

**Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in the Methodist Church,  
Brompton on Tuesday 17th December 2024**

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

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs R Smith (work commitments).

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 19<sup>th</sup> November, 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 was not present at the meeting however Councillors asked that the following questions be put to him –

1. Are there any plans for undergrounding the high voltage power cables on the edge of the Sports Village?

2. When HDC was in existence investigations were being made as to where the proposed allotments would be sited on the Brompton Parish side of the new development as there were issues related to the new bridge that meant that the original site for the 24 Brompton allotments could not go ahead on the agreed site.

Isobel Sanderson and the Clerk as a HDC Councillor were still asking this question on the close of HDC.

BTC hopes that the new allotments site for Brompton has just not been forgotten about.

3. Has there been any progress as regards meetings between yourself and TW and Persimmon?

4. Is there any update on the future plans for the use of the Sports Village now that it has been taken over by NYC?

5. Could an explanation be given from NYC as to exactly why it decided to remove the intended Skills Village from the new development.

Can a case be made to reinstate the proposed Skills Village?

6. Parking in the village especially around the bus shelter is still an issue - is any progress being made? - especially as the BRG car park seems to be quite full again.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

- (i) Mr Barry raised questions about the new allotments and the high voltage electricity cables at the Sports village and it was agreed that both matters be referred to Councillor Watson.
- (ii) Mr P Walker expressed further concerns about the volume of parking in the vicinity of the bus shelter which made visibility difficult for motorists. The Chairman reported that Councillor Watson was still investigating the parking issues with NYC adding that the Police had been out and had taken details of vehicles which should not be on the road and had taken at least one vehicle away. A Councillor added that BRG car park was still quite full of vehicles.

5. LOCAL CRIME REPORT + INSTANCES OF VANDALISM

Statistics taken from	01/11/2024 to 30/11/2024
Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	0 Reports
Anti-Social Personal	2 Reports
Total	2 Reports
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	0 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	0 Reports
Criminal Damage	2 Reports
Theft (inc. Theft from Shop)	0 Reports
Violence against the person	4 Reports
Other crimes inc. Drugs	2 - intel report
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Auto Crime / SMV	0 Reports
Total	8 Reports

The Clerk referred to an on-going matter on Hilton Green.

As regards vandalism the Vice-Chairman reported that the tables in the Recreation Ground had been damaged once again and therefore heavy duty screws were being put in and reinforced brackets.

It was also reported that youths were riding around the field at the top of Little Lane on a motorbike.

Community Safety Hub.

The Community Safety Hub met on the 10<sup>th</sup> December. The notes of this meeting are in the Monthly Update.

- (iii) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES .
- (i) Street Light – Corner of Hilton Close.

This has now been turned on by NYC and was making a great improvement.

(ii) Rocking Rokette.

The safety parts had been received for the rocking roquette in the Recreation Ground however fitting instructions had been requested as these had not been included in box of parts

(iii) Parish Liaison Meeting for the Richmond (Yorks.) area held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

The matters raised at the meeting are in the Monthly Update.

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

None reported to the meeting.

#### 7. REPORTS.

(i) Finance Working Group.

The Finance Group had met on the 11<sup>th</sup> December.

#### RECOMMENDED -

That work jobs be logged into a forward plan with job numbers aligning to budgets so that a track can be made of outstanding works and priorities.

That the wind damaged fence at the allotments be repaired.

That the larger signs for the car park in the sum of £141.60 be ordered.

That a quote for a "Welcome to Brompton" sign for the new wildlife area be obtained.

That the Environmental Management report for the wildlife area be forwarded to all Councillors after Christmas in order that they can raise any issues at the January Council meeting.

That the works to the Cemetery path be completed in the current financial year

That the Clerk draw up a list of projects for completion in the 2025/26 financial year to be considered by the Finance Group in January prior to determining the 2025/26 budget in February.

That as regards any expenditure on the metal barrier at the end of the cycle path on Northallerton Road a site meeting be held with NY Councillor Steve Watson, NY Highways, Councillors Carter and Kelly and the Clerk.

As regards burial fees the following be adopted as the charges fore the twelve months from 1 January 2025 -

£420 per burial plot

£200 per interment in a burial plot

£60 for memorials (half size headstones - half fee)

£150 for the purchase of an ashes plot

£80 for interment of ashes

No fee for deceased persons under 16 years of age.

That a fee of £20 an hour be made for searches in the Burial Registers.

Next meeting - Wednesday 15th January at 4.00pm

AGREED – That the Recommendations of the Finance 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. Decision awaited from the Mayors office about funding of a report into local transport.

(iv) Wildlife Area Working Group.

No meeting held.

(v) New Estates Working Group.

No meeting held.

#### 8. PLANNING MATTERS.

(i) Decisions

ZB/24/01992/FUL – Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling at 13 De Bruce Road - Granted

(ii) Applications.

No applications had been received since the last meeting.

#### 10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

##### Income

Nil

##### Payments –

PKF Littlejohn LLP (External Audit)	552.00
Brompton Methodist Church (Room Hire)	120.00
Sam Turner & Sons (Christmas tree + shelf bracket)	159.83
Wicksteed (Parts for Rocking Rockette)	488.38
HMRC (PAYE)	111.00
Hillside Tree Surgeons (Tree works)	1,900.00

Mr D Langthorne (Caretaking)	496.00
YDS Limited (Trailer Hire)	60.00
P Atkin (Salary)	442.48
P Atkin (Expenses)	20.90
*NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges) Direct Debit*	29.33

### Bank Balances

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

Current Account - £28,563.70

Deposit Account - £60,235.25

#### Barclays Bank at 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

Business Premium Account (1) - £131,919.74

Business Premium Account (2) - £631.88

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

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

#### Cycle Barrier – Northallerton Road

Received from NYC Highways -

*As previously mentioned, this is a designated cycleway, and we should not encourage its use by pedestrians. Widening the pedestrian guardrail and surfacing the grassed area would direct pedestrians to its use. I understand your perspective and imagine that pedestrians often use it more than cyclists. However, removing the cycleway rights would likely face criticism, and I currently do not have the budget to make any improvements or alterations here.*

*The paved area in front of the Rugby Club is designated as a cycle route, with a barrier installed to protect pedestrians. Beyond the end of the cycleway near the bus stop, the barrier discourages cyclists from continuing onto the footpath into the village. You will notice a cyclist give-way line marking on the path, corduroy paving, and a sign indicating the end of the cycleway, along with dropped kerbs directing cyclists to use the carriageway beyond this point, as such the Highway Authority will not be removing the pedestrian guardrail.*

*Now that you've brought it to my attention, I ask that the Parish Council please remove the banner from the guardrail. This guardrail is designed to allow visibility of children behind it, and your banners potentially obstructing the view of a child waiting at the bus stop.*

Councillors had submitted several comments outlining the reasons why the barrier needed to be altered. In particular there was no dropped kerb for a mobility scooter or any signs indicating to pedestrians that they should cross the road.

It was Councillor's view that in considering the application to the Planning Authority for the banners the Highway Authority would have at that time had an opportunity to object.

AGREED - That (i) NY Highways be asked to clarify exactly what the rules are for such barriers, and (ii) a site meeting be held with NY Councillor Steve Watson, NY Highways, Councillors Carter and Kelly and the Clerk.

## 12. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

Received from a resident –

*I've just seen the wildlife round up in Brompton's annual newsletter and noticed the report of an otter sighting at Water End.*

*In 2023/24 I undertook a certificate in ecological consultancy and as part of the coursework I did a phase 1 ecological survey of Brompton's recreation field, with the beck forming part of the boundary.*

*I just thought you might be interested to know I found evidence of 2 otter sprainting sites along that stretch, during sept of 2023, which could suggest that our star otter has been here for some time!*

*Anyway, I'd be very interested to hear about any volunteering opportunities with group and would be grateful for any more info on this.*

AGREED - That the MAB Ecological report be sent to all Councillors after Christmas in order that a plan can be put together for future works and the costings worked out.

## 13. CORRESPONDENCE.

None received.

## 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 21st January 2025

(ii) East Coast Rail Northallerton Passenger Services and Infrastructure'

The Clerk reported that its meeting Northallerton Town Council held on the previous evening asked that Brompton and Romanby Councils join with it in making representations expressing concerns that the stopping of services at Northallerton Station by Transpennine Express will have detrimentally on travellers to the town and surrounding area.

This has been instigated at short notice without consultation and no impact statement or business case for doing so and consequently requiring more passengers to change trains to access many destinations previously accessible directly by the Transpennine Express services.

This is further compounded by LNER and Transpennine Express not accepting each others tickets which is absurd as both companies are owned by the Government.

A single ticketing system is therefore urged to be implemented on services as soon as possible.

A Councillor commented that one of the reasons for constructing another 800+ dwellings off Stokesley Road had been that people could travel by rail to York

AGEED – That the Clerk send further details of the proposals to Councillors, including the draft NTC letter, to enable them to determine whether they should comment on the matter.

(iii) Horse Box.

It was reported that there was currently an electric cable running to the horse box parked off The Green and the question was raised as to whether horse box was being used for business purposes.

(iv) Brompton Community Primary School – School Governor.

Councillor Kelly reported that the School was looking for a new Governor from the community and the Clerk agreed to forward to Councillors the details from the School web site.

Councillor Kelly also undertook to inform the School that they could advertise the vacancy on the notice boards around the village.

(v) Sewage Works - Off De Bruce Road.

Councillor Carter reported that the sewage works that had been on-going for months were nearing completion although they were well beyond their original completion date.

(vi) Christmas Tree.

The Vice-Chairman reported that the Christmas tree had fallen down in the high winds in the previous week and that although it had been re-erected the electrify connection needed to be improved for the future.

It was noted that the Christmas tree at Osmotherley was lit by battery operated lights and it was AGREED -That this be considered for the future and that in future years the Christmas tree be placed in a sleeve in the ground so that it could not be blown over or that a tree be planted so that it did not have to be renewed every year.

It was also AGREED - That larger size tree that had been obtained this year be continued for future years.

(vii) Royal Mail Post Box.

AGREED – That the Clerk apply for a new Royal Mails Post Box to be situated on Alverton Road/North Moor Road.

(viii) Cable – New Bridge.

It was reported that there was a cable hanging down on the bridge and it was suggested that there should most probably be street light attached to the cable. There was also a large gap on the bridge that was not lit. AGREED – That the Clerk take these matters up with NY Lighting.

(ix) Faulty Street Light.

It was reported that here was a street light not working on the east side of Water End. The Councillor who reported the matter was asked if he could see if there was a need for any additional street lights which could be considered for funding from the CIL monies..  
AGREED – That the Clerk report this to NY Lighting.

Another Councillor reported that due to the tree branches the streetlights opposite the Rugby Club were quite dim.

#### 15. BURIAL MATTERS.

Burial Fees from 1 January 2024

AGREED – That The burial fees for the forthcoming calendar year be as follow -

- £420.00 per burial plot
- £200.00 per interment in a burial plot
- £60.00 for Memorials (half size headstones – half fee)
- £150.00 for the purchase of ashes plot
- £80.00 for interment of ashes
- No fee for deceased persons under 16 years of age.

Fees are doubled in respect of interments and plot purchases where the deceased person did not reside within the Parish boundary but in such cases proof is required that the person still had immediate relatives in the Parish, unless they had moved out of the Parish within a period of less than 12 months.

One burial had taken place this month and an interment of ashes was to take place shortly.

Finally the Chairman expressed thanks to the Clerk and John Robinson for the hard work they had carried out for the Council during the year adding that particular thanks needed to be recorded to the Vice-Chairman who carried out a vast number of tasks around the village voluntarily and freely for the community.

The meeting closed at 8.12pm