

**Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in the Methodist Church,
Brompton on Tuesday 19th November 2024**

PRESENT – Councillors Mr R Carter, Mr M Langthorne (in the Chair), Mrs K Mann, Mrs M Shiel Dods (in the Chair), Ms S Rolph, Mrs A Robinson and Mrs R Smith.

There were three members of the public present at the meeting, including NYC Councillor Steve Watson.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Hazelwood and Mrs E Kelly, both family commitments.

Councillor Langthorne declared an interest in Accounts regarding cheque payments and Councillor Carter declared an interest in planning application ZB24/01992/FUL as a neighbour.

2. MINUTES.

AGREED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 15th October, 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 on some of the matters that had been considered by the NY Area Committee on the previous day.

He said it was disappointing that the public who had attended the meeting and had put questions had been told that no responses would be made at the meeting but that replies would be given in writing afterwards.

The Sports Village had been signed over to NYC in the last week and legal agreements had been sent to Northallerton Town Council as regards the allotments.

The intended meeting with representatives of Taylor Wimpey and Persimmon Homes still hadn't taken place and Councillor Watson was still pressing for a date for the meeting.

Whilst Home to School Transport didn't affect this area as much as others this was an on-going issue especially as regards the Dales as it was apparent that digital modelling of routes had included using footpaths and bridges over beck. However the matter was dependent on parents responding as regards their options of schools and the feasibility of the bus operators being able to use routes particularly in bad weather.

The imminent closure of the offices at Stone Cross would mean that the CCTV unit would have to be moved elsewhere. Whilst this could be at Scarborough, if that was to be the case then it would mean that the CCTV would be monitored 24/7 although local knowledge as regards personal identification would be lost.

The EV charging points in Northallerton were currently covered over. Unfortunately documentation had not been handed over from HDC to NYC. The scheme had been a pilot scheme and perhaps insufficient onus had been put on it than should have been the case.

Graffiti had appeared on the pillars of the new bridge. The anti-graffiti paint had been a success on the other side of the bridge but only one coat had been put on the side where the recent graffiti had taken place and two to three coats were necessary for the paint to work. This matter was to be brought up with the developers.

A Seminar was to be held with lead Highway and Road Safety Officers on the coming Friday at which Councillor Watson would be raising the 20mph issue.

As regards parking at the BRG this was an on-going issue and Councillor Watson had a list of the vehicles that were parked there although some had been changed round recently. Further checks would be carried out and parking officers would be visiting the site.

Mrs Slater who was present at the meeting commented that there currently 21 vehicles on the BRG car park. She added that the owner of the vehicles had said to her that the car park was nothing to do with the BRG.

Mrs Slater also referred to an incident in the car park on the previous Wednesday when a disabled person had fallen and the disabled bays had been occupied by vehicles which were not displaying Blue Badges. The same occupancy of the disabled parking bays had occurred on Sunday when a person had said that the BRG had no authority to ask to see the Blue Badges.

Councillor Watson said that the School was to send a letter to parents about parking in the disabled bays.

He had also spoken to Keane Duncan, the NYC Transport Portfolio Holder about the Council's 20mph speed limit application and would be seeing him at a meeting on the coming Friday. He would be pressing for a date as to when the application was to be considered or a formal response as to why it wasn't being considered.

The Chairman asked about the Section 106 Transport monies and Councillor Watson confirmed that this section had not been altered from the original Agreement. There was therefore a need to raise this fact with Persimmon Homes and Taylor Wimpey before going back to NYC Passenger Transport.

The Vice-Chairman expressed concerns about the parking of two HGV unit trailers on the Industrial Estate by Crow Leisure and the dangers that this presented to motorists as visibility was restricted by these parked trailers, the trailers having been there for three weeks. Councillor Watson undertook to refer the matter to NY Highways and the Enforcement Officers.

It was also reported that after the metal barrier fence at the junction on North Moor Road had been repaired it had been damaged again after only two weeks. Councillor Carter had sent a photo of the damaged panel to Councillor Watson. It was suggested that large tractors and trailers had insufficient room to manoeuvre at this junction. Councillor Watson said that he would check if this was part of the land that had recently been signed over to NYC.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

(i) Mr P Walker asked what was happening about the removal of the solar panels from number 1 Cockpit Hill. The Chairman replied that the matter was currently with NYC Legal Department awaiting the issue of an Enforcement Notice.

(ii) Mrs B Slater stated that the BRG was awaiting information from its Accountant before it could arrange the date for an AGM. Whilst only one football field was currently let an

approach from some of the Brompton Juniors teams had been made as regards the next football season. However whilst the BRG would be willing to accept the teams they would not do so if the current BJFC Committee was involved, adding that they had only learned a day before the teams left the BRG that they were leaving.

5. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

Statistics taken from	01/10/2024 to 31/10/2024
Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	1 – neighbour complaint 1 Reports
Anti-Social Personal	1 – neighbour complaint counter accusation 2 Reports
Total	5 Reports
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	0 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	0 Reports
Criminal Damage	1 Reports
Theft (inc. Theft from Shop)	1 Reports
Violence against the person	2 Reports
Other crimes inc. Drugs	1 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Auto Crime / SMV	0 Reports
Total	5 Reports

PCSO Dougie Beverage attended the meeting and reported that the structure of the reporting of the crime statistics would be slightly different in the future, for example as regards the reporting of criminal damage and that he would be compiling the Parish crime reports from January.

He also reported on the low staffing numbers at present, an issue that the new Chief Constable was intending to address together with shift patterns. Hopefully this would lead to improvements which would be known in a couple of weeks time.

PCSO Beverage covered the whole of the Hambleton area and was at times the only person on shift.

The Vice-Chairman pointed to the increasing vandalism that was taking place and the costs to the Council and therefore to the Council Tax payers. He added that the instances appeared to come from the same three youngsters who seemed intent on destroying things. PCSO Beverage commented that a reason could be connected to other things that were happening in their home lives.

PCSO Beverage pointed out that these matters could be reported on line and an incident number would subsequently be sent by email.

Whilst Anti-Social Behaviour wasn't a crime there was the issue of the damage.

Brompton Council had therefore agreed that Vandalism be a standing item on the monthly agenda.

In answer to a question it was reported that the violence related matters had occurred on Danelaw Gardens.

It was emphasised that it was no good residents contacting the Council for it to report matters and that if residents didn't report matters to the Police there was nothing the Police could do if there was nothing recorded on the system. PCSO Beverage commented that every call was logged either via 101 or on line reporting.

The email address for the public to report matter to is

Northyorkshire.police.uk

Finally PCSO Beverage pointed to the success of the Community Messaging system.

Independent Police Advisory Panel – Hambleton/Richmondshire – 7th November 2024

The notes of this meeting appear in the Monthly Update

Community Multi Agency Partnership Meeting - 12th November 2024

The notes of this meeting appear in the Monthly Update.

- (i) Parish Liaison Drop-in – 30th October 2024.

The notes of this meeting appear in the Monthly Update.

- (ii) Recreation Ground.

On the 7th November the Clerk had removed a quantity of the broken glass from around the children's play area together with a quantity of spent fireworks around the field and a large quantity of rubbish, + a large broken model aeroplane.

- (iii) Open Reach – Permission to carry out excavations.

The Clerk had granted permission for Open Reach in the upgrading all the broadband lines to fibre optic and to carry out excavation works to repair damaged underground ducting at the side of 27 The Green and on the east side of the Green at Water End. AGREED – That these actions be endorsed.

- (iii) Annual Newsletters.

All Annual Newsletters had been delivered, plus those posted to the rural properties.

Several positive comments had been received and to date no negative ones.

- (iv) War Grave in the Churchyard.

Hillside Tree Surgeons were to cut back a tree on the west side of the Churchyard that was mostly obscuring a War Grave.

- (v) Sweeping Around St Thomas's Church.

The following response has been received from the PCC –

Thank you for all the work that has been undertaken to keep the area around the Church, keeping it safe for residents of Brompton. The leaves are particularly bad at this time of year making it seem an endless task. We as I am sure, and the residents of Brompton, appreciate all the work you do.

Regarding your request that for the future the PCC could carry out the sweeping around the Church, the PCC discussed this at their meeting last night and were in total agreement that this would not be possible.

Thank you for your support for St Thomas' Church and the Brompton Churches Group.

(vi) Street Cleaning.

Received from a resident –

I just thought I would update you on what I did about the street cleaning not happening. Having read your minutes about the streets not being cleaned for months I was worried about flooding at Water End so I wrote a letter to NYCC and went down to have a face to face with them. As a result they sent a sweeper to the opposite side of Water End and never came back. I then phoned up again and the lady said they went to the wrong side and put me through to the complaints department. I was given a reference number. Nothing happened and I got another reference number and they said they would respond in 15 days even after I sent photos. I was incensed and asked Rishi Sunak if he could do anything. Today an army of street workers arrived after already clearing up round the Green and have been working solidly for half an hour outside my house. I just thought you should let the rest of the council know that the way to get things done is to go through Rishi.

(vii) Northallerton Sports Village.

Received from NYC -

We have been working towards the formal transfer of land to take place and are pleased to confirm that this has now been concluded. We are liaising with our Legal and Property team regarding the Head of Terms and lease agreement for the allotments and this is now in the hands of the relevant legal representatives.

(viii) Remembrance Sunday.

The Clerk had attended the Methodist Church service at 10.00am on Sunday 10th November and at the Lych Gate at 11.00am and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had laid the Councils wreath at The Lych Gate at 4.00pm having attended the service in St Thomas' Church. The Clerk had also placed wooden crosses on the War graves in the Cemetery and the Churchyard.

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

The Chairman reported that, together with the Vice-Chairman, she had attended the service at St Thomas's Church and at The Lych Gate at 4pm on Sunday 10th November; the Clerk having attended the Methodist Church service on the morning of the 10th November and at the Lych Gate at 11.00pm.

Councillor Carter asked why two services were held in Brompton on Remembrance Sunday?

The Clerk reported that this question had been raised previously and Mrs Laverick had responded that it had always been the case. Councillor Carter said that that was strange when there was "Churches Together" in the area.

It was noted that the PCC representatives from St Thomas's had also attended the Methodist Church Service.

AGREED - That the Clerk write to the PCC asking why they held a service at 4pm on Remembrance Sunday when everyone else nationally held their services at 11.00am and there was already a service in Brompton and attendance at the Lych Gate at that time

8. REPORTS.

(i) Finance Working Group.

The Finance Group met on the 13th November.

AGREED – That the Recommendations of the Finance Group be approved as follows -

(1) That the three tenderers for children's play equipment be asked to supply the following tenders for consideration at the meeting of the Finance Group in January -

Junior Swings in the Recreation Ground

Slide/Tower in the Recreation Ground

Replacement of swings unit at Water End

(2) That the seat in memory of the late Councillor Mrs Margaret Chandler be a newly reinstated seat at Church Green with a plaque in her memory.

(3) A quotation be requested from Mr D Langthorne for the regular clearing and tidying up of the verge and overgrowth outside the wildlife area on the Northallerton Road junction with North Moor Road

(4) That the condition tree survey for tree T41 be accepted in the sum of £660.00

(5) That Wicksteed be asked to manufacture and supply the missing Skirt Guarding Kit for the rocking rocket in the sum of £406.98 + VAT

(6) That the quotation from Coxon Brothers for the repair of the leaky dam to the south east of Stobthorne Farm be accepted in the sum of £3,180.00 + VAT

(7) That no further time be spend on endeavouring to recover interest monies from the HSBC Bank in respect of the former Middleton Whittaker Charity.

(8) That for the financial year 2025/26 and onwards a new budget heading of Village Maintenance be added

(9) That the Welcome to Brompton sign be placed on the fence at the North Moor Road/ Northallerton Road wildlife area.

(10) That any instances of vandalism be reported to the monthly Council meetings.

(11) That the Precept level for the financial year 2025/26 be set at £78,000 being an approximate increase of 2.5% but being a lower annual payment for Parish residents than in the current financial year.

(12) That the budget for the 2025/26 financial year be considered by the Finance Group in January.

Two timber seats have been purchased that will be put in temporary place whenever a seat is taken away for repair/maintenance.

Next meeting - Wednesday 11th December at 4.00pm

Councillor Carter pointed out that the Recommendation about the metal barrier at the end of the cycle path was incorrect and should read –

That the Clerk ask NY Highways for permission to adjust the barrier at the end of the cycle path on Northallerton Road to form a zig-zag so that only mobility scooters and pushchairs can get through and inform NYC that BTC is prepared to undertake and pay for the costs of the works and of the reinstatement works. – AGREED.

(ii) Road Safety and Highways Group.

No meeting held

(iii) Pedestrian/Cycling Strategy Joint Working Group.

The Clerk reported that the Deputy Mayor of Northallerton Town Council was applying to the new North Yorkshire Mayors Office for funding so that a comprehensive Transport Plan for the area could be worked up.

(iv) Wildlife Area Working Group.

Councillor Rolph expressed disappointment that the costs of the Ecological Survey Report had come out of the Working Groups budget.

The budget for 2025/26 would need to be set in January but planting would need to be carried out in the Spring and Councillor Rolph asked how this could be done if there was no money left in the Groups budget?

Councillor Rolph added that she had been in discussion with the Men's Shed about bird boxes etc but she needed to find some wood. The Chairman said that there was a quantity of spare wood at the allotments but it was pointed out that if any more was needed then any order must go through the Clerk as he was the only person authorised to approve purchases.

Councillor Rolph said that she would check the Table of Works that had been drawn up.

It was AGREED - That seeds could be purchased for Spring planting but that it was essential that all Councillors read the Ecological Study report and its recommendations as regards the planting of trees etc for the January Council meeting.

It was clarified that the costs of the fencing at the Wildlife Area was not from the Groups budget as it was from Village Caretaking. The Vice-Chairman added that the fencing alongside the wildlife area was complete but needed to be painted.

- (ix) New Estates Working Group.

No meeting held.

- (v) YLCA Hambleton Branch Meeting – 16TH October 2024.

The Notes of the meeting appear in the Monthly Update.

9. PLANNING MATTERS.

(i) Decisions

ZB24/01136/OUT - Application for Outline Planning Permission with some reserved (except for access) for the erection of 4 self/custom build dwellings - OS Field 7722, Lead Lane - Refused

ZB24/01683/CAT - Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area - 5 Water End – Granted – Also Granted trees subject to a TPO at the same address (ZB24/01753/TPO)

ZB24/01653/TPO - Application for works to a tree within a Tree Preservation Order (1999/09T54) - The Coach House, 5 Yeoman Court - Granted

ZB24/01591/LBC - Retrospective Listed Building Consent for the renewal and replacement of external render - 24 The Green - Granted

ZB24/017773/FUL - Proposed alterations and extension to existing dwelling including replacement garage - Redhill Cottage, Brompton Lane – Granted

(ii) Applications.

ZB24/01992/FUL - Application for alterations and extension to existing dwelling - 13 De Bruce Road – No objections

ZB24/01785/REM – Application for reserved matters approval (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for the erection of 90 dwellings, drainage infrastructure, landscaping and ancillary works (outline permission 20/0167/OUT granted 20.07.2023) – Land North Mowray Road East Side of Stokesley Road. Northallerton - Strongly recommend REFUSAL of the planning application for reserved matters on land north of Mowbray Road east side of Stokesley Road for the following reasons -

1. Any new highway access onto Stokesley Road is not acceptable due to current high level of traffic converging on the new roundabout from all directions. No additional traffic movements such be permitted.

2. Concerns have been raised in the past about the need to a new pumping station. The Council is not convinced that these issues have been satisfactorily resolved and is concerned that no development anywhere to the east of Stokesley Road takes place until this matter is properly resolved.

3. Current drainage issues affecting the Thurston Park estate etc along Stokesley Road have never been satisfactorily resolved although a limited amount of work has taken place. The Council believes that any development would be very detrimental to Stokesley Road itself and nearby properties as regards standing water.

4. A Transport Plan is essential for any new development. This was part of the North Northallerton Development and has not materialised.

Consequently the Council has no faith in the content of any Section 106 Agreement actually ever being adhered to.

6. Such development would seriously adversely affect all residents as regards access to doctors as other substantial local developments have already saturated the capacity of local doctors surgeries.

ZB24/02054/OUT – Outline planning with some matters reserved (consideration of access) for the construction of 8 dwellings, including demolition of existing agricultural building and all ancillary and engineering works at Sheepcote Farm, Darlington Road – No objection to the Outline application for construction of 8 dwellings at Sheepcote Farm, Darlington Road subject to -

All drainage and highways issues, in particular access onto Darlington Road, being satisfactorily resolved so that neither adversely affect the existing neighbourhood or infrastructure.

10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Income

Nil

Payments –

National Timber Group (Arnold Laver – Timber-Fence rails)	93.31
Printroom (Printing of Annual Newsletters)	800.00
CE + CM Walker (October grasscutting)	862.80
Hillside Tree Surgeons (Hedge cutting)	2,180.00
Northern Powergrid (Annual Garden Licence for substation site)	50.00
Sam Turners & Sons (Ear Defenders, Hammerite paint, drills etc)	56.22
P Atkin (Salary – Including pay award from 1 April)	548.98
HMRC (PAYE)	137.20
Mr D Langthorne (Caretaking + delivery of newsletters + works to seats)	720.00
YDS Limited (Trailer + Digger hire + purchase of two seats etc)	330.00
P Atkin (Expenses including postage of rural Newsletters)	84.49
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 31st October 2024 –

Current Account - £33,139.99

Deposit Account - £60,235.25

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

The Clerk reported that VAT reimbursement for the period 1 July to 30 September had been received from HMRC in the sum of £1,424.44.

PRECEPT 2025/26

AGREED – That the Precept for the financial year 2025/26 be set at £78,000.00.

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Including Notification of Road Closures

Road Closures

PLANNED ROAD RESTRICTION NOTIFICATION - Cockpit Hill, Brompton

Description of works: Repair works to a retaining wall

The Restriction will be in place for a period of 2 days on 25th and 26th November 2024 (09:30 and 15:30 each day).

The question was raised with NY Highway if it was to recover the costs from the person(s) who caused the damage and the following response was received –

Unfortunately, without on-scene evidence such as photographs of the incident including vehicle number plates, we are unable to proceed with recharging the individual. If any new information emerges, I will ensure the responsible party is recharged.

Parish Workshop – No 2 Area Highway Office – 4th November 2024

The Clerk had attended the Parish Workshop at Area 2 Highways Office in Thirsk on the 4th November.

The notes of this meeting appear in the Monthly Update.

12. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

Received from a resident –

Hérons - I note the wildlife group are seeking reports of sightings. I saw 6 herons all together north of the village, in a field next to the beck last Monday, 4th November. Just north of Spence's dairy farm. There's regularly 3 there.

The Clerk reported that an update report prepared by Councillor Rolph about the Wildlife Area had been added to the Council's web site.

Councillor Smith left the meeting at 8.20pm

13. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Cycle Brackets at St Thomas's Church.

Received from the PCC -

I understand from reviewing the minutes of the Council's September meeting, that Members were not in favour of the provision of cycle facilities in the village.

To ensure that the opportunity of cycling exists for users of the church we are proposing to install four cycling brackets on the west side of the base of the tower as a small addition to the flower bed project. The bicycles will sit on the newly bark surfaced area that the Council previously kindly confirmed their agreement to.

Before we installed the brackets we wanted to check that the Town Council would be happy with this minor addition to the flower bed project?

AGREED – That the Clerk inform the PCC that the Council has no objections to this proposal.

(ii) Your Fire Service – Your Say – Consultation

Sent to all Councillors.

(iii) Thurston Park Issues

Received via Councillor Smith –

Can the Council write to the North Yorkshire Council asking for justification that our roads and sewers have not been adopted. Currently we pay an element of council tax and water charges towards infrastructure that is not under the jurisdiction of the bodies we fund. Also, if north moor road is not a council adopted road how can the police enforce speed limits.

Response sent -

“Will refer the drainage issue to Steve Watson.

As regards speed limits Local Authorities determine the speeds of any road the public has access to, including private and unadopted roads - ie where a 30 or a 20mph speed limit applies.

All roads are subject to traffic laws if they are accessible by the public”.

(iv) Tractor Movements.

Correspondence from a resident concerning tractor movement past their property. Resident advised to contact the Police direct.

(v) Richmond (Yorks.) Parish Liaison Meeting.

To be held at Stokesley Town Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 20th November. The NTC Clerk had indicated that she would be attending and would report back,

14. 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 17th December 2024.

- (ii) Car Park Signs.

The Clerk reported that a quote of £108.00 had been received from RGPS signs for two signs for the Councils car park worded as follows. However the quote had been based on signs size 18" x 12" and the Clerk had gone back to the company to ask for a quote for signs size 24" x 18". AGREED – That a quote be obtained for a larger size notice.

PRIVATE LAND

CAR PARK FOR USE BY RESIDENTS ONLY

ALL PARKED VEHICLES MUCH BE ROAD LEGAL

NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

FULL RULES CAN BE VIEWED AT -

Bromptontowncouncil.gov.uk

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- (iii) Hedges.

Councillor Carter referred to two hedges that were obstructing the footpath. AGREED – That the Clerk ask the High ways Inspector to insect these hedges on Northallerton Road and the corner of De Bruce Road.

- (iv) Broken Bridge.

Councillor Robinson reported that the damaged bridge reported by Councillor Kelly had been inspected and been reported to NYC with a recommendation that it be replaced as it was rotten. In the meantime someone had made a temporary repair to the damaged section.

15. BURIAL MATTERS.

No matters reported to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

