

Monthly Update – July 2024

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Apologies for absence have been received from Councillors Mrs Shiel Dods and Mrs Smith. Councillor Langthorne to declare an interest in Accounts regarding cheque payments.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 18th JUNE 2024.

RECOMMENDED – That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 18th June, 2024 having been having been previously circulated be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. REPORT OF COUNCILLOR STEPHEN WATSON

To report 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	01/06/2024 to 30/06/2024
Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	2 Reports
Anti-Social Personal	0 Reports
Total	2 Reports
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	1 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	0 Reports
Criminal Damage	1 Reports
Theft (inc. Theft from Shop)	3 Reports – all thefts of diesel
Violence against the person	3 Reports
Other crimes inc. Drugs	0 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Auto Crime / SMV	0 Reports
Total	8 Reports

The 11 Principles of Crime Prevention are:

1. **Target Hardening - Making your property harder for an offender to access**

Upgrade the locks on your doors, windows, sheds and outbuildings.

Fitting sash jammers or bolts to vulnerable doors and windows.

Using secure passwords to prevent criminals hacking your online accounts (not one password for all accounts!)

2. **Target Removal - Ensuring that a potential target is out of view**

Not leaving items on view through your windows – including laptops, phones, chargers.

Put your vehicle in the garage if you have one and not leaving valuables on display.

Being cautious about what you post online as it may be used to identify or locate you offline (therefore alerting people that your home is unoccupied).

3. **Reducing the Means - Removing items that may help commit an offence - Not**

leaving tools and ladders in the garden and clearing up any rubble/bricks.

Keeping wheelie bins out of reach, as they may be a climbing aid or help transport items.

Moving garden tables away from where they can be used as climbing aids- reducing the Payoff.

4. **Reducing the profit the criminal can make from the offence**

Security marking your property (Dot Peen, smartwater etc).

Marking your property in such a way that others will not want to buy from the thief (Stencilling “Stolen” on your personal laptop, will make it far less desirable! Though still keep it out of sight from prying eyes).

Not buying property you believe or suspect to be stolen. If we reduce the market for such goods, we reduce the profit for criminals.

5. **Access Control - Looking at measures that will control access to a location, a person or object**

Lock your doors and windows to both your house and your vehicle.

Ensuring that fencing, hedges, walls and other boundary treatments are in a good state of repair.

Putting a security system in place at a commercial site (entry barriers, security guards, ID cards) and then enforcing these (when did you last challenge someone you saw without ID? Who’s followed you through a secure access door?).

6. **Surveillance - Improving surveillance around homes, businesses or public places to deter criminals**

Removing high hedges / fences at the front of your home that allows an offender to work unseen.

Consider adding CCTV to a commercial site or public place.

Establishing a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in your street.

7. Environmental Change - Ensuring your property and wider community looks cared for

Ensuring that graffiti and domestic/commercial waste is cleared up.

Reporting issues with fly-tipping or broken street lights to the relevant authority at www.fixmystreet.com

8. Working with the police and local authority to close a footpath if used for criminality

9. Rule Setting - Changing our habits by setting rules and positioning signage in appropriate locations

Introducing a rule that the last person entering / leaving should lock the door and remove the keys.

Informing visitors to commercial sites that they must report to reception on arrival (thus anyone not wearing a supplied lanyard etc, stands out and can be challenged).

Informing users that a particular site is closed between certain times and should not be accessed (It then becomes obvious to all, including a thief, that anyone there outside these times should be challenged or reported).

10. Increase the Chances of Being Caught - Increasing the likelihood that an offender will be caught to prevent crime occurring. Making use of passive infra-red (PIR) lighting which illuminates an area when it detects movement. Using good quality CCTV and/or alarm systems, especially on commercial sites and public places. Upgrading security to delay an offender, meaning they have to spend more time to gain access.

11. Deflecting Offenders - Deterring an offender or deflecting their intention. Using timer switches to make our homes look occupied if vacant after the hours of darkness. Running youth diversionary schemes with partner agencies – early intervention and prevention work with schools and referring offenders to drug or alcohol rehabilitation programmes

Be aware of telephone fraud – Make sure you are vigilant against this growing type of crime:

Telephone fraud is on the rise and there are some simple security measures you need to take to remain vigilant against this type of crime:

: Always make sure the person who has called you is genuine.

: Never give personal or financial details over the telephone without checking the caller is genuine and you have gone through security checks.

: Just because someone has called you does not mean you have to speak to them – you can call back in your own time.

: Don't call back unknown telephone numbers.

: Hang up on suspicious callers and wait 30 minutes for the line to clear.

: Keep a list of all your important telephone numbers that you know are genuine.

If you suspect the caller is not genuine, hang up immediately and report it to police on 101.

Community Messenger

A polite reminder to join our Community Messaging Service! Yorkshire Community Messaging is a free email messaging service from North Yorkshire Police and the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, providing news and updates on policing matters that are relevant to you and your local community.

Sign up and receive email alerts about policing activity and initiatives in your local area as well as crime prevention advice and information. You will also have the opportunity to reply directly to your neighbourhood team and provide feedback via surveys.

If you'd like any further information or if you'd like to join please email:-
SNAnorthallerton@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

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

(i) ASB – Methodist Church Roof.

On the 21st June three youngsters were on the roof of the Methodist Church throwing tiles etc off the roof. Photos were taken and sent to the Police who said that they would be visiting the schools.

Apparently the youths were again on the roof again on the evening of the 24th June and the Police were contacted.

Darrell Langthorne and the Vice-Chairman have carried out work to ensure that access to the rook cannot take place in the future. **RECOMMENDED - That the Councils thanks be recorded.**

(ii) Battle of the Standard Monument.

The Battle of the Standard Monument was hit by a vehicle on the evening of the 20th June and fell flat on its side broken both of its base and the plinth.

North Yorkshire Council agreed to reinstate the monument although its actual ownership appears to be unknown.

(iii) Large Agricultural Vehicle Movements.

The Clerk spoke to Mr Spence on the 22nd June when he acknowledged receipt of the Councils recent letter but said that he didn't think there was a need for a reply.

He added that the fencing of the Green at the wildlife area wouldn't affect him.

It was agreed that the best way for him to find out what was going on was, as with 20+ other Brompton residents, that he be sent the monthly agendas, Minutes and Monthly updates.

(iv) Leaky Dams.

Works to clear debris etc from the leaky dams were planned to take place on the 4th and 5th July.

- (v) Play Equipment Safety Inspections.

Alternative quotations are being sought for the safety inspections of the play equipment as RoSPA decided that it wanted an increased fee due to the gym equipment in the Recreation Ground.

- (vi) Car Park Works.

These were due to start on the 9th July but were delayed due to inclement weather.

- (vii) BRG/BJFC.

Brompton Junior Football Club are to hold a meeting on the 14th July after which the position as regards the 2024/25 use of the pitches will be known.

- (viii) Cycle Stands.

A quotation is awaited from the company that supplied the cycle stands outside the Town Hall.

- (ix) Tree Survey.

It has been agreed with Smeeden Foreman to carry out a survey of the condition of the trees whilst the leaves are still on over the summer. This is at a cost of £1,190.00 +VAT.

RECOMMENDED – That the actions taken in this matter be endorsed.

- (x) Status of The Ford at Water End.

Received from NYC Highways –

Appreciate you haven't had an answer to this yet, it's just an update to tell you that Highway Searches have just contacted me to advise they are looking into this in further depth.

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 met on the 8th July.

VAT - VAT has been reclaimed from HMRC in the sum of £4,628.2 for the period 1 April to 30 June.

Monies with HSBC Bank - Monies from the former Middleton Whittaker Trust is expected to be in the Unity Trust Bank by 20th July - just over £2,000

Leaky dams - Invoice for the works of debris clearance is expected this week + the inspection report will follow outlining any works that need to be carried out - there is money in the budget for this

Tree works - there will be no invoice for any works this month. Hillside Tree Surgeons be asked to look at the condition of the trees around Little Green/Methodist Church area.

Works fronting 51 + 53 Cockpit Hill - is on the Council meeting agenda for discussion. The Finance Group **RECOMMENDS - That the area be tidied up and that this be discussed when the annual village walk-round takes place in August.**

The Clerk to trawl for evidence that the Council has maintained this area in recent years.

Climbing Frame - awaiting quote to re-site the climbing frame.

Headstone works in the Cemetery - Agree to carry out restoration works to three headstones at the time that the top path works are being carried out.

Memorials/Headstone works in the Churchyard - Swaledale Stonemasons will be carrying out the safety inspection as soon as they finish some urgent bridge works as the Council are out of time with this as regards it's insurance responsibilities. No idea what restoration works will cost but fully expected to be around £5,000 but can be carried out over time. In the meantime will put notices up to cover ourselves advising people not to stand close to any headstones as the Council is awaiting a safety inspection.

Defibrillators - Restarting Hearts Northallerton has been wound up. The Clerk to contact the Thirsk company who maintain all the defibrillators in Northallerton with a view to them taking over the maintenance of all four defibrillators in the village. **RECOMMENDED - That all four defibrillators in Brompton be taken over by the Council. + all four defibrillators be checked by Mr D Langthorne on a regular basis.**

BRG - Meeting be held with the BRG if necessary before football training starts.

Methodist Church Roof - To record thanks to Miles and Darrell Langthorne for taking action to prevent youths from climbing onto the roof of the Methodist Church

Payments - **RECOMMENDED - That the Council pass an updated Resolution authorising Councillor Robert Carter to be added to the list of payment signatories.**

Next Meeting - Tuesday 10th September at 3.00pm

(ii) Road Safety and Highways Group.

No meeting held this month.

(iii) Pedestrian/Cycling Strategy Joint Working Group.

No meeting held this month.

A date is being arranged for an update meeting at the Town Hall to discuss progress over recent months.

(xi) Wildlife Area Working Group.

Councillors Kelly and Rolph have met on site and have been supplied with a copy of the MAB Environmental report.

An owl has been spotted in the vicinity of the allotments.

(xii) New Estates Working Group.

Several issues raised by residents have been sent to NY Councillor Watson and copied to the members of the Working Group for information. These include –

1. Restriction of visibility to drivers exiting to North Moor Road from Brompton.
2. Can the verges on both sides across the bridge be strimmed to make them look nice?
Weeds are getting blown from there and are seeding into gardens
- 3, Who maintains this land south east of the roundabout on Darlington Road - small dogs can get lost in it.
4. Is the path across this land this a public right of way? - if not why is there a dog bin there?
5. Can NYC put a seat on the verge next to the bus stop opposite the entrance to Standard Way travelling south into Northallerton.
6. What's going to be done about all the traffic accessing the new school on mornings and afternoons? - residents haven't yet been informed of the arrangements.

9. PLANNING MATTERS –

(i) Decisions.

ZB24/01120/FUL – Replacement front door at 8 Manor Court, Church View, Granted

(ii) Applications.

ZB23/02459/REM - Application for approval of reserved matters with access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale to be considered relating to planning application 15/01083/HYB and associated with Phase 1 of the Neighbourhood Centre comprising foodstore and retail unit (Class E(a)) (formerly Class A1), restaurant and coffee shop with drive thru lanes (Class E(b)) (formerly Class A3) and associated car parking (additional application documents submitted, including: Noise Impact Assessment on 23.05.2024 and Odour Impact Assessment on 11.06.2024) - Taylor Wimpey North Northallerton Phase 2 TW Land At Darlington Road Northallerton

ZB24/01136/OUT - Application for Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved (except access) for the erection of 4 no. self/custom build dwellings [Use Class C3] - OS Field 7722 Lead Lane

Councillors views are requested on the above planning applications

10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Income

Nil

Payments –

Brompton Methodist Church – Room Hire	120.00
T P Jones & Co LLP (Quarterly payroll)	59.40
CE + CM Walker (May grasscutting)	1,725.60
Mr D Langthorne (Works at Recreation Ground and Cemetery)	300.00
YDS Ltd (Trailer hire)	60.00
HMRC (PAYE).	107.40
P Atkin (Salary).	429.18
P Atkin (Expenses)	****

Bank Balances

Barclays Bank –

Business Premium Ac't (i) – Balance awaited

Business Premium Ac't (ii) – Balance awaited

Unity Trust Bank at 30th June 2024 –

Current Account - £38,895.30

Deposit - £30,027.12

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

The Bank reconciliation appears on the last page of this update.

12. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Including Notification of 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 2024 (NOW 22ND JULY 2024-16TH AUGUST 2024)

The Road Restriction and any associated traffic management can be viewed using this URL link <https://one.network/?tm=138456265#>

PLANNED ROAD RESTRICTION NOTIFICATION - SW-QB080281871160090-Lead Lane, Brompton

Location: Lead Lane, Brompton CP, Brompton

Description of works: Urgent Yorkshire Water works to repair a leaking hydrant.

The Restriction will be in place for a period of 7 days between 9th July 2024 and 15th July 2024

Condition of frontage to Nos 51 and 53 Cockpit Hill

See Recommendation of Finance Group above.

12. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

13. CORRESPONDENCE - Not appearing elsewhere on the agenda

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

15. BURIAL MATTERS.

The Vice-Chairman and the Clerk made a comprehensive inspection of the Cemetery and the Churchyard on the 19th July.

Cemetery -

As regards taking the top path out at the Cemetery and reseeding it with grass we have come to the conclusion that the only section that needs to be removed because of tree root growth and poor condition is that section along the eastern boundary side of Plot E.

The part of the top path along the eastern edge of the Unconsecrated section in the Cemetery is in not too bad a condition and most probably no one ever walks along that section of the path anyway as the Unconsecrated section gets very few visitors and there are no graves along that edge.

From Plot E southwards along the eastern edge of Plot G - ie to where the water tank and shed are situated the path is in very reasonable condition and there is no need for it to be taken up and reseeded.

Concerning the laying of a drain from the south east corner of the Cemetery westwards along the southern boundaries of Plots G and H to a soak away in the bottom south west corner of the Cemetery (towards the roadside) we concluded that there is no need to take up the path running along the southern edge of the Cemetery to lay a drain as when the large hedge on the southern boundary is cut back in the Autumn there will be sufficient soil covered surface below the hedge that can more easily be removed to lay the drain than would be involved in taking out the existing tarmac path to install the drain and relaying it.

One issue that needs resolved is the proliferation of additional urns, flower pots, vases (and even a rose tree) on the actual graves themselves.

Especially in the newer Plots of G and H this makes grasscutting very difficult and is rather unsightly.

In the older parts of the Cemetery more common sense seems to be used as there are several such additional pots etc that have been placed on graves but in line with the headstones and therefore do not obstruct the grasscutting.

Our opinion was that the vast majority of additional vases, pots etc can be placed next to the headstones themselves as there is plenty of space between grave plots (Brompton being far more generous space-wise than most other burial authorities) rather than in the open ground on top of the graves themselves.

We are of the view that the Burial Board needs to adopt the position that it will accept additional pots, urns etc but only where they are placed in line with the existing headstones.

Notices have been put up advising relatives that all additional paraphernalia will be placed next to the headstones by the Burial Board.

As regards recently deceased persons where families leave tributes along the line of the grave itself (ie along the length of the coffin) we also consider that the **Burial Board should make a rule that such be removed after a period of twelve months again so that they do not for all time disrupt the grasscutting.**

Finally Darrel and Miles have cutback Baby Bagleys overgrown grave in Plot G and it is good to see all the toys and tributes inside the grave surround displayed as they have been until no-one seems to be looking after the grave in recent times.

Quite coincidentally since this work was done in recent days fresh flowers have appeared on the grave - a mystery!

Churchyard -

We couldn't actual see any damage to pots and flowers that had been reported - perhaps the relatives had taken them away.

It is understandable why this happens in the ashes part of the Churchyard to the west of the Church as several objects are placed around this part of the Churchyard and Miles removed a damaged vase and a broken flower basket which had obviously been damaged for quite some time but not necessarily be grasscutting.

Grasscutting in general in the Churchyard, other than around the ashes plots, causes no problems as additional vases, pots, urns etc just do not exist on the graves in the Churchyard.

Bank Reconciliation to 30th June 2024			
Income			
Income reported at last meeting		£71,050.41	
a) Receipts in the period:			
VAT Refund	£2,651.77		
Interaset - Barclays	£579.75		
Burial Fees	<u>£1,820.00</u>		
Total income for the period		<u>£5,051.52</u>	
Revised 2024/25 income to 30th June 2024			£76,101.93
Expenditure			
Expenditure reported to last meeting		£31,188.79	
b) Payments in the period:			
M.Hague - Internal Audit Fee	£90.00		
Sam Turner & Sons - Various	£112.28		
P.Atkin - Salary	£429.38		
HMRC	£107.20		
Fletcher Pest Control - Allotments	£158.40		
CE & CM Walker - Grasscutting May	£1,725.60		
Networld Sports	£4,400.00		
Handyman Services -	£500.00		
YDS Ltd - Trailor hire	£180.00		
Yorewaste	£29.33		
P.Atkins - Expenses	£24.35		
Handling charge	£0.30		
Service Fee	<u>£23.25</u>		
Total expenditure for the period		<u>£7,780.09</u>	
Revised 2024/25 Expenditure to 30th June 2024			£38,968.88
c) Funds:			
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period (Income less Exp)		-£2,728.57	
Funds B/Fwd From last meeting		<u>£203,189.61</u>	
Funds C/Fwd to next meeting		£200,461.04	
Represented by:			
Balance of Unity Trust Current a/c		£38,895.30	
Balance of Unity Trust Savings a/c		£30,000.00	
Balance of Barclays Business Premium a/c		£627.18	
Balance of Barclays Premium Savings a/c		<u>£130,938.56</u>	
Total Funds as at 30th June 2024		£200,461.04	