cycle stand or hoops.

The groups of cyclists who frequently ride through the village stopped at the shop or perhaps The Crown to buy a drink but they tended to sit on the seats around the Greens and have their bikes with them.

Councillors also doubted that local Brompton residents would cycle into the village and would need to leave their bike at a bike stand and questioned what would they be doing that would require them to do this.

The only place Councillors could think of was perhaps the BRG field.

AGREED – That the Clerk go back to the resident concerned and ask for the reasons and his suggestions on this.

14. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

The report from the Ecological Company was awaited.

Councillor Kelly reported that a quantity of small plastic wedding commemoration pebbles/ gems had been found on the Green on the east side of Water End following at recent wedding at The Village Inn. Whilst this may have been a one off there was a need to keep an eye on the situation.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Car Parking.

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

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

There was very little that the Council could do with regard to the issues that had been raised as they were all issues for North Yorkshire Council as the Highway Authority to address.

(ii) CIL Monies.

Received from a resident –

I would like you to mention that I remember you saying that the CIL monies can be discussed in April 2024, one year and 4 months after you received them. I would like it mentioned in the minutes that I have raised this point. It is about time that the residents of Brompton have their say about how the money is spent. I urge you to discuss it in tomorrow's meeting as an urgent addition to the agenda. It is high time that important issues that need addressing are collated by the council and residents vote on them. I hope that this can be discussed at the meeting. I do not just want an email in reply.

AGREED - That the Clerk inform the resident as follows –

That the CIL monies will be not allocated until the new housing estates have been adopted as that development is where the monies came from.

Some of the monies have been spent recently on the restoration of the leaky dams and the church wall but it is very much hoped that some of this expenditure will be returned to the CIL pot through an application to North Yorkshire Council.

This expenditure was for the benefit of all residents.

The Council will not be consulting residents about the expenditure of the CIL monies as this is no longer a legal obligation as it was increasingly apparent that nationally such consultations were being adversely affected by pressure groups of residents which were not necessarily to the benefit of all residents of communities.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(i) Date of Next Meeting.

AGREED – That the next meeting of the Council, being the Annual Council meeting, be held in The Methodist Church on Tuesday 21st May 2024 at 7.15pm.

(ii) Provision of Books.

AGREED – That investigations be carried out into the provision of books for the community. Councillor Brigginschaw undertook to look into a book swap using a communal box and the Clerk said that he would raise the matter with the Secretary of the BRG as there was already a library at Weavers Pavilion.

17. BURIAL MATTERS.

One burial had taken place in the Cemetery this month.

The Clerk would be speaking to the grasscutting contractor about recent damage to headstones and kerbs in the Cemetery.

INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATE.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Councillor Robinson in the presence of the Clerk interviewed a candidate for the co-opted vacancy position.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Bank Reconciliation to 31st March 2024			
Income			
Income reported at last meeting		£81,870.26	
a) Receipts in the period:			
Interest	£680.58		
Total income for the period		<u>£680.58</u>	
Revised 2023/24 income to 31st March 2024			£82,550.84
Expenditure			
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£104,652.63	
b) Payments in the period:			
Yorewaste	£43.99		
BTC - Unity Trust Bank Opening Trf	£500.00		
Sam Turner & Sons - Various	£353.37		
J.Robinson - Financial Advice Services	£543.25		
P.Atkin - Expenses	£31.80		
P.Atkin - Salary	£429.38		
HMRC	£107.20		
Mrs C Huang - Sweeping Mar	£60.00		
Hillside Tree Surgeons	£780.00		
Swaledale Stonemasonry	£12,999.60		
Mr D Langthorne	£400.00		
YDS Ltd - Tractor Hire	<u>£108.13</u>		
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£16,356.72</u>	
Revised 2023/24 Expenditure to 31st March 2024			£121,009.35
c) Funds:			
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)		-£15,676.14	
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting		<u>£179,004.13</u>	
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting		£163,327.99	
Represented by:			
Balance of Barclays Community Account a/c		£200.00	
Balance of Barclays Business Premium a/c		£20,405.30	
Balance of Barclays Premium Savings a/c		<u>£142,722.69</u>	
Total Funds as at 31st March 2024		<u>£163,327.99</u>	
Unpresented Cheques			
NYC Microsoft Licence (3101)	£65.82		
Snowballs (3104)	<u>£2,142.00</u>		
Total		£2,207.82	