

**Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council held in the Methodist Church,
Brompton on Tuesday 18th March 2025**

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

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

No apologies for absence were received.

Councillors Langthorne and Robinson declared interests in the Accounts regarding cheque payments.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR AND CO-OPTED VACANCY

Due to moving out of the area Mrs Karen Mann would be resigning from the Council at the conclusion of the March Council meeting. NYC would be asked to commence the election process. The Chairman thanked Mrs Mann for her service on the Council.

As regards the current vacancy only one person had expressed an interest in becoming a co-opted Councillor by the closing date for applications of the 17th March. However that expression of interest had subsequently been withdrawn

2. MINUTES.

AGREED — 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

Councillor Watson reported that he had had two meetings with the York and North Yorkshire Mayor who had proved to be very approachable. The Mayor was fully aware of rail service issues in Northallerton and was a member of the Rail Board which was looking into improvements to services running north from Northallerton. The Mayor was also looking into improvements of transport to James Cook Hospital.

In addition, as regards sustainable transport the Mayor was looking into where he could assist with cycle and walking routes and was aware of what Northallerton and Brompton Town Councils wanted; two Northallerton Town Councillors having attended the meeting with the Mayor, which had been a really good meeting.

As regards a meeting with Taylor Wimpey Councillor Watson was asking who the Managing Director now was.

As regards allotments on the Brompton side of the NND Councillor Watson was waiting for a sit down meeting with both developers which would include Peter Jones who had been the Planning Officer at the time of the development proposals.

Councillor Watson was also still chasing up the developers as regards removing building debris etc from the site and the removal of graffiti from the North Moor Road bridge.

A meeting was still awaited with Persimmon Homes as regards the VAS sign but Councillor Watson was reasonably confident of the outcome.

As regards recent issues of parking outside Brompton CP School the owner of BS Autos had stated that that had been a one-off, however the same situation had occurred on the day of the current Council meeting.

As regards parking at the BRG the car park came under NYC who were looking at issuing permits, for which a fee would be paid, for up to 14 vehicles and those above that number would be lifted and shifted.

The owner of BS Autos was aware of the event at the BRG on the 6th April.

The question was asked if there were five workers at BS Autos then would their five vehicles be included in the 14?

Councillor Watson referred to the ongoing NYC issue regarding Home to School Transport stating that 92% of parents had got the school of their choice, with the matter coming back to the full Council meeting in May.

As regards slurry on the highway Councillor Watson said that he would need to know where the vehicles were going from and to and he would raise this with Environmental Health.

Councillor Hazelwood said that he would keep asking if anything had happened as regards the future of the Sports Village.

The Vice-Chairman reported that the parking of a breakdown vehicle at BS Autos had prevented the buses from getting past and was causing chaos outside the school.

It was also reported that an ambulance recently had difficulty getting past the school because of the parked vehicles.

Councillor Watson said that one option would be to put double yellow lines down.

Councillor Watson had also asked for the speed information that had been recorded from the speed recorders around the village, in addition Keane Duncan the NYC Transport Portfolio Holder had asked what the current position was therefore there was a need to see the data.

It was questioned whether recent frequent tractor movements would have had any effect on the speed monitoring readings.

Councillor Rolph pointed out that in parts of the village the white lines were very difficult to see. In reply Councillor Watson said that he had asked about the white lines at the bus stop and had been told that they were up to standard. It was suggested that some photos of these be sent to NY Highways.

It was reported that there were no white lines at any of the bus stops in the village and Councillor Watson responded saying that highways standards had changed.

Councillor Rolph also said that the allocation of 14 parking spaces to BS Autos at the BRG car park seemed to be rather generous and Councillor Watson responded that this would be easier to police and that there was a need to see BS Autos Operators Licence.

Councillor Kelly arrived at the meeting at 7.30pm.

It was mentioned that it was unacceptable for someone to operate a business and expect to park on a public car park. The Chairman pointed out that there had been some ambiguity as to who owned the car park although it was known now.

Councillor Kelly mentioned that the change in the speed limit at the Rugby Club wasn't recorded on Sat Navs and Councillor Watson said that it was for the individual Sat Nav companies to do this.

In answer to a question Councillor Watson said that it wasn't possible to paint 30 on the carriageways due to national standards.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

(1) Mrs Langthorne said that the traffic situation at the crossroads in the centre of the village was horrendous on mornings. In response Councillor Watson said that this was partly caused by people parking right up to the junction and was a Police matter as the law stated that parking was prohibited nearer than 10 metres from a road junction.

(2) Mr Harrison expressed concerns over the continual movements of large agricultural vehicles over Cockpit Hill which could be felt in the houses. He also said that nitrates from these vehicles were killing fish in the beck.

Councillor Watson said that he would get Environmental Health involved.

Councillor Rolph expressed concerns at the high levels of nitrates being brought off Lowfield Farm by the tractors and trailers and asked if the requirements for wheel washers at the farm had been implemented.

(3) Mr Colley stated that he lived at Water End and every morning his car was completely dirty from the passing tractors with the vehicle movements going on into the night, adding that the damage to the Greens was unacceptable and that the kerbs were not designed to keep tractors off. Mr Colley also said that people didn't seem to care about the situation.

The Chairman reported that the Council had tried to resolve this by placing boulders along the sides of the Green at Water End, adding that one reason as to why more complaints weren't received was perhaps due to a lot of the houses along Water End being rented. Councillor Watson added that the contracted tractor drivers were paid on how many trips they made and this didn't encourage them to lower their speeds.

The question was asked if the implications of increased traffic had been referred to in any planning approvals granted at the farm.

AGREED - That the Council write to its local MP and to the farm owner expressing concerns at the detrimental effect on the village that heavy agricultural vehicle movements were having.

The Chairman asked members of the public to write likewise.

It was also reported that Animal Justice was to hold a protest day in Brompton on Saturday 5th April.

(4) Mrs B Slater referred to the question that had been put to Councillors in an email before the meeting asking of the Councils support in keeping dogs off the BRG field on the day of the football event on the 8th April.

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*

She added that once a year, historically on Boxing Day the right of way access gate at the top of the field was closed off, so that on that day it was not a right of way, and that date could be substituted for the 6th April

Mrs Slater also reported that a meeting had been held in the previous week with coaches of some teams who may be interested in using the BRG pitches in the next football season.

AGREED - That the Council support the BRGs efforts to keep dogs off the field on the 6th April.

Mrs Slater thanked the Council for the help and support it had given to the BRG.

The Chairman remarked that a further meeting between the Council and the BRG would be held after Easter.

5. LOCAL CRIME REPORT + INSTANCES OF VANDALISM.

The Monthly Crime report was not received prior to the meeting received.

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

The report of this meeting can be found in the Monthly Update

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

The report of this meeting can be found in the Monthly Update.

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

(i) Brompton Carnival

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

(ii) Battle of the Standard Plaque.

Enquiries about the relocation of the plaque were still on-going. Councillor Carter reported that the matter was now with York Diocese.

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

A matter relating to works to a tree at the rear of 8 Water End had been 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 had the signs to put up at the Council's car park and also had 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. Councillor Carter reported that some of the gullies were blocked again. It was also pointed out that parked cars around the village prevented some gullies from being cleaned.

(vi) Finger Post Sign opposite the Bus Shelter.

The sign needed 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 had not been cleared and had again been reported to the Environment Agency. It was suggested the EA were working their way along the beck.

(vi) Notice Board at Cockpit Hill.

The Vice-Chairman had repaired the notice board as the two catches had become jammed.

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

No actions 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

Barnes Associates had subsequently 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 - AGREED

Wildlife Area Plant Orders

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

As the Council did 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.

Mrs Slater reported that the smaller goal posts to be used by the children would be stored away when not in use.

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.

AGREED- That (i) with the exception of the recommendation in respect of the red oak tree the recommendations of the Finance Group be approved, (ii) the goal posts be ordered as soon as possible.

(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.

ZB25/00279/LBC - Application for Listed Building Consent for six timber sash windows at Rose Cottage Farm, Brompton Lane – No objections.

10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Income

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

Payments –

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| 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 |

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| Northallerton Men's Shed (Donation) | 100.00 |
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| *NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges) Direct Debit* | 30.36 |
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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

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

11. BUDGET 2025/26.

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

| <u>BUDGET INCOME 2025-26</u> | | |
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| 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 | |
| <u>BUDGET EXPENDITURE 2025-26</u> | | |
| | 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 | |

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

12. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

See Councillor Watsons report above.

13. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

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

Wildlife area plants had been ordered. The Chairman reported that 1,030 daffodil bulbs had been planted with these increasing every year.

There was to be a sign put up at the wildlife area that the plants had been planted by the children from Brompton Community Primary School

It was reported that Barnes Associates had subsequently 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.

The habitat boxes had been received from Northallerton Men's Shed in kit form and had been taken to the School for them to put together.

AGREED- That the Clerk contact Hillside Tree Surgeons to ask them to put the boxes up when ready.

14. CORRESPONDENCE.

None

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(i) Date of the next Meeting and Annual Parish Assembly.

AGREED – That the next meeting of the Council and the Annual Parish Assembly be held in The Methodist Church on Tuesday 17th April 2025.

(ii) Moles on the Green at Water End.

A Councillor reported that she had received a complaint about moles on the Green at Water End. Councillors agreed that as in previous years the Green would restore itself in due course without any action being taken in respect of the moles.

(iii) Car Park Signs.

AGREED - That both of the new signs be put up at the Council's car park.

(iv) Methodist Chapel Roof.

The Vice-Chairman reported that a number of tiles had come off the corner of the roof of the Methodist Chapel. Mr P Walker who was present at the meeting said that the Church would carry out these works.

(v) Council's Car Park.

In answer to a question it was reported that works in the car park were on-going and were in the following years budget which included the laying of stone and painting of the fence.

(vi) Resurfacing of Lead Lane.

Councillor Robinson reported that her husband had reported the state of Lead Lane on the NYC Parish Portal and had been informed that Lead Lane was in the NYC budget to be planed and resurfaced.

(vii) Fencing of the Wildlife Area.

The question was raised as to whether the remainder of the roadside of the wildlife area should be fenced. AGREED - That this be looked at at the next meeting of the Finance Group and that in the meantime the Clerk obtain a quotation for the works from Hillside Tree Surgeons.

(viii) De Bruce Road Sign.

Councillor Carter said that he could take the damaged road sign away and repair it - AGREED.

16. BURIAL MATTERS.

The Clerk reported that two burials were due to take place.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm