

**Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in the Methodist Church,
Brompton on Tuesday 21st January 2025**

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

There were four 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 Ms S Rolph.

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 17th December, 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

Issues raised at last meeting with Councillor Watson's responses in italics –

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

Highly unlikely as the costs are ridiculously high when judged against any cosmetic gain.

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.

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

The original site was for 24 allotments and am currently waiting for TW and Persimmon to take this through. The Chairman added that there was a need to secure some land for the future.

As regards the new allotments Northallerton Town Council was currently waiting to sign their part off.

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

Due to there having been no response from TW it was intended for Councillor Watson and an NYC officer to pay a visit to their offices

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?

I will chase up now the dust is settling but had heard nothing pre Christmas break.

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

The matter of the Skills Village had died off during Covid and the plans were moved to Scarborough with the new Mayor also currently looking at a site for a Skills Village to cover the York area. Councillor Watson reported that he would remind the Mayor that the original Skills Village site had been put forward for Northallerton and not in York.

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.

Parking officers were continuing to issue parking tickets and Councillor Watson had taken more details of vehicles parked at the BRG car park.

Councillor Kelly suggested that the most effective solution would be double yellow lines on the corners of Station Road.

Councillor Watson reported that he had attended an Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting which would be overseeing the process of the new Mayor and his intentions going forward. It had also been noted that the Fire Brigade received no funding for flooding and it was therefore intended to ask the Mayor questions about this. The recent increase in NI was a challenge for the Fire Brigade as regards wages and there was quite a shortfall in its budget with there being an intended increase of £24 a year in the Council Tax for residents for the Fire Service.

Councillor Watson also reported that he was trying to retain direct rail services to Northallerton and had asked the Mayor what he intended to do about this.

The Chairman pointed out that the long term resolution of flooding in Brompton would be the graduation of the beck although the Environment Agency had estimated the cost of this to be around £1.6m.

Councillor Kelly pointed out that Brompton Community Primary School was the only school in the area that did not have a 20mph speed limit.

Councillor Watson added that there was to be an NYC review of all speed limits in the next week across the whole of the County which would include traffic monitoring throughout the village with a view to a 20mph speed limit in the middle of the village and that speed monitoring equipment would be being put in shortly.

Councillor Mann referred to the dangers of the drainage pond on the Taylor Wimpey development which attracted children especially when it was frozen over recently. Councillor Watson replied that this was on the list of matters to discuss with Taylor Wimpey and that there needed to be some Police patrols in the area. The pond area needed to be fenced off properly and all discarded building materials and debris removed from the site.

Councillor Watson also undertook to chase up the site meeting that the Council had asked NY Highways to attend regarding the metal barrier at the end of the cycle path.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

- (i) A resident referred to recent incidents around Danelaw Road and was assured that these incidents were far from normal and were reported on under the Crime report item.

- (ii) A resident also pointed to the increased use of Lead Lane by emergency service vehicles where a lower speed limit was definitely needed especially as there was no footpath.

5. LOCAL CRIME REPORT + INSTANCES OF VANDALISM

Statistics taken from	01/12/2024 to 31/12/2024
Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	6 Reports
Anti-Social Personal	1 Reports
Total	7 Reports
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	1 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	1 Reports
Criminal Damage	2 Reports
Theft (inc. Theft from Shop)	1 – civil issue
Violence against the person	7 Reports
Other crimes inc. Drugs	0 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Auto Crime / SMV	2 Reports
Total	14 Reports

The Court issued a three month Closure Order on 21Hilton Green on the 20th December. The occupant was to move to Longlands Hotel Middlesbrough but decided instead to move into a property on Danes Crest instead.

On the 30th December he was stabbed by another resident from Danes Crest who was later arrested.

In a separate incident three men appeared at York Magistrates Court on the 17th January charged with serious violence which resulted in two men suffering stab wounds and were remanded in custody.

This had happened in Brompton at 5.30am on Wednesday 15th January.

One man was in a serious but stable condition in hospital.

Firearms Police had arrested the three men at a property in the village. Two were from Thirsk and one was from Northallerton.

Community Multi Agency Partnership Meeting – 14th January 2025

The notes of this meeting appear in the Monthly Update.

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

- (i) Safety Inspection of Headstones and Monuments in the Churchyard.

Swaledale Stonemasonry would be carrying out the safety inspection this month.

(ii) Notice Board – Hilton Square.

One of the glass doors came off the notice board at Hilton Square over the holiday period. The glass was not broken and the broken part of the door and frame where the hinge broke off had been repaired.

(iii) Street Lighting – North Moor Road.

Below is North Yorkshire Council's response to the matter raised by Councillor Carter at the last Council meeting –

Unfortunately, this is a legacy issue we are still trying to resolve.

Due to supply chain issues during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, the purpose built lighting columns could not be constructed and delivered by the manufacturer in time for the planned opening of the bridge.

Since the opening, scaffold equipment was removed and we have been unable to install the two lighting columns since.

The cable was at one point looped around the parapet base but has since become detached. I would point out that whilst it looks unsightly it is isolated and safe.

We are currently trying to arrange specialist access equipment to access the mounting points to the parapet plinth. This will require consultation between ourselves, our contractor and Network Rail for a proposed installation method.

Unfortunately this isn't a quick fix but we are trying to resolve and once I have an update I'll let you know on further progress.

(iv) Drainage at the Cemetery.

At a meeting in the Cemetery on the 6th January between the Clerk, Mr D Langthorne and the Vice-Chairman it was noticed how wide the tarmac path was along the southern boundary of the Cemetery adjacent to the hedge. Much wider than anyone would ever need to get access along there/

Therefore it was agreed that the best way forward to resolve the drainage issues in the Cemetery would be to put the new drain adjacent to the hedge by taking up part of the path along its length and backfilling it with gravel. This would still leave sufficient path to walk along.

A soak away would then be constructed in the bottom south-west corner of the Cemetery for the overflow water to drain into.

AGREED – That this course of action be endorsed.

(v) Meeting with BRG Trustees.

To be held on Tuesday 28th January.

(vi) Cycle Barrier, Northallerton Road.

Further response awaited from NYC Highways.

1. 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 15 January 2025.

RECOMMENDED –

That all invoices raised by BTC state -

“Invoice payment is due within 30 days. Please be advised that we may charge 5% interest per month on late invoices”.

That the Clerk inform the BRG that the suggested meeting between the BRG Trustees and the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk should also include NY Councillor Watson and that sight of the Minutes of the AGM meeting and of the accounts be requested before the meeting.

That the Clerk ask NYC for a current quote for setting up nine Councillors email addresses with a view to this being implemented next month.

That the Clerk continue to pursue RoSPA over the requirement in the annual safety report to provide a safety skirt to the Rocking Rockette when it transpired that one was not necessary.

That the Clerk check with CE+CM Walkers if they are cutting the visibility splays at Lead Lane and Little Lane and if they are then the urban grasscutting monies be invoiced to North Yorkshire Council in the sum of £184.40 for 2025.

In view of the resignation of a Councillor the Finance Group noted the considerable increase in election fees payable to North Yorkshire Council should an election be called as compared to the fee charged by the former Hambleton District Council.

That the fencing along the remainder of the length of the side of the Wildlife Area be carried out in the current financial year.

That the Clerk ask Coxon Bros to carry out the annual maintenance inspection of the leaky dams so that payment can be made before the end of the financial year.

An outstanding invoice payment in the sum of £580.00 was noted.

That the following be adopted as the Councils Jobs List -

Description of Tasks

Works at Cemetery

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| A | Shed clear up |
| B | Dig up paths and seed |
| C | Relocate Sandstone |

D Drains

E Sunken Graves

NNA Wildlife Area

A Weed removal

B New path

C Lay gravel

D New Brompton Sign

Allotments

A Repair Fence

B Remove rubbish

C Repair Gates

D Remove and clean water containers

E New shelving for water container

Cockpit Hill Car Park

A Install mesh barrier at bridge

B Repainting fences

C Lay new stone

D Clean cobbles

Recreation Ground

A Remove Elder tree

B Install old climbing frame

C Move goal posts

Hire Charges

A Trailer

B Digger

C Whacker Plate

Check Grit Bins

Salt levels

Maintenance Work

A Benches

B Notice Board

Miscellaneous

A Bulb planting

B Newsletter

Next meeting - Thursday 6th February

It had also been agreed to hold a monthly meeting with Mr D Langthorne.

Whether Hire Charges should be included separately or as part of each task would be looked at when considering the Budget.

It was emphasised that Councillors who had any budget requirements for the 2025/26 financial year would need to submit their figures no later than 3rd February in view of the fact that the Finance Group was to meet on the 6th February.

AGREED – That the recommendations the Finance Group as set out above be approved.

(vii) Road Safety and Highways Group.

No meeting held.

(viii) Pedestrian/Cycling Strategy Joint Working Group.

No meeting held.

Current position – A number of recent and on-going discussions had been held with the Combined Authority's two lead transport officers and NYC's transport planning team.

The Combined Authority had prepared a very high level strategic transport plan, which was still to be formally approved. NYC's county wide Local Transport Plan is on hold as they were still awaiting guidance from the DfT - it would be a long time before this is finalised.

Northallerton Town Council had recently prepared a Consultants Brief to prepare a Transport Improvement Plan for Northallerton. This had been prepared with very helpful input from officers at the Combined Authority and NYC who supported the principle of it. Hopefully this would be sent to the Combined Authority Mayor very soon explaining the benefits of preparing such a study and seeking funding for the work.

- (ix) Wildlife Area Working Group.

No meeting held.

- (x) New Estates Working Group.

No meeting held.

2. PLANNING MATTERS.

- (i) Decisions

ZB24/01407/MRC - Section 73 Application to Vary Conditions 2 (Approved Plans); 5 (Parking); 13 (Materials); 14 (Soft Landscaping); 19 (Acoustic Bund); 22 (Surface Water and Foul Drainage Scheme); and 23 (Floor and Site Levels) of Planning Permission ref.ZB23/00938/FUL to Amend Approved Drawings to allow Substitution of Housetypes and Reducing the Total Number of Dwellings to 34 [As Amended].

OS Field 6504 Thurston Road Northallerton Business Park Northallerton – Granted.

- (ii) Applications.

ZB24/01785/REM - [As Amended] Application for reserved matters approval (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for the erection of 109no. dwellings, drainage infrastructure, landscaping and ancillary works (outline permission 20/01687/OUT granted 20.07.2023) [amended/additional plans & documents received by the Local Planning Authority on 03.10.2024 - 15.01.2025] - Land North Of Mowbray Road East Side Of Stokesley Road

AGREED – That no objections be made to this planning application.

10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Income

Mr M Brockhurst (Ashes fee)	120.00
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Payments –

P Atkin (Salary)	444.28
HMRC (PAYE)	111.00
T P Jones (Quarterly payroll)	59.40
Sam Turners & Sons (Salt rock)	19.20
Hillside Tree Surgeons (Tree works)	1,750.00
P Atkin (Expenses)	42.60
Mr D Langthorne (Caretaking)	224.00
YDS Limited (Trailer Hire)	489.60
NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges) Direct Debit	29.33

Unity Trust Bank at 3rd January 2025 –

Current Account - £24,293.88.

Deposit Account - £60,613.50

Barclays Bank at 3rd 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.

Reclaim of VAT

A claim had been paid by HMRC for the period 1 October to 31 December in the sum of £1,059.08.

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Including Notification of Road Closures

PLANNED ROAD RESTRICTION NOTIFICATION - 115048 Deighton Lane

Location: Deighton Lane, Brompton CP, Brompton - Description of works: Deighton Lane closed due to flooded carriageway

The Restriction will be in place for a period of 21 days between 8th January 2025 and 28th January 2025

AGREED - That Councillor Watson be asked to pursue NY Highways for permission to place grit bins on the new estates especially as the NY Waste collection used the unadopted roads anyway.

12. NYC PATH KEEPER SCHEME.

The scheme has been developed to create closer working partnerships between North Yorkshire Council and local groups with a keen interest in maintaining their local paths. The scheme gives groups permission to carry out basic maintenance tasks on the Rights of Way network across North Yorkshire (excluding the National Parks).

Groups would adopt a set of paths, or agree a local area to cover. The scheme also gives scope for groups to raise funds for improvement works or larger projects along their adopted routes, such as replacing stiles with gates, or resurfacing paths.

The types of tasks that can be undertaken within the Path Keeper Scheme include -
Vegetation clearance—from along paths and around stiles, gates and signposts. Surface repairs—Filling in pot holes, clearing drainage channels, re-aligning steps. Minor bridge repairs—plus cleaning and clearing moss and weeds from decking. Straightening up leaning signposts or way-marker posts. Minor repairs to stiles and gates (with the landowner's permission). Way-marking— replacing old way-markers and adding new ones where necessary.

AGREED – That the Council do not partake in this scheme.

13. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

The report by MAB Environment & Ecology Ltd had been circulated to Councillor for their views.

Councillor Carter had submitted the following comments on the wildlife area report - As Walkers did not cut the wildlife area the cost of grasscutting and the "arisings" removal on an annual basis would need to be included as this work would need to be carried out by a contractor.

Councillor Rolph had reported that she still had some seed-mix left from last year which was sufficient to plant the new bed with Annual Cornfield and poppy seeds which would be a saving to the budget.

It was suggested that it would be appropriate to put a sum of £1,000 in the budget for the financial year 2025/26 for the wildlife area.

AGREED - That - (i) in the absence of Councillor Rolph the MAB Ecological Wildlife Area Report be considered at the next meeting of the Council; (ii) the fencing along the side of the wildlife area be continued along its whole length and (iii) Councillor White liaise with the Community Primary School as regards producing a wildlife report for the school site.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Northallerton Homegrown Food Festival.

It is very likely that for financial and personal reasons there will be a break in the holding of the Homegrown Food Festival this year and therefore the next festival will be in 2026.

The three main members of Festival Committee, who have been there since the start, are all stepping down and a special meeting is to be held at the end of this month to look at two options -

1. Handing over the project to new volunteers or another organisation, or

2. Winding it down

The festival has been held every year since 2012

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(i) Date of the Next Meeting

AGREED – That the next meeting of the Council be held in the Methodist Church on Tuesday 18th February 2025 at 7.15pm.

The Chairman submitted her apologies for the next Council meeting.

(ii) Street Lighting Between the Rugby Club and Hilton Close.

It was pointed out how dark it was from the Rugby Club at the end of the cycle path to the new street light on the corner of Hilton Close. The Clerk undertook to check whether there was a street light that was not working but it was thought that there were no street light along that length of Northallerton Road. AGREED - That if there is no street lighting then NY Street Lighting be asked to provide the cost for Brompton Council to pay for a new street light at that location.

(iii) Web Site.

It was pointed out that the home page for the Burial Board section of the Councils web side featured a photo of the Shop and that the text needed updating. The Clerk undertook to rectify this.

(iv) Bricks etc Outside 18 The Green.

AGREED - That the Clerk send a letter to 18 The Green asking for the removal of the quantity of bricks and other paraphernalia from outside the front of the property as with no street lighting they were a danger and indicating that in the event of them not being removed within one month the Council would do so and seek to recover the costs of so doing.

(v) Property Near the Water Splash.

A Councillor asked if the enclosure of the frontage for a property near the Water Splash was acceptable and the Clerk advised that the area of land concerned was within the owners own curtilage.

(vi) Removal of Royal Mail Post Box from Northallerton Road.

AGREED – That the Clerk ask Royal Mail wheer it was intended to re-site the Royal Mail Post Box that had been removed from the wall on Northallerton Road for highway safety reasons and also ask if the new site could include the original GR post box due to its historical significance.

16. BURIAL MATTERS.

Permission has been granted to change a photo on a headstone.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

