

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

PRESENT – Councillors Mr R Carter, Mr J Hazelwood, Mrs E Kelly, Mrs K Mann, Mr M Langthorne (In the Chair), Mrs A Robinson, Miss S Rolph.

There were 4 members of the public present at the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Shiel Dods and Mrs Smith and NY Councillor Steve Watson.

Councillor Langthorne declared an interest in Accounts regarding cheque payments.

2. MINUTES.

AGREED – That the Minutes of the 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

No report made as Councillor Watson was not present at the meeting.

Councillor Mann said that she had a number of issues about the new estates and it was suggested that she forward these to the Clerk so that he could forward them to Councillor Watson to see if he could provide some advice.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

- (i) A resident from the new development referred to the light pollution from the new school site having counted 25 lights lit on a night recently which were shining outside of the school site. It was also apparent that the intensity of the lights were not being controlled and appeared to be brighter than the street lights. The Clerk undertook to refer the matter to Councillor Watson.

- (ii) Mr P Walker informed the meeting that there was a bat colony at the wildlife area many of which appeared to be young bats and this had been registered by the Conservation Trust.

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

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 had carried out work to ensure that access to the roof cannot take place in the future but the meeting was informed that once again there had been youngsters on the roof recently and the Vice-Chairman said that he would do further works to prevent access to the roof.

AGREED - That the Councils thanks be recorded to the Vice-Chairman and Darrell Langthorne for their efforts in this matter.

(ii) Battle of the Standard Monument.

The Battle of the Standard Monument had been 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 had agreed to reinstate the monument although its actual ownership appeared to be unknown.

(iii) Large Agricultural Vehicle Movements.

The Clerk had spoken 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 took place on the 4th and 5th July.

There was a need to repair a dam on land in different ownership and the landowner had been informed.

(v) Play Equipment Safety Inspections.

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

(vi) Car Park Works.

These works were due to start on the 9th July but were delayed due to inclement weather. However the new fence had now been erected.

(vii) BRG/BJFC.

Brompton Junior Football Club were to hold a meeting on the 14th July after which the position as regards the 2024/25 use of the pitches would be known. However this meeting had not been held and had been re-arranged for the following week.

It was reported that organised football training had been taking place in the Recreation Ground recently and there was therefore a need to see if it continued after the 22nd July, being the cut-off date when the BRG wanted to know if BJFC wished to continue to hire the pitches.

Charging for organised training sessions at the Recreation Ground had been considered by the Council previously.

Councillor Carter pointed out that at the new Sports Village there was a sign indicating that any organised sport played on the field may be subject to a charge being made. The Clerk undertook to send a photo of the sign to Councillors for their consideration.

Councillor Carter added that it was unfortunate that they accounts of BJFC were not open for inspection. The Vice-Chairman remarked that at the joint meeting held last Summer the Chairman of BJFC had been asked about the accounts and he had stated that any surplus money made was donated to Charity.

(viii) Cycle Stands.

A quotation had been received from the company that supplied the cycle stands outside the Town Hall.

Councillors questioned whether there was a need in Brompton for cycle stands. It was suggested that the view should be obtained from some cyclists before proceeding further.

AGREED – That this be looked at on the annual village walk round in advance of the budget review meeting of the Finance Group in October.

(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 was at a cost of £1,190.00 +VAT. AGREED – That the actions taken in this matter be endorsed.

(x) Defibrillators.

As neither Northallerton Restarting Hearts or the company that looked after the defibrillators in Northallerton are able to inspect and maintain the four defibrillators in Brompton these are being registered with The Circuit operated by the British Heart Foundation.

As per the recommendation of the Finance Group below these would require regular inspection and the Council would be responsible for the costs of maintenance such as renewal of batteries and pads.

ARGEED – That as regards Thurston Park estate the Clerk enquire of NY Highways if defibrillators can be powered via street lights.

(xi) 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.

None reported to the meeting

8. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS –

(i) Finance Working Group.

The Finance Group had met on the 8th July.

VAT had 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 were expected to be in the Unity Trust Bank by 20th July - just over £2,000

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

Tree works - there would 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.

AGREED – That the Vice-Chairman burn off the area before the village walk round.

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

Headstone works in the Cemetery – AGREED - 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 would be carrying out the safety inspection as soon as they finished some urgent bridge works as the Council were out of time with this as regards it's insurance responsibilities. Cost fully expected to be around £5,000 but could be carried out over time. In the meantime notices to be put up advising people not to stand close to any headstones as the Council was awaiting a safety inspection.

Defibrillators - Restarting Hearts Northallerton had 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 - AGREED - That Councillor Robert Carter to be added to the list of payment signatories.

Next Meeting - Tuesday 10th September at 3.00pm

AGREED – That the Recommendations of the Finance Group be approved.

(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 was being arranged for an update meeting at the Town Hall to discuss progress over recent months.

(xii) Wildlife Area Working Group.

Councillors Kelly and Rolph had 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.

(xiii) 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 included –

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

- No objections.

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

AGREED – That the Planning Authority be recommended to refuse this application for the following reasons –

- (i) The development is within the Conservation Area and the Green Corridor in the Local Plan.
- (ii) The development is at the narrowest part of Lead Lane along which there is no footpath. As the development is at a considerable height above Lead Lane there is no possibility of installing a footpath. Pedestrians have to step onto residents verges when vehicles try to pass along Lead Lane.
- (iii) Lead Lane is heavily used by large agricultural tractors and trailers and other HGVs. Regardless of the 7.5ton weight restriction on Lead Lane HGV movements are permitted if they are local traffic and as such there are substantial regular large vehicle movements along Lead Lane to and from local farms.
- (iv) Any such development in open countryside would alter the whole aspect of Brompton village.
- (v) There is no proven need for such additional properties.
- (vi) Parking would be an issue as with only two parking spaces per dwelling there would not be anywhere for other vehicles to park such as visitors or carers as parking along Lead Lane would not be appropriate due to the narrow width of the carriageway and also blocking accesses to other properties opposite.
- (vii) The current plans would permit four separate accesses which is totally unacceptable and is worse than the previous planning application from 2022 for this same site.
- (viii) The development would put at risk the overhead 3 phase electricity power cable running along the edge of the proposed development.

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
North Yorkshire Council (Service Level Agreement renewal)	616.80
Coxon Brothers (Works to Leaky Dams)	804.00

P Atkin (Expenses) 30.60

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

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

Cheque Signatories

AGREED – That Councillor Robert Carter be added to the list of payment signatories with The Unity Trust Bank.

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

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.

Councillors Rolph, Kelly and Mann had met up recently regarding wildlife area and had worked up an Annual List of Works in a handy table format.

This would help to plan and action jobs more easily.

The tree firm would be doing some scythe work soon along the parts of the beck the work being in accord with the Council's management plan.

Enquiries were being made for the use of a baler on the wildlife area.

Darrell Langthorne would be able to use a trailer to move logs that were needed to make a log pile at the wildlife area.

13. CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) Property at Water End.

Correspondence had been received from a resident regarding the condition of a property at Water End which has been circulated to Councillors.

This was outside of the remit of Brompton Town Council and the resident had been informed accordingly.

(ii) Beck Sides.

A letter received from residents of Water End concerning the state of the beck sides had been circulated to all Councillors. It was pointed out that contrary to what was stated in the letter the signet was still at Water End.

AGREED – That the resident be informed that the Council has a management plan for the area which they are utilising for works at Water End and which includes the viewing area at the beck.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(i) Date of the next Meeting.

AGREED - That next meeting of the Council be held in The Methodist Church on Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 7.15pm.

(ii) Date of Annual Village Walk Round.

AGREED – That two walk rounds be held in early September, one for the central village area as usual and one for the new housing estates.

(iii) Village Seats.

Councillor Hazelwood had drawn attention to corroded iron work on seats around the village where the base was fixed into the ground.

AGREED – That the Vice-Chairman inspect all of the village seats to check their overall condition.

(ix) Methodist Chapel.

Councillor Robinson asked Mr Paul Walker, who was present at the meeting, if the holly bush outside the Chapel could be cut back and he undertook to do this.

15. BURIAL MATTERS.

The Vice-Chairman and the Clerk had made a comprehensive inspection of the Cemetery and the Churchyard on the 19th July, as outlined in the Monthly Update.

AGREED -

- (i) That the Burial Board adopts the position that it will accept additional pots, urns etc on graves but only where they are placed in line with the existing headstone respective to the grave concerned.

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

- (ii) As regards recently deceased persons where families leave tributes along the line of the grave itself (ie along the length of the coffin) the Burial Board rules that such be removed after a period of six months again so that they do not for a longer time disrupt the grasscutting.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm