

**Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in the Methodist Church,  
Brompton on Tuesday 15th October 2024**

PRESENT – Councillors Mr R Carter, Mr J Hazelwood, Mrs E Kelly, Mr M Langthorne (in the Chair),  
Miss S Rolph, (in the Chair) and Mrs R Smith.

There were no members of the public present at the meeting, only NYC Councillor Steve Watson

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs K Mann and Mrs M Shiel Dods and Mrs A Robinson.

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

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024.

AGREED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 17<sup>th</sup> September, 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.

Councillor Watson reported that NYC was currently waiting for the sign-off on the Sports Village which was subject to the conclusion of legal issues with developer at the present time.

Most of the issues previously raised by Councillor Mann were developer issues and there had been little contact recently with developer.

The proposed VAS sign had been agreed for installation but was linked to numbers being put on the lampposts.

Councillor Watson undertook to forward the application forms for the Locality Budget funding to the Clerk for completion.

Two accidents had occurred on the previous evening.

One on North Moor Road had involved a pedestrian who had stepped out into the road as she had dementia issues. Her daughter had posted on social media that speeding was not involved.

The other accident had involved buffaloes in the road near Crawford Grange Farm and although no motorists had been injured there had been injuries to the buffaloes.

The situation regarding the parking at the BRG car park had improved, Councillor Watson having spoken to the operator of BS Autos. The number of parked vehicles had reduced significantly and had currently dropped to eleven.

It was hoped that BS Autos would continue to co-operate as the alternative was to obtain a Parking Order through the landowners North Yorkshire Council.

Councillor Watson would continue to keep a close eye on the situation.

Councillor Watson had been appointed to the role of Road Safety Champion for North Yorkshire and had met with the Road Safety Officer who had agreed to review the Councils application for a 20mph zone. The Officer had commented that from memory he thought that the application had put forward a good case.

Persimmons had sent a copy of the latest Travel Plan to Councillor Watson which had clearly identified the need for a bus service therefore Councillor Watson would be taking this forward.

As regards the view that the lights at Oakbridge Primary School were intrusive Councillor Watson had looked at them on the previous evening and did not consider that this was the case as they were only on around the main building. He did however undertake to have another look at the situation once the clocks had changed at the end of the month.

In answer to a question Councillor Watson commented that it was very unlikely that NY Highways would approve a Brompton sign that was attached to a concrete base for insurance reasons.

Councillor Watson was still chasing up the repair of the damaged metal fence at the bridge.

Councillors mentioned that there was a section of highway on Northallerton Road that still had not been top surfaced with tarmac and Councillor Watson undertook to look into this.

Finally he commented that the Welcome to Brompton signs were a matter for the developers.

Councillor Smith asked if there was a possibility of moving the de-restriction speed sign from the roundabout further along Stokesley Road to The Green Tree as it was still located where it had been before any new housing development had taken place. Councillor Watson undertook to ask the Road Safety Officer to look at this especially as it would also make Lead Lane crossroads safer.

Councillor Watson left the meeting at 7.45pm

#### 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public questions were raised as no members of the public were present at the meeting.

#### 5. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

It was reported that the local PCSO was intending to attend the November meeting of the Council.

The Police was also trying to arrange a local drop-in event.

<b>Statistics taken from</b>	<b>01/09/2024 to 30/09/2024</b>
<b>Crime Type</b>	
Anti-Social Behaviour	4 Reports
Anti-Social Personal	0 Reports
Total	4 Reports

Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	2 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	1 – possible attempted break-in to store
Criminal Damage	4 Reports
Theft (inc. Theft from Shop)	0 Reports
Violence against the person	1 – severe dog bites
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) Broken Glass in the Recreation Ground.

The Clerk had cleared away a quantity of broken glass in the Recreation Ground after the last Council meeting.

(ii) NYC Sweeping Machine.

The following response had been received from North Yorkshire Council with regard to the frequency of the street sweeping machine visiting Brompton village –

*Apologies in the delay in replying to your query regarding our mechanical sweeper service. Our sweeper services Brompton on a 3 monthly rotation, however in the past few months we have unfortunately had to pull our sweeper drivers from the service due to staffing issues in our waste service. Our sweepers are due to go out next week, I will ask the driver to service Brompton as soon as possible.*

Councillor Watson informed the meeting that the issue was down to the lack of drivers adding that even if the Council paid for additional sweeps, as had been possible when HDC had run the sweeping service, with the current staffing situation that wouldn't be possible.

(iii) Local Bus Services.

A letter from The Hambleton and Richmondshire Bus Users Group to NYC had been circulated expressing dismay that the 74A and 74B town services in Northallerton had been cut in frequency and duration without any consultation at a time when it was understood services were to be improved

NYC had therefore been invited to attend the next public meeting of the Users Group on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

(iv) Annual Newsletter.

Having received comments from Councillors the Clerk reported that Annual Newsletter would be going to print shortly.

(v) Repair of Leaky Dam.

Coxon Brothers had carried out the repair of the leaky dam on Mr Spence's land on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

(v) Defibrillator – Thurston Park Estate.

NYC had agreed that a defibrillator on the Thurston Park estate could be connected via a street light.

As with the defibrillator at De Bruce Road NYC Street Lighting didn't actually connect straight into the light column but put in a secondary post - the costs of which was £550.

A location for the defibrillator would still need to be decided.

(v) Methodist Church.

A further instance of youths on the Methodist Church roof on the 19<sup>th</sup> September had been reported to the Police.

A dead squirrel hanging in wires above the Methodist Church had been dealt with by Northern Power Grid.

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

No matters reported to the meeting.

#### 8. REPORTS.

(i) Finance Working Group.

Matters discussed by the Finance Group on the 7th October -

Tree works survey report received - The Clerk to ask Hillside Tree Surgeons if they are able to carry out the required aerial inspections to 8 trees.

The current balance in the budget for tree works to cover as far as possible the works identified in the report.

The Clerk reported that the PCC would be considering whether it was able to carry out the sweeping around the Church at its November meeting.

Requests had been received to sell back grave spaces to the Burial Board that were no longer required by the families who had inherited them from relatives. AGREED - That the four grave plots be repurchased at the original purchase price of £150 in each case.

As regards the Play Equipment Annual inspection Report -

Remedial works in respect of the Recreation Ground play equipment are in hand  
RECOMMENDED - That (i) new Junior Swings be purchased in the current financial year and that three tenders be requested in this respect;

(li) a high traditional slide be purchased for the Recreation Ground in the 2025/26 financial year, the ground works for a slide on a mound being considered to be too big an involved project that would restrict future maximisation of projects for the Recreation Ground;

Councillor Hazelwood pointed out that if a high slide was wanted then that could only be achieved with a slide on a mound due to current safety regulations.

(iii) a new set of swings be purchased for Water End in the next financial year and that consideration be given to what other item of play equipment would be suitable for Water End.

AGREED – That in due course consideration be given as to whether a four base set (2 toddler and 2 junior swings) should be installed.

(iv) monies be set aside year on year for annual maintenance of play equipment.

RECOMMENDED - That subject to the agreement of Councillor Watson the overgrown hedge at the entrance to the village off North Moor Road be cut back as this is the location where the Welcome to Brompton sign is to be sited with the current location being unsightly.

Councillor Watson has responded that he does not see this being an issue.

It was noted that the Wildlife Area budget was overspent and no request had been received for this to be changed therefore no further monies were available to spend on the wildlife area in the current financial year and a forecast of future expenditure would be required in March 2025.

RECOMMENDED - That the contribution of £500 to NYC in respect of a VAS sign on North Moor Road be allocated from the CIL monies.

AGREED - That the sum of £11,000 be transferred from Barclays Bank Premium Savings account to the Unity Trust Bank Savings account.

AGREED - That £30,000 be transferred from the Current account at The Unity Trust Bank to the Savings account.

AGREED - That the donation to the Royal British Legion in respect of the Poppy Appeal be £100 as in previous years.

£700 has been identified for the project of the relaying the top path in the Cemetery.

Future meetings of the Finance Group to be held on Tuesdays in the week prior to the monthly Council meeting.

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

(ii) Road Safety and Highways Group.

No meeting held.

(iii) Pedestrian/Cycling Strategy Joint Working Group.

No meeting held.

(iv) Wildlife Area Working Group.

No meeting held.

(vi) New Estates Working Group.

No meeting held.

## 9. PLANNING MATTERS.

(ii) Decisions.

ZB24/01711/CAT - Application for works to tree in a Conservation Area.- Sunnyside Water End - Granted

ZB24/01576/MRC - Application for variation of condition 7 (approved plans) for application 16/00811/FUL as revised drawing SCH1716 (proposed floor plans and elevations)Condition Number(s): 7 (Approved Plans)Conditions(s) Removal to allow for substitution of approved plans (see covering letter)To alter condition to refer to the revised drawings submitted with the application - SCH1716 - 1 (Proposed Floor Plans and Elevations) - Street House Farm Deighton Lane – Granted

ZB23/02459/REM - Application for approval of Reserved Matters Taylor Wimpey development at Darlington Road - Granted.

(ii) Applications.

ZB24/01591/LBC - Retrospective listed building consent for the removal and replacement of external render – 24 The Green – No objections.

## 10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

### Income

North Yorkshire Council (half-yearly Precept)	38,000.00
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### Payments –

RoSPA (Annual Play Inspection)	280.80
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CE + CM Walker (September grasscutting)	1,725.60
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Boston Seeds (Bulbs)	123.99
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Smeeden Foreman (Tree survey)	1,514.40
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P Atkin (Salary)	429.18
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HMRC (PAYE)	107.40
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Sam Turner & Sons (Sand +Cement)	13.49
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Hillside Tree Surgeons (Strimming + removing braches over play equipment)	120.00
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Audrey Trew hitt (Annual Allotments Rent)	1,200.00
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YDS Ltd (Trailer Hire)	96.00
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Mr D Langthorne (Caretaking)	64.00
P Atkin (Expenses)	18.90
Fletcher Pest Control (Allotments)	75.60
Stewart Wilson (Re-purchase of 2 burial plots)	300.00
Mrs M Shiel Dods (Reimbursement for daffodil bulbs)	180.00
+ Royal British Legion (Poppy Appeal Donation)    CHEQUE PAYMENT	100.00
*NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges) Direct Debit*	29.33

### Bank Balances

#### Barclays Bank –

Business Premium Ac't (i) – £131,428.42

Business Premium Ac't (ii) – £629.52

#### Unity Trust Bank at 30th September 2024 –

Current Account - £69,435.73

Deposit Account - £30,235.25

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

### 11. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Including Notification of Road Closures

#### Gritting and Salting

Received from NYC Highways –

Carriageways through residential estate areas would be classified as Tertiary routes and would not routinely be gritted. There are occasions when such would be considered however this would only be during severe conditions and only where our resources would allow after completing all Primary and Secondary routes. If the residential estate in question is not adopted then again these areas would not be treated.

Regarding our footway treatments, we would not treat footways following 'normal' overnight frosty conditions. However again in severe conditions, busy shopping areas and main pedestrian footways will be treated before 9am. During these periods it would be high pedestrian trafficked areas that would be tended to first. Any remaining footway and cycle routes would then be treated based on their priority order and as resources allow.

#### Tractor Movements.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> September evening at around 6:00pm, a tractor towing a slurry spraying unit managed to crash into the wall of Cockpit Hill, ripping out bricks and tarmac, bursting a tyre on the slurry unit and narrowly avoiding some newly installed gas works.

There were 4 gas engineers and multiple residents looking on in astonishment and completely dismayed at the situation.

There could have been a major incident as this was inches away from ripping out a gas pipe.

The Council was asked to report the matter to the Police but the Police said that it was inappropriate for third parties to report such matters to them.

In addition in the same week on Northallerton Road damage was made to overhead cables by an agricultural vehicle.

AGREED – That the Clerk ask NY Highways if they had inspected the walls along Cockpit Hill outside the Village Hall for any damage following the accident on the 24<sup>th</sup> September and enquire as to whether NYC has been in contact with contractors engaged in the tractor movements.

#### 12. COCKPIT HILL CAR PARK – SIGNAGE.

AGREED – That a sign be erected at the Council's car park stipulating that the land is private for the parking of vehicles belong to residents only and that any vehicles parked without valid MOT and Tax will be removed.

#### 13. TREE CONDITION SURVEY REPORT.

Referred to the Finance Group – see above.

#### 14. APPLICATION FOR ROYAL MAIL POST BOX – KINGSBROOK ESTATE.

The Clerk reported that an additional Royal Mail post box on Kingsbrook Estate also serving The Williams Heath estate would appear to comply with the rules for additional post boxes without having any adverse effect on existing Royal Mail post boxes in the Parish.

AGREED - That an application to Royal Mail for a post box to serve the Kingsbrook/Williams Heath estates.

Councillor Smith left the meeting at 8.05pm

#### 15. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

Bulbs had been purchased for the wildlife area and Councillor Rolph had arranged for the turf to be taken off by Mr D Langthorne, which was estimated to be at the most one and a half days labour.

The Clerk pointed out that the Wildlife Areas Working Group was already overspent and no contact had been made by the Group to increase the budget at the recent Finance Group meeting and he would therefore need to speak to the Finance Group about this matter.

It was pointed out that the children from Brompton CP School had been arranged to plant the bulbs on the following Monday or Thursday depending on the weather. In the circumstances Councillors suggested that the children attend to carry out the bulb planting on the Thursday of the following week.

It was also AGREED – That the fencing of the wildlife area be carried out in the current financial year.



## 16. CORRESPONDENCE.

### (i) Sandbags.

Received from NYC –

North Yorkshire Council is simplifying its approach to supporting communities who need access to sandbags during a flood incident. The offer that was available to communities from the previous District and Borough councils was inconsistent, so this has been updated to ensure there is a single offer across North Yorkshire.

From the beginning of October 2024 if a member of public requires access to sandbags they should Google Sandbags North Yorkshire or use this [link](#). If there is an immediate need for sandbags then they can call 0300 131 2 131 and either say Sandbag when prompted or follow the instructions.

If your community requires additional support in a flood incident then please contact the Elected Member from your affected Electoral Division who will be able to notify the Council. If you are unsure of your local member please use this [map](#).

If you have any questions regarding your community emergency plan or you would like to discuss about creating a plan, please email [emergency@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:emergency@northyorks.gov.uk) and one of the Resilience and Emergencies Officers will contact you.

AGREED – That the Clerk clarify with NYC how the current ring-round system previously operated by HDC in emergencies such as flooding now worked.

### (ii) YLCA Hambleton Branch Meeting.

The next meeting of the Hambleton Branch of the YLCA was to be held on remotely on Zoom on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm.

### (ii) NYC Parish Liaison Meeting

The Clerk was to attend the Parish Liaison Meeting at Northallerton Town Hall on the 30<sup>th</sup> October which provided an opportunity to raise issues, discuss topics of common interest and to receive timely updates from North Yorkshire Council.

## 17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### (i) Date of the next Meeting.

AGREED - That the next meeting of the Council be held in The Methodist Church at 7.15pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### (ii) Uncut Hedge on Stokesley Road.

It was pointed out that NY Highways had carried out some work to this hedge and had said that they would return to finish it off but to date had not done so. The Clerk undertook to chase NY Highways up on this matter.

### (iii) Overgrown Hedges.

Councillor Carter mentioned overgrown hedges off De Bruce Road and the Clerk said that he was aware that one of the residents had probably died very recently so he had not sent another letter in the circumstances.

(iv) Flood Emergency Plan.

Councillor Rolph asked if there was a current Flood Plan and the Clerk said that there wasn't but that Northallerton Town Council was in the process of setting up a meeting with the Emergency Services and NYC about an Emergency Plan and would involve Brompton and Romanby Councils. Councillor Rolph said that she would be willing to head up the Brompton side of the matter .

(v) Removal of Solar Panels.

A question was asked as to whether there was any progress being made on the removal of the solar panels on Cockpit Hill and the Clerk was asked to see if the Chairman had more information on the matter.

## 18. BURIAL MATTERS.

One burial will be taking place before the end of the month.

### Consultation regarding the Re-use of Graves

It was reported that a consultation was to take place regarding the reuse of graves in and closed burial grounds to tackling the national lack of space for the dead. The Law Commission having suggested that cemeteries that have been declared full could be reused for new burials. The proposal was part of a public consultation by the commission on updating 170-year-old burial laws in England and Wales.