

Monthly Update – March 2025

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

No apologies for absence have been received .

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

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR AND CO-OPTED VACANCY

Due to moving out of the area Mrs Karen Mann will resigning from the Council at the conclusion of the March Council meeting. NYC will be asked to commence the election process.

As regards the current vacancy only one person expressed an interest in becoming a co-opted Councillor by the closing date for applications of the 17th March. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk will carry out the interview of the candidate in due course.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21st JANUARY 2025.

RECOMMENDED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 18th February, 2025 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

To report to the meeting.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – The meeting will be opened for a maximum of 10 minutes for Members of the public who wish to speak regarding items **within the remit of the Council.**

Question received in advance of the meeting from the Chairman of the BRG –

*I wonder if this email can be put to the Town Council for consideration.
For the Football Fun Day we would like to ask if it is possible for us to keep Dog walkers off the field for the day(whilst the event is on).
There will be a lot going on; in the past some of the walkers let their dogs off the lead as soon as they come onto the field and we feel this could cause problems on the day.
We will also be charging a fee for a programme for people coming to the event.
If it is agreed that we can keep dogs off for the day then we will put notices up around the site 2 weeks before the event.
Many Thanks*

5. LOCAL CRIME REPORT + INSTANCES OF VANDALISM.

Monthly Crime report not yet received.

Multi Agency Partnership Meeting – 11th March 2025 (Community Safety Hub)

Much of the meeting was taken up with an outline of NYCs **Emergency Planning** procedures.

Including template for Parish/Town Councils to complete with regard to the Community Emergency Plan.

BTC expressed interest in this some time ago but it all went silent – this is being chased up.

- necessary in case an emergency arises which involves the Internet going down so that there is a standby hard copy held by NYC containing such as telephone contact numbers etc.

Engagement Events -

Broadacres Housing Association Community Day held in the Town Hall on the 19th February.

Op Hilton Green to be held on the 31st March.

All **knife bins** now installed -

In February 75 knives were collected from all 5 bins - 21 from the one in the Applegarth and although there were a number of kitchen knives there were also machetes and hunting knives in the bins.

Some reluctance voiced on social media to use the bins as they are all sited near CCTV cameras but these are not monitored specifically for the knife bins,

As regards the planned location of the Knife Angel for some reason NYC has decided to cancel this - it may be possible to get it for 2026 if its tour of the Country is still ongoing.

As regards **ASB** hot spots the Police are currently revamping their Patrol Plans Countywide.

CCTV is still on going at Danelaw Gardens with enforcement through Muir Housing still ongoing.

An application has been made to extend the closure of the property on Hilton Green and it is hoped that the application will be successful.

Community Payback Scheme - run by the Probation Service

For October - December 2024 the stats were as follows -

9,203 hours completed in Group Placements supervised by Community Payback Supervisors

1,162 hours of education, training and employment completed

1,636 hours in individual placements such as Charity Shops sorting donations

Expressions of interest for future Community Projects that could be carried out by the Community Payback Team are currently being invited by the Probation Service.

Northallerton Underpass at the Library

Unfortunately the recently applied new anti-graffiti paint covering has been the subject of more graffiti - enquiries are being made to see what can be used to wash it off that will not adversely affect the anti graffiti paint.

Issues at North Moor Road bridge are still ongoing as the land belongs to Taylor Wimpey.

CCTV

Is still being operated from the basement at the Civic Centre. Will move to either Scarborough or Harrogate in June/July when it will have full time cover - however the original planned date to move was this March.

In the interim period no new CCTV locations will be added.

Cyber Crime Ambassadors Meeting with City of London Police – 24th February 2025

The City of London Police is the national lead for fraud and cyber crime.

Action Fraud has been the reporting system for fraud and cyber crime for some time.

However it was found that this was not fit for purpose, with only one in a thousand cases being solved, therefore following a procurement procedure this is to be replaced.

The system currently receives between 34,000 to 40,000 reports every month.

It is for other Police Authorities to decide when they should investigate and historically they have not been considered by Police Forces to be a priority.

Action Fraud has been proved to be far too slow in the past and is far too confusing

The new system will have far more emphasis on protect - ie advice on how to avoid the latest threats.

Hopefully the new system will block and disrupt crime by taking down fraudulent sites, activities and bank accounts.

Funding for the changes has been agreed by the Home Office.

There is a need to hold such as Amazon, Tik Tok, E bay, You Tube, Instagram, Facebook and Google etc to account - all are signed up to the on-line Safety Charter but there is a need to find out what they are doing to make sure that they can be held to be accountable.

Action Fraud will therefore become **Report Fraud** with the strapline - "Tell the Police About Incidents of Cyber Crime and Fraud"

So if you are are any way a victim of fraud or cyber crime report it to Report Fraud.

NB - during the change over you may still be referred to Action Fraud

The Home Office is currently running a "Stop - Think Fraud" campaign.

A Coms Officer has been appointed specifically to inform the public of successes that have been achieved.

Tracking will be live with the Forces having their own dashboards.

95 City of London Police will be trained on the new Report Fraud system with the MOD and the NHS also using the same system.

As there is a need to recognise developments in AI a continuous improvement element has been included in the procurement contract.

The public will be able to track their own cases as they will be given a reference number when they report an incident.

Out of over 24,000 people completing the December 2024 National Cybercrime survey nearly 5,000 had received suspicious telephone or text messages and nearly 4,000 had received suspicious emails.

Over 1,000 had lost money and 2,500 had been made to feel anxious and unsafe.

Sums of £230,000 and £80,000 had been lost and more women than men had lost monies of under £500.

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

(i) Brompton Carnival

The Carnival will be held on the May Bank Holiday weekend this year. New Committee members and volunteers are still need for the Carnival to continue.

(ii) Battle of the Standard Plaque.

Enquiries about its relocation still on-going.

(iii) Works to a Tree in the Conservation Area.

A matter relating to works to a tree at the rear of 8 Water End was referred to NYC Planning Enforcement.

The tree was inspected and it was found that branches had needed to be removed as they were obstructing a right of way.

(iv) Signs

The Vice-Chairman has the signs to put up at the Councils car park and also has the ones to erect when works are taking place.

(v) Cleaning of Gullies.

Following the last meeting NYC Highways reported that all gullies from North Moor Road to De Bruce Road had been cleaned and the lines had been jetted to make sure there were no obstructions.

(vi) Finger Post Sign opposite the Bus Shelter.

The sign needs cleaning but this may result in the paint being removed and it may then need to be re-painted.

(vii) Beck Blockage.

The blockage in the beck at the rear of The Orchards has not been cleared and has again been reported to the Environment Agency.

7. 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 12th March –

Red Oak Tree, Water End

RECOMMENDED - That Barnes Associates be asked to carry out a further static tree stability/stem strength assessment for £1,485.00 + VAT

NB - this is subject to review with Barnes Associates and will be reported to the Council meeting.

Wildlife Area Plant Orders

AGREED - That the plants requested for the Wildlife Area be ordered from Hedges Direct and Boston Seeds.

As the Council does not have an account with Hedges Direct the Clerk to pay for the order and reclaim the amount.

BRG - Goalposts.

RECOMMENDED. - That the following three sets of goalposts be ordered on behalf of the BRG -

Junior 11 year olds goalposts = 21 x 7 - £840

12 x 6 goalposts - £480.00

8 x 6 goalposts - £415.00

+ shipping - £125.00

TOTAL - £1,860.00 + VAT (£372.00) = £2,232.00

Such monies to come from the Barclays Bank interest earned on the CIL monies.

BRG - Play Equipment Safety Inspection

RECOMMENDED - That Tyne and Wear Play be asked to inspect the play equipment at the BRG play area when it carries out the Councils play equipment inspection at the Councils expense.

As regards the **2025/26 Budget** -

Provision for new dog bins be included in the budget

The provision of defibrillators for the new estates be removed from the budget.

Provision of salt bins for the new estates be included in the budget.

A sum of £3,000.00 be included in the budget for works to the barrier at the end of the cycle path on Northallerton Road.

Barclays Bank Interest

AGREED - That a sum of £4,900.00 be transferred from the Barclays Bank to the Unity Trust Bank being interest earned on the CIL monies, to be put towards good causes for the benefit of the village.

2025.26 Budget

The Finance Group drew up the Budget for the 2025/26 financial year for submission to the Council meeting for adoption.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9th April at 4.00pm.

(iii) Road Safety and Highways Group.

No meeting held.

(iv) Pedestrian/Cycling Strategy Joint Working Group.

No meeting held.

(v) Wildlife Area Working Group.

No meeting held.

(vi) New Estates Working Group.

No meeting held.

9. PLANNING MATTERS – To consider Planning Applications received since the last meeting –

ZB25/00279/LBC - Application for Listed Building Consent for six timber sash windows at Rose Cottage Farm, Brompton Lane.

10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Income

Barthrams Funeral Services (Burial fee)	580.00
NYC (Contribution towards VAS sign)	3,900.00

Payments –

Mr J Robinson (Financial advice)	420.00
P Atkin (Expenses)	90.89
P Atkin (Salary)	444.28

HMRC (PAYE)	111.00
NYC (Microsoft licence renewal)	61.79
Sam Turners & Sons (Cement, grass seed, barrier tape etc)	61.41
Mr D Langthorne (Village Caretaking)	576.00
YDS Limited (Trailer +Digger Hire etc)	1,034.69
Hillside Tree Surgeons (Strimming in Wildlife area)	40.00
NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges) Direct Debit	30.36

Unity Trust Bank at 28th February 2025 –

Current Account - £22,653.50.

Deposit Account - £60,613.50

Barclays Bank at 3rd March 2025

Business Premium Account (1) - £132,386.34

Business Premium Account (2) - £634.12

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

11. BUDGET 2025/26.

BUDGET INCOME 2025-26

Description	Proposed Budget 2025 - 26
Precept	£78,000
Bank Interest	£3,500
VAT Refund	£10,000
Grants	£0
Burial Fees	£1,500
Memorials	£0
Wayleaves	£300
Allotment Rents	£1,200
CIL Monies	£0
Village Caretaking	£200
Total Income	£94,700

BUDGET EXPENDITURE 2025-26

	Proposed Budget 2025 - 26
Salary/HMRC	£6,800

Admin- Expenses, Misc,audit fees,printing, payroll services,web site,newsletter	£6,000
Grasscutting	£14,000
Hedge Cutting	£1,000
Dog Bins*	£1,000
Allotments	£2,500
Insurance	£900
Water End Wildlife Area	£1,000
Burial Board	£1,500
Room Hire	£350
Recreation Ground*	£0
Recreation Area Maintenance	£1,000
Defib	£500
Tree Works	£10,000
Donations	£100
Trade Refuse Bin	£400
Highways	£3,000
Flood Prevention - Maintenance	£1,200
Village Caretaking- building materials, hire charges	£12,000
Projects - Flood Prevention	£0
Projects - Cemetery	£0
Projects - Graveyard Wall	£0
Projects - BRG	£2,200
Projects - Cockpit Hill	£4,000
Projects - Village Play Areas	£25,000
Projects - Street Light	£3,000
Projects - VAS	£4,450
Projects - Cycle Path	£3,000
Total Expenditure	£104,900

To approve the following budget for the financial year 2025/2026 –

RECOMMENDED - That the budget for the financial year 2025/26 as set above be approved.

12. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Including Notification of Road Closures and parking outside the school

13. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA – Including Condition of Red Oak Tree at Water End.

Signs have been put up to discourage dog owners from letting their dogs enter the beck during the current nesting season as this is disturbing the moorhens, egrets, ducks and other wildlife.

Wildlife area plants have been ordered.

Barnes Associates have now advised that the best option for a further inspection of the red oak tree would be a Dynaroot survey at a cost of £825.00 + VAT as opposed to a tree pull which would have cost £1,485.00.

14. CORRESPONDENCE - Not appearing elsewhere on the agenda

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Including Date of the next Meeting and Annual Parish Assembly – Tuesday 17th April 2025.

16. BURIAL MATTERS.

One burial is to take place at the beginning of April