

### **Monthly Update – April 2025**

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.**

Apologies for absence have received from Councillors Kelly and Robinson.

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

#### **CO-OPTED VACANCIES**

There are currently two vacancies on the Council open to co-option.

#### **2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025.**

**RECOMMENDED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 18th March, 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.**

#### **5. LOCAL CRIME REPORT + INSTANCES OF VANDALISM**

<b>Statistics taken from</b>	<b>01/03/2025 to 31/03/2025</b>
<b>Crime Type</b>	
Anti-Social Behaviour	2 Reports
Anti-Social Personal	2 Reports
Total	4 Reports
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	0 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	0 Reports
Criminal Damage	0 Reports
Theft (inc. Theft from Shop)	0 Reports
Violence against the person	1 Reports – 3 incidents for same issue
Other crimes inc. Drugs	1 Reports – civil matter
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Auto Crime / SMV	0 Reports
Total	2 Reports

No crime reports were received for the months of January and February 2025 due to the Police Volunteer being away.

No Multi Agency Community Partnership meeting has been held this month looking at local crime. The next meeting will be in May.

The Close Order on a property at Hilton Green has been extended by the Court for a further three months.

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

##### (i) Lowfield Farm + Animal Justice Protest

Letters were sent to Mr G Spence and Rishi Sunak MP following the last Council meeting.

To date no responses have been received.

The Animal Justice Protest took place on Saturday 5th April involving 35 to 40 protesters.

The event was peaceful. There had been a Police presence in the village since early morning until late afternoon. Some residents joined in and the whole of the village was leafleted.

Tractor movements through the village have substantially reduced.

##### (ii) BRG Fun Day,

The BRGs social media Face book page states that the event was a success.

##### (iii) Blockage in the Beck.

The beck to the rear of The Orchards is still blocked with a variety of wood, tyres, fallen trees etc. the Environment Agency has been asked several times to clear this blockage.

##### (iv) Overgrown hedge on Stokesley Road.

The Highways Inspector has spoken to the land owner who has given an assurance that the hedge will be cut back.

##### (v) Allotments.

A skip was hired from Bedale Skip Hire to remove a variety of wood etc from the allotments site.

##### (iv) Pothole - De Bruce Road Bus Stop

A potential pothole near the De Bruce Road bus stop on Norhallerton Road was reported to NY Highways and was repaired within a matter of days. However the repair made appears to have deteriorated

##### (vi) New Street Light, Northallerton Road.

Councillor Carter and the Clerk are to meet with NYC Lighting Engineer regarding the location of the new street light on the morning of the Council meeting.

##### (vii) Fullicar Lane Signs.

The signs at the start of Fullicar Lane which read “Private Road – Please Drive Carefully” have disappeared.

(viii) Condition of Seat at Water End.

Concerns have been expressed about the condition of the seat near the climbing frame at Water End. Enquiries are on-going about who this seat belongs to. The seat has been removed.

(ix) Local Government Boundary Commission Review.

The draft recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission take on board the views of BTC that the current arrangements for the North Northallerton/Brompton Ward are working well.

(x) BRG – Plans for the Future.

The BRG Committee has drawn up revised plans for the future of the pavilion. Expenditure has been estimated at £100,000 over the next 20 years. The BRG has been asked if they have a Business Plan and a breakdown of these costs.

(xi) Dog Walker in the Recreation Ground.

A dog walker has been spotted in the Recreation Ground on a morning at 6.45am. The Dog Wardens do not start work that early and in any case do not cover public parks etc.

(x) New Play Equipment.

The junior swings and the slide have been installed in the Recreation Ground. The new swings at Water End will be completed shortly.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Swings at Water End.

Agreed – That the additional expenditure in the sum of £825.00 + VAT be endorsed for the new pcc edge and extending the area for the safety surfacing for the new swings at Water End.

Barn Owl Box

**Recommended** - That the sum of £45.00 (materials only) be spent on a Barn Owl Box from Northallerton Men's Shed subject of an invoice being received and direct bank payment being made.

Bus Shelter

The Group saw difficulties with NYC Planning regarding the artwork suggested for the bus shelter – see item further down on the agenda.

#### YLCA Annual Subscription

**Recommended** - That the Council does not renew its annual subscription to the YLCA, the amount due being £852.00. The Council could re-join the organisation at any time in the future if it so wishes.

#### BRG Future Plans.

With regard to the revised Pavilion drawings that had been received from the BRG the Finance Group commented that it would be useful if there were some detailed costings that outlined the breakdown of the £100.000 that had been quoted as being required over the next 20 years.

#### Welcome to Brompton Signs.

**Recommended** - That quotations be obtained for “Welcome to Brompton” signs and when the locations have been agreed applications be made to NYC Highways for Licences for their location.

#### Next Meeting.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

(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.

(v) New Estates Working Group.

No meeting held.

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

ZB25/00487/FUL – Construction of a bungalow – Prospect House

**NB – As a tenant of land in the same ownership the Council is unable to comment**

ZB25/00548/FUL – Partial change of use of agricultural land into domestic, Proposed alterations and extension to existing dwelling. Demolition of existing detached garage and construction of new detached garage – Redhill Cottage, Brompton Lane.

ZB25/00605/FUL – Two storey side extension - 40 Badger Lane.

**Councillors views are requested on the above two planning applications**

Land North Of Winton Road

A public consultation event was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> March in the Mencap Centre regarding plans to develop land north of Winton Road. The event was very well attended.

10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Income

Hill Brothers Funeral Services (Interment fee)	400.00
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Payments –

TP Jones & Co (Quarterly payroll)	59.40
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Boston Seeds (Wildflower plants)	41.99
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P Atkin (Expenses)	26.20
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P Atkin (Salary)	444.28
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HMRC (PAYE)	111.00
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Sam Turners & Sons (Dahlia stakes + seeds)	27.88
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Mr D Langthorne (Village Caretaking)	****
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YDS Limited (Trailer +Digger Hire etc)	****
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Hillside Tree Surgeons (Tree works)	2,043.53
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*NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges) Direct Debit*	30.36
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Paid Out of Meeting –

Bedale Skip Hire 9Skip for allotments)	276.00
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Unity Trust Bank at 31st March 2025 –

Current Account - £19,694.46.

Deposit Account - £60,995.42

Barclays Bank at 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

Business Premium Account (1)	- £127,486.34
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Business Premium Account (2)	- £634.12
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**RECOMMENDED – That the accounts listed above be approved for payment.**

Final Accounts for the Financial Year 2024/25

These appear on the last page of the Monthly Update

Internal Audit

The Council's accounts for the financial year 2024/25 have been submitted for Internal Audit.

11. DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH No.10.19-8, Northfields Farm and Northfields House.

Received from NYC –

Postcode: DL6 2TJ.

The Council has received an application for the diversion of the above Public Right(s) of Way. The current and proposed routes are as shown on the attached plan.

The proposed diversion is intended to divert Public Footpath. The proposed route will be 2 and 3 metres wide.

In order to make an informed judgement on the likely effect of the proposal I am seeking the views of all interested parties before a decision is taken to make an Order under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

**Councillors views are requested**

12. BUS SHELTER.

NB – Not Replacement Bus Shelter as stated on the agenda sheet

A Councillor has suggested decorating the bus shelter with a modern design as it is gloomy and uninviting.

It needs to be noted that this is in the Conservation Area.

**Councillors views are requested.**

13. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Including Notification of Road Closures

14. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA

Bird boxes have been put up and wildflower plants have been planted.

A quotation has been received from Hillside Tree Surgeons for the continuation of the fencing alongside the wildlife area in the sum of £2,932.16. This will need to be considered with the Budget.

15. CORRESPONDENCE - Not appearing elsewhere on the agenda

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Including Date of the next Meeting (Annual Meeting of the Council) – Tuesday 15th May 2025. Please note changed date.

17. BURIAL MATTERS.

Two burials have taken place since the last Council meeting.

BROMPTON TOWN COUNCIL		
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025		
	<u>2023/24</u>	<u>2024/25</u>
<b><u>GENERAL A/C INCOME</u></b>		
Precept	£68,000.00	£76,000.00
Bank Interest	£2,419.15	£3,529.89
VAT Refund	£7,523.14	£16,554.05
Grants	£2,000.00	£3,900.00
Burial Fees	£880.00	£3,355.00
Memorials	£0.00	£0.00
Wayleaves	£348.55	£348.55
Allotment Rates	£1,200.00	£1,620.11
Village Caretaking	£180.00	£180.00
CIL Moies	£0.00	£25,730.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£82,550.84</u></b>	<b><u>£131,217.60</u></b>
<b><u>GENERAL A/C PAYMENTS</u></b>		
Salary/HMRC	£6,462.67	£6,663.36
Admin- Expenses,Misc,audit fees,printing,payroll services,web site, newsletter	£5,020.32	£5,654.60
Grasscutting	£11,721.60	£12,119.20
Hedge Cutting	£1,000.00	£380.00
Dog Bins	£0.00	£0.00
Sweeping	£0.00	£0.00
Allotments	£1,200.00	£1,660.80
Insurance	£812.74	£880.74
Water End Wildlife Area	£365.35	£909.67
Burial Board	£0.00	£6,610.99
Room Hire	£264.00	£240.00
Recreation Ground	£27,623.43	£18,392.38
Noticeboards	£0.00	£0.00
Defib	£300.00	£0.00
Tree Works	£7,268.60	£12,348.15
Donations	£530.00	£100.00
Trade Refuse Bin	£372.90	£382.31
Car Park	£0.00	£0.00
Highways	£2,381.94	£0.00
Village Caretaking- building materials, hire charges	£8,173.52	£7,476.94
Projects - Bridge	£3,900.00	£0.00
Projects - Flood Prevention	£30,876.00	£804.00
Projects - BRG	£0.00	£4,400.00
Projects - Graveyard Wall	£12,999.60	£2,432.40
Projects - VAS Signs	£500.00	£0.00
Projects - Cockpit Hill	£0.00	£1,795.89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£121,772.67</u></b>	<b><u>£83,251.43</u></b>
<b><u>BANK RECONCILIATION</u></b>	<b><u>2023/24</u></b>	<b><u>2024/25</u></b>
Opening Bank Balances	£201,786.50	£163,327.99
Plus Income Received	£82,550.84	£131,217.60
Minus Expenditure	£121,772.67	£83,251.43
Unpresented cheques	£2,207.82	£0.00
Cash in hand	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Figure reported at Annual Return</b>	<b><u>£164,772.49</u></b>	<b><u>£211,294.16</u></b>
Balance of Unity Trust Current A/c	£0.00	£19,970.46
Balance of Unity Trust Savings A/c	£0.00	£60,995.42
Balance of Barclays Community Account a/c	£200.00	£0.00
Balance of Barclays Business Premium a/c	£20,405.30	£634.12
Balance of Barclays Premium Savings a/c	<u>£142,722.69</u>	<u>£127,486.34</u>
Sub Total	<b><u>£163,327.99</u></b>	<b><u>£209,086.34</u></b>
Plus credit for cheques presented this year from last year accounts	£1,444.50	£2,207.82
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£164,772.49</u></b>	<b><u>£211,294.16</u></b>
Difference	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Reserves:</b>		
General Reserve	£60,762.00	£60,995.00
CIL Reserve	£141,025.00	£127,486.00