**Monthly Update – June 2024**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

No apologies for absence have been received .

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

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21st MAY 2024.

**RECOMMENDED – That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 21st May, 2024 having been having been previously circulated be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.**

1. REPORT OF COUNCILLOR STEPHEN WATSON

From Councillor Watson following the May Council meeting as sent to NY Highways -

*Further to my previous correspondence regarding this request I made for a 20mph zone for Brompton Village you replied  –*

*Area Engineers advise me that the latest information they have on this is that they advised the Parish Council it would not be progressed.  If you are aware of any further communications on this matter I would be really grateful if you could forward these and I will ask the Engineers to review and respond to you.*

*The request was followed up by various correspondence and raised again when Cllr Duncan visited the area with myself as well as restated by the clerk to BTC at Cllr Duncan’s recent tour of the parishes. At no time has it been withdrawn or placed on hold. Further data can be gathered from BTC clerk Mr P Atkin.*

Can we please revisit the request.

Councillor Watson to report to the meeting.

1. 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**.
2. LOCAL CRIME REPORT .

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| 1. **Statistics taken from**
 | 01/05/2024 to 31/05/2024  |
| **Crime Type** |  |
| Anti-Social Behaviour | 3 Reports |
| Anti-Social Personal | 0 Reports |
| Total | 3 Reports |
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| 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 | 2 Reports |
| Other crimes inc. Drugs | 0 Reports |
| Hate Crime | 0 Reports |
| Robbery | 0 Reports |
| Fraud | 0 Reports |
| Auto Crime / SMV | 1 Reports |
| Total | 4 Reports |

This is the lowest monthly number since recording began.

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – FOR INFORMATION ONLY.
2. Agricultural Vehicle Movements.

The following letter was sent to Mrs G Spence after the last Council meeting -

*Agricultural Vehicle Movements*

*Further to our recent communications about the effects of large agricultural tractor and trailer movements in the village in recent weeks arising from the transport of silage from your farm this matter was raised at the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 21st May.*

*The Council has received several complaints from residents about the speed of these large vehicles, the fact that drivers are using mobile phones whilst driving and the spillage of dirt etc from these vehicles onto the highway and residents parked vehicles.*

*In addition, the highway in general and the Water Splash especially are suffering from these continual heavy vehicle movements, not only in the vicinity of Fullicar Lane but also the adverse impact along Cockpit Hill and Lead Lane where the highway verges are continually being eroded, and also in all probability causing damage to pipe works below the carriageway surface.*

*More significantly the Council is extremely concerned that when reaching the Green at the foot of Fullicar Lane north of the Water Splash continual tractor movements took place along the wildlife area of the Green in effect using that part of Fullicar Lane as a dual carriageway by encroaching onto the Green in contravention of the Roads Traffic Act 1988 which prohibits driving of motor vehicles elsewhere than on roads including on Common Land. The surface of the Green at this location having been compacted.*

*On the advice of North Yorkshire Council Brompton Council is therefore to look at erecting fencing so that no encroachment of that area of the Village Green can take place in the future. Naturally thereafter the Council will pursue recompense should any damage take place to that fencing, or to the Green through efforts to drive along the edge of the Village Green which has protected status and will report any instances of driving on protected land to the Police.*

*Whilst silage movements may have ceased from Saturday 11th May there are now slurry movements taking place with reports of spillages occurring and of slurry getting into the beck and onto the highway. The very nature of the toxicity of the slurry presents a danger to humans and adversely affects nature.*

*The Council therefore would like you to take steps to restrict heavy agricultural vehicle movements within the village to an absolute minimum and also to ensure that steps are taken to ensure that all slurry is properly protected whilst under transportation.*

*This week highway works are taking place to rectify defects in the carriageways along Water End and leading to Fullicar Lane. It would be unfortunate if these works were to no avail due to further heavy agricultural vehicle movements in the future.*

No response has been received. The letter having been sent by recorded delivery.

1. Broken Drains – Ware End.

On the 13th June a resident was informed by the gully emptying crew that the highway drain outside 17 Water End could not be cleaned as it was broken. The matter has been reported to NY Highways who have responded as follows –

The Highway Officer who covers this area advises me that unless there are any emergencies on the network he is planning to attend this site with a big jetter machine on the 18th June, to ascertain if there is any obstruction in the system.  However I can advise that we have not received any formal notice from our contractors to support the comments apparently relayed to Mr \*\*\*\*.

1. Mud on the Road.

There were complaints on Facebook on the 4th June about mud on the road from the level crossing to Oak Tree Garage. Councillor Watson undertook to visit the area on the following day to see if the farmers had cleaned the highway.

1. Car Park Footpath Site Meeting.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillor Carter and the Clerk visited the car park on the evening of the 12th June and agreed the works for the footpath along the side of the car park.

1. BRG/BJFC Service Level Agreement.

On the advice of the FA the BRG sent the Brompton Junior Football Club a Service Level Agreement for the use of the pitches for the 2024/2025 football season. However BJFC returned the SLA questioning virtually every clause in the Agreement.

The matter is on-going.

1. Grasscutting – Broken Window.

During recent grasscutting a stone broke the front window of a property adjoining the Green at Water End, The resident has taken the mater up with grasscutting contractors.

1. Tree Works – Insurance Requirements.

The Councils insurers have advised that they are satisfied with the inspection arrangements adopted by the Council.

1. Annual Play Equipment Safety Inspection.

Confirmation is awaited from RoSPA as to the date of the annual safety inspection.

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

To be reported to the meeting.

 8. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS –

(i) Finance Working Group.

The Finance Group is to held on the 17th June.

(ii) Road Safety and Highways Group.

No meeting held this month.

(iii) Pedestrian/Cycling Strategy Joint Working Group.

No meeting held this month.

(iv) Wildlife Area Working Group.

No meeting held this month.

1. New Estates Working Group.

No meeting held this month.

9. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF WORKING GROUPS.

**To adopt the following terms of reference for the Working Groups as previously circulated to Councillors for comments –**

Finance Working Group Terms of Reference

The Working Group consists of three Councillors together with the Councils Financial Adviser and the Clerk.

Meetings are held on a monthly basis on a date prior to each Town Council meeting.

The Working Group makes recommendations to the Council as regards the transfer of funds between the Councils Bank Accounts.

Prepares the annual budget for agreement of the full Council at the April Council meeting

Carries out a review of the Councils Budget each September having requested Working Group to provide the Finance Working Group with any revisions they may wish to include in the current years budget approved at the previous April Council meeting.

Monitors the budget monthly

Completes the Annual Return (AGAR) for agreement of the full Council

Carries out a monthly check on the bank reconciliation

Appoints an Internal Auditor

Reviews the reports from internal and external auditors and ensures that any issues raised are addressed

Makes recommendations to the Council on the implications of any financial aspects of tenders and contracts

Reviews the Financial Regulations periodically

Reviews the Assets Register

Prepares the Risk Assessment every three years

Reviews burial fees on an annual basis and makes Recommendations to the Council at its December meeting each year for implementation on the 1 January

Recommends authorised signatories on the Council’s bank account

The Finance Working Group does not have any delegated powers; all recommendations are referred to the full Council.

Road Safety and Highways Working Group Terms of Reference

The Road Safety and Highways Working Group is a Working Group of the Council of three Councillors which if considered necessary can appoint an ad hoc person to the Group for the purpose of obtaining specialist advise on a specific matter as the case arises.

Meetings to be held as necessary.

The Chair of the Working Group to report to the subsequent monthly meeting of the Council.

Its key principals are:

1. To identify, quantify and list the traffic and highways issues (parking, congestion, speeding etc.) that affect the Parish.

2. To identify and evaluate options for improving the issues identified in the Parish.

3. To review any data from the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) or from such traffic/speed surveys undertaken by North Yorkshire Council or the Police and publicise the data and make recommendations to the Council for placement of the VAS sings and related advance warning traffic signs throughout the Parish.

4. Identify any individuals or groups or bodies that may be able to assist in the implementation of traffic alleviation measures in the Parish.

 5. To research potential sources of funding streams for traffic and highways projects.

6. To report regularly on progress to the Parish Council and if required to other residents of the village.

7. To monitor the condition of traffic signs, highway lighting and in general carriageway conditions for report for rectification by North Yorkshire Highways.

8. To have oversight of unusual vehicle movements throughout the Parish and to recommend action to be taken or referred to NY Highway and/or the Police.

9. To advise the Police as to where speed monitoring action should be undertaken.

10. Put forward to the Council a budget of expenditure for improvements and development for the following financial year for discussion at the December Finance Working Group meeting with any revisions being made to the subsequent meeting of the Council held in September in the following year.

The Working Group has no delegated powers.

Wildlife Area Working Group

The Wildlife Working Group will consist of three Councillors although it is empowered to engage with volunteers as necessary of which there is no specified minimum or maximum number, with volunteers joining or leaving the Group according to need.

Meetings to be held as necessary.

The Chair of the Working Group to report to the subsequent monthly meeting of the Council.

The Working Group will:

Retain an overview of biodiversity and wildlife conservation within the Parish

To have oversight of the Management Plan for the Wildlife Area was written by MAB Environment and Ecology Ltd adopted by the Council on the 21st May 2024

To act in accordance with Beckside Management Plan as agreed by the Council in September 2022

Liaise with groups within the Parish having wildlife and conservation interests

Liaise with volunteers to weed out such as docks and dandelions from sown areas/beds

Note progress or otherwise of the growth of the variety of wildflowers and trees especially when requiring a watering regime

Manage, maintain and improve biodiversity and wildlife conservation within the Parish

Look to establish additional areas for bio-diversity and wildlife conservation within the Parish

Arrange for the construction and location of such as bird boxes, bat boxes and hedgehog habitats

Advise and make recommendations to the Council on the impact of proposals by owners and occupiers that may affect land being managed or proposed for management by the Working Group

Make recommendations for funding of improvements and prepare grants from the appropriate funding bodies

Put forward to the Council a budget of expenditure for improvements and development for the following financial year for discussion at the December Finance Working Group meeting with any revisions being made to the subsequent meeting of the Council held in September in the following year.

This Working Group does not have any delegated powers.

New Estates Working Group

The New Estates Working Group will consist of three Councillors of which whenever possible a majority of Councillors will reside on the new housing estates forming part of the North Northallerton Development.

Meetings to be held as necessary.

The Chair of the Working Group to report to the subsequent monthly meeting of the Council.

1. To have regard to the aspirations of the residents of the North Northallerton Development residing within the Parish of Brompton as regards a project or project to be funded from the earmarked CIL Monies that will afford benefit to all residents of the various sections of the development on both the east and west sides of the new bridge.

Such expenditure to be programmed for the new estates after North Yorkshire Council has adopted the estates.

1. To establish what other smaller facilities such as grit bins, notice boards, litter/dog bins etc can be funded by the Council.
2. To support residents in ensuring that the developers carry out their commitments as regards long term upkeep and estate management, any service charge to occupiers being separate from council tax.

This Working Group does not have any delegated powers.

**RECOMMENDED – That the Terms of Reference of the Working Groups as set out above be adopted.**

 10. PLANNING MATTERS –

(a) To consider the applications for planning permission received since the last Council meeting –

ZB24/01120/FUL - Replacement of front door - 8 Manor Court Church View

**Councillors observations are requested on the above planning application**

 (b) Enforcement Action – 65 Northallerton Road.

NYC have advised that the application for the retrospective construction of a shed at 65 Northallerton Road which was refused planning consent has been referred to the Secretary of State by the applicant as an Appeal against that refusal decision.

 11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Receipts –

G & G Leisure (Rent of Church Green) 180.00

HMRC (VAT reimbursement) 6,395.41

Hill Bors Funeral Directors (Burial fee) 185.00

NYC (Flood Relief Contribution) 15,730.00

Transfer from Barclays Bank Account 30,000.00

Dales of Thirsk (headstone fee) 60.00

Barthrams Funeral Directors (Burial fees) 1,100.00

Payments –

CE + CM Walker (May grasscutting)                                   1,725.60

Fletcher Pest Control (Pest control at the allotments) 158.40

HMRC (PAYE).                                                                         107.40

P Atkin (Salary).                                                                       429.18

Sam Turners and Sons (Scythe, Cement, Stihl oil etc) 112.28

P Atkin (Expenses)  \*\*\*\*\*

YDS Ltd \*\*\*\*\*

Mr D Langthorne \*\*\*\*\*

\*NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges) 29.33 \*

\*\* Paid out of Meeting –

Net World Sports (Goalposts etc for BRG) 4,400.00

Bank Balances

Barclays Bank – at 3rd June –

Business Premium Ac’t (i) - £627.18

Business Premium Ac’t (ii) - £130,938.56

Unity Trust Bank at 31st May 2024 –

Current Account - £98,528.28

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

 12. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT.

Item withdrawn to the July Council meeting.

 13. AGAR – ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN – YEAR END 31 MARCH 2024.

Item withdrawn to the July Council meeting.

 14. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Including Notification of Road Closures.

Road Closure

PLANNED ROAD RESTRICTION NOTIFICATION - SW-57906-Brompton Lane & Station Rd Brompton

Location:  Brompton Lane & Station Road, Brompton CP, Brompton

Description of works:  Works on behalf of Network Rail at the level crossing (23:00-07:00 only)

The Restriction will be in place for a period of 8 hours between 7th September 2024 and 8th September 2024

Local Bus Services

The local Northallerton town bus services 74A and 74B are being cut from this week from five round trips a day to three on weekdays and on Saturdays from six to four.

The weekday service was six per weekday before Covid - therefore at a time when we are supposed to be encouraging use of public transport services local buses are being in effect halved.

In addition the town service frequency will be reduced by starting later and finishing earlier.

This is apparently to fund a limited bus service to North Moor Road.

Three bus services a day along North Moor Road probably won’t achieve what was intended in encouraging people to use the bus.

Northallerton Town Council is to put questions to NYC about local bus services at the meeting of the Araa Committee to be held on the 17th June.

Below is correspondence between Northallerton Over 50’s Forum and NYC about bus services.

**It is very concerning to see mention of monies having been diverted by the Council in 2015.**

Re the proposed 74a & 74b Town Bus service changes wef 17JUN24

Hi Dianne

Thank you for your response and a copy of your proposed amendments.

Whilst I can understand that due to external pressures from an unknown source, you must be in a difficult position trying to juggle all the balls in the air, but why the rush if it could better served by waiting a while and planning the service meaningfully and consulting with the public and more specifically with bus users, rather than totally  destroying an existing very useful service !

Unfortunately, we believe your revised timetable is just a sop to say to higher management and politicians that you have listened to public views and made changes, but you have not rectified the problems with your revised version.

We see you say at this point in time that it is not possible to amend the route of services 72, 80/89 or 55 to operate via North Moor Road, does that mean you will be able to do so at a later date and restore the 74a & 74b services to their original 2019 timetable please ?

Unfortunately the runs are still reduced to only three times a day from the original six times a day (see 2019 timetable, copy attached for info).

Also whilst this revised timetable has some of the benefits we proposed to route 74a passengers, it does not really cut muster either, as the only change is for it to visit the Town Hall and the Nags Head PH (Tesco), but still not go to the Doctors, the Station or County Hall, towards the end of its journey back from the Bank Head Road area of the town when it is required.

Neither does it work for return journeys from the doctors, meaning elderly people (and others) would have to incur expensive taxi fares.

**Possible Improvement to the 74 Bus service:**

Looking towards improving the 74 service bus service, a bigger problem still exists in connecting the early 74b bus with the main transport links, eg Bedale, Darlington, Stokesley, Ripon & Thirsk, all of which depart just after 10.00am from the Buck Inn, wh  which is 12 minutes earlier than the arrival of the 74b bus at 10.12am at the Town Hall (and not even the Buck Inn).      This is also creates a problem when trying to connect to further destinations such as; York, Harrogate, James Cook Hospital, A&E & Middlesbrough.     This has been a problem since NYCC took over the running of the 74 service back in 2016.

For some unexplained reason, Saturday services still do not seem to bear any resemblance to the weekday M-F services, which doesn't seem logical and will only lead to more confusion amongst elderly passengers, why not start the Saturday service 16 minutes earlier and make the timetable more consistent ?

**Whilst I appreciate the need to provide a bus service to the North Moor Road development, as proposed by the developer as part of the CIL or Section 106 money, why should we suffer when that money was diverted to other projects by the council in 2015 ?**

**Other possible Interim Solutions:**

If the NNDA service cannot be provided by using the existing 72, 55, 80 or 89 bus services and if there is really an urgent need to provide some form of bus service to the North Northallerton development, then as an interim solution, why do you need keep on running the bus to Brompton when it could instead be better used to serve North Moor Road, up to the Darlington Road  roundabout and back in a similar74b timeframe, meaning minimal change to the existing timetable ?

Brompton is already served by several other services, the 72, 80/ 89, why the need for more, when it is hardly ever used  on the 74 service.

 Whilst we agree that the existing Brompton bus service cold be better spaced, it still offers a service approximately every 2 hours, M-S from  07.56 to 18.22, which is much better than the current 74 town bus service and far better than is being proposed to start at 09.30 and ends at 13.36 !

What happened the new Northallerton Transport Hub that was tabled in 2015 as part of the NNDA development, see:

[**https://democracy.hambleton.gov.uk/documents/s1988/170315%20Item%208.pdf**](https://democracy.hambleton.gov.uk/documents/s1988/170315%20Item%208.pdf)

**In this 17 March 2015 the report on the ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) CHARGING SCHEDULE, it stated that one of the Infrastructure projects to Benefit from the NNDA CIL Funding would be a new Northallerton Public Transport Interchange, what happened to that ?**

The town needs a better functional town bus service, people are telling us that the proposed new timetable is just not workable for many people, with some saying that they will have to cease volunteer working as they cannot get to work on time, nor get back home !

There will no doubt be also further comments from people who have not yet had time to digest the changes, eg have the Doctors been consulted yet ?

Sorry Dianne, I think the time has come to completely rethink the bus services in this town and make the improvements that have been promised by the Government and our new mayor !

Making these abysmal changes to the 74 bus service is not the way forward.

**There is still time to PAUSE these changes !**

Your sincerely

In dismay

Jim Forrest

On behalf of NAOFF

Northallerton Area Over Fifties Forum

**From:** Passenger Transport <Passenger.Transport@northyorks.gov.uk>
**Sent:** 04 June 2024 12:13
**To:** Passenger Transport <Passenger.Transport@northyorks.gov.uk>
**Cc:** Cllr.Caroline Dickinson <Cllr.Caroline.Dickinson@northyorks.gov.uk>; Cllr.Steve Watson <Cllr.Steve.Watson@northyorks.gov.uk>; Cllr.Keane Duncan <Cllr.Keane.Duncan@northyorks.gov.uk>; 'rishi.sunak.mp@parliament.uk' <rishi.sunak.mp@parliament.uk>
**Subject:** Northallerton Town Service - update

Dear Stakeholder

Thank you for your feedback regarding revised Northallerton Town Service.  We have taken onboard your feedback and have been able to make the following changes:

* Service 74A – minor route change, service will now operate Bullamoor Road, Northallerton Town Hall, Nags Head PH before The Buck Inn
* Service 74B – revised times (Monday to Friday) to enable additional time in Northallerton town centre before return journeys
* Timing changes to enable revied Service 74A route and Service 74B timing changes
* Northallerton Town Service will operate the current timetable up to and including Saturday 15 June, the revised timetable will commence Monday 17 June 2024
* Copy of revised timetable with effect from Monday 17 June 2024

**Unfortunately, it is not possible to amend the route of Services 72, 80/89 or 55 to operate via North Moor Road at this time.**

The roadside information will be updated on or around the revised start date, and timetable leaflets will be available on the vehicle from Wednesday 5 June 2024.

Kind regards

Dianne Pottage

Public & Community Transport Officer

Integrated Passenger Transport

North Yorkshire Council

 15. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

A scythe has been purchased to help in maintaining the area.

 16. CORRESPONDENCE - Not appearing elsewhere on the agenda

(i) Grasscutting.

Several complaints raised by residents were forwarded to the Council from North Yorkshire Council. However all complaints were within the Northallerton Town Council boundary.

 17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Including (i) Date of the next Meeting – Tuesday 16th July 2024; (ii) Date of Annual Village Walk Round.

 18. BURIAL MATTERS – Including NYC Bereavement Survey.