

## **Monthly Update – June 2025**

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

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

### 2. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR.

Mr Chris Potter was interviewed on the 30<sup>th</sup> May and it is **Recommended** that Mr Potter be invited to join the Council at the current meeting.

Mr Potter to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

No residents responded to the advertisement for the second vacancy by the closure date and it having been re-advertised to end on the 6<sup>th</sup> July two expressions of interest have to date been received.

Also Councillor Rolph has been asked to clarify whether she has actually resigned from the Council as the information did not come directly from her and it stated that she intended to resign and this was not accepted by NYC as a letter of resignation

### 3. MINUTES.

**RECOMMENDED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 13th May, 2025 having been having been previously circulated be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.**

### 4. REPORT OF COUNCILLOR STEPHEN WATSON

To report to the meeting.

### 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

### 6. LOCAL CRIME REPORT + INSTANCES OF VANDALISM.

<b>Statistics taken from</b>	<b>01/05/2025 to 31/05/2025</b>
<b>Crime Type</b>	
Anti-Social Behaviour	1 Reports
Anti-Social Personal	1 Reports
Total	2 Reports
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	0 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	0 Reports
Criminal Damage	1 Reports
Theft (inc. Theft from Shop)	1 Reports
Violence against the person	4 Reports
Other crimes inc. Drugs	0 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports

Auto Crime / SMV	0 Reports
Total	6 Reports

Information that a property in Brompton was being used for purposes of drug dealing was passed to the Police.

## 7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

### (i) Ashes Plot in the Churchyard.

The issue of the burial of ashes in the Churchyard has continued throughout the last month.

The matter having been referred by the PCC to the York Diocese the Diocese raised objection to the burial of the relatives ashes next to the mother and father's ashes plot in the Churchyard, indicating that there was no guarantee that the new ashes would not disturb the existing buried ashes and that it was not appropriate to add a further plaque.

The Diocese indicated that they would be willing to meet the applicant but that would be at a cost - it was not clear who was expected to pay the costs of the meeting.

In the circumstances the ashes are to be buried in Northallerton Cemetery which as a current Northallerton resident, although a former very longstanding resident of Brompton, was cheaper than the double burial fee for Brompton Cemetery.

### (ii) Bridge Closure - Rear of The Orchards.

Following Councillor Kelly raising the matter and NYC closing off the footbridge a complaint was received that Brompton Council was doing nothing to repair the broken footbridge at the rear of The Orchards and that it could not be used.

The complainant was referred to North Yorkshire Council.

The bridge is beyond repair and is to be replaced but this will be at some time in the future and it is likely to remain closed for a lengthy period.

### (iii) North Yorkshire Local Plan.

The current Local Plan consultation has been forwarded to all Councillors to respond to individually if they so wish.

### (iv) Grasscutting Issues.

Damage occurred to a new headstone plinth and to an ashes plinth in the Cemetery on the recent grass cut. Walkers have been sent the photographs but to date have not responded. They have been asked to have more respect when grasscutting in the Cemetery as such damage can be very upsetting to relatives of the deceased.

Although they had promised some weeks ago to trim the edge of the path alongside the Recreation Ground to the Methodist Church on their next cut Walkers did not however carry out this work.

They have been reminded once again that the edge of the path needs to be trimmed.

### (v) Strimming of the Beck Sides.

Unfortunately when the beck sides were strimmed (not by Walkers) last month the cuttings went into the beck itself and gave rise to a number of adverse comments. The cuttings were subsequently removed.

Several complaints were received about the state of the beck.

(vi) Play Equipment Safety Inspections.

The annual play equipment safety inspections are to be carried out on the 20th June.

(vii) Outdoor Adult Gym Equipment.

During the current long period of very dry weather the wood on the adult outdoor gym equipment had contracted so that the metal bars had loosened. The supplier of the equipment forwarded a number of new bolt fixings free of charge and these were fitted by Mr D Langthorne who also tightened up the other fixings.

(viii) Works on the Village Green.

As per usual practice the Clerk granted consent to MGroup Telecoms to enable works to be carried out to connections at 9A The Green.

(ix) EVCPs

Following last month's Council meeting NYC indicated that EVCPs at the Council's car park off Cockpit Hill could not be added to the Council's list at present. The following response was later received from North Yorkshire Council –

*My colleague Tom responded to this enquiry with someone else (Jason) at Brompton PC. You can find that correspondence attached but in summary Tom says we are going to work with a soon to be appointed Charging Point Operator to decide where to install the charging points which may include some in the Brompton area. The previously installed EVCP's will be back up and running quickly once we are in contract. The appointment of a CPO was anticipated to be 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025 but that is no longer applicable, instead we are a month or two behind schedule and anticipate being in contract by August/September.*

*If you wish to pursue delivery of your own charging points that's absolutely fine and Tom has offered his support to help you do that though we do not have any funding to offer you, unfortunately.*

*We'd be happy to answer any further questions you have if you can respond to the EV team whom I have copied into this email.*

(xi) Horse Box etc at The Green.

Two weeks ago the grasscutting contractor was unable to cut part of The Green as a quantity of horse jumps etc had been left on The Green next to the horse box.

A letter was to be sent to the owner of the horse box asking that they be removed but both the horse box and the jumps had in the meantime been removed.

(xii) Bus Shelter.

Residents have expressed concern about the state of the bus shelter. It is quite obviously being used occasionally as a toilet and people are reluctant to go inside to sit on the seat while waiting for a bus. There is also a substantial amount of overgrowth on the roof and in the guttering. The bus shelter is in need of a deep clean.

Miles and Darrell Langthorne are to look to see what can be done.

(xiii) Gully Emptying.

The question was raised with NYC as to when gully cleaning would be carried out in Brompton. NYC responded as follows –

*Highway drainage across the County is managed on a risk-based system, known as Kaarbontech, by North Yorkshire Council (NYC). This risk analysis takes account of urban and traffic densities, road hierarchy, historic flood records, network condition, silt level history, proximity to trees and other inspection history to improve the accuracy of computer modelling. The results are then used to provide a more effective solution to the management of highway drainage.*

*In practise, this means areas considered to need cleaning more often will receive that, while other gullies may not be cleaned as regularly. There are three cyclic treatments based on the priority and history of individual drainage systems which are 6 monthly, annual and biannual.*

*Please note that each time we receive a request for a non-programmed gully clean, as well as taking the gully crew away from the cyclical programme and delaying that process, it also incurs costs to the Authority by around five times as much as a cyclical clean. As a result, NYC can now only consider carrying out non-programme cleans if a blocked gully poses immediate risk of internal flooding to a property, or poses a significant hazard to the highway. The gullies reported have been inspected by one of our Highway Officers who advises me that none meet our criteria for additional cleaning therefore they will be cleaned at the next cyclic clean.*

*However, it must be noted that where one gully appears to be blocked this does not necessarily mean the remaining system isn't functioning. Where surface water may run over the top of one gully it will be captured by the next one in that system/ run. In addition, localised flooding after heavy rainfall does not necessarily mean that the gully is blocked. Following a heavy rain event it may be that the volume of surface water discharging into a gully is too high. Usually this is a capacity issue and not an indication that the gully is obstructed or has failed.*

*Please accept my apologies that I am unable to offer a more positive response on this occasion.*

(xiv) Parking of Vehicles on the BRG Car Park.

Concerns have been raised about the manner in which vehicles are being parked on the BRG car park - in particular how close they are to the information plinth.

(xv) Marking of Grave Plot.

A very disgruntled stonemason complained that a grave plot had not been marked in the Cemetery. He left rather quickly when it was pointed out to him that he was not in Brompton on Swale.

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

To report to the meeting.

## 9. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS –

### (i) Finance Group.

The Finance Group met on the 8th June.

#### Unpaid Invoices

#### **Recommended -**

**That any Invoices that remain unpaid after having had a reminder with interest added at the expiration of 28 days be then referred to the Small Claims Court after the expiration of a further 28 days if still unpaid.**

#### Purchase of Grave Spaces

That should Mr G Spence wish to purchase two grave plots at the foot of his parents grave then a discount of £200 be offered in consideration of the fact that Mrs Spence was not buried in the grave previously purchased next to her husband

#### Fair Rent.

That this years Fair rent in the sum of £180.00 be given to Brompton Community Primary School and that the School be asked to put this towards school trips.

#### Safety Inspection of Memorials in the Churchyard.

That the quotation received from David France, Stonemason in the sum of £470 + VAT for the safety inspection of memorials in the Churchyard be accepted.

#### Next Meeting.

Monday 14th July at 4.00pm

### (ii) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

No meeting held

### (iv) Joint Pedestrian/Cycling Working Group.

No meeting held

### (v) New Estates Working Group.

No meeting held

## 10. PLANNING MATTERS.

### Planning Consultation - Land West of Northallerton Road

A consultation event was held in The Rugby Club on the 12th June with regard to a potential planning application for Affordable Housing on the old farm site west of the Darlington Road roundabout.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillor Carter and the Clerk attended the event.

It is anticipated that a planning application will be submitted to NYC in late July.

#### 16. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

##### Income

Crow Leisure (Rent of Church Green)	180.00
Dales of Thirsk (Memorial fee)	55.00
Barthrams Funeral Directors (Burial fee)	620.00

##### Payments –

CE+ CE Walker (April grasscutting)	913.20
P Atkin (Salary)	444.28
HMRC (PAYE)	111.00
P Atkin (Expenses	
Hillside Tree Surgeons	810.00
Brompton Community Primary School (Fair rent donation)	180.00
Mr D Langthorne (Works at Allotments and car park)	334.00
YDS Limited (Trailer Hire)	60.00
*NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges) Direct Debit*	30.36
Paid out of meeting –	
Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd (Annual Premium)	893.60

##### Unity Trust Bank at 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025 –

Current Account - £24,924.61.

Deposit Account - £60,995.42

##### Barclays Bank at 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

Business Premium Account - £128,547.49

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

##### Annual Financial Return - AGAR

Following the approval at the last Council meeting the annual financial return and supporting documentation has been sent to the External Auditors and the rights of the public to inspect the documents have also been advertised.

## 12. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

No new matters.

## 13. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

No new matters.

## 14. CORRESPONDENCE.

### (i) Use of Black Bins

A complaint was received from a resident that a neighbour was using two black bins but has put different house numbers on them so they both get collected. The complaint was that they were getting away with a freeby on their Council Tax bill by filling two bins.

The Clerk referred the complainant to NYC.

### (ii) Use of Property for Business Purposes.

A complaint was received about Brompton Council doing nothing about a lady running a hairdressing business on Vikings Court and clients blocking other resident's driveways.

The Clerk referred the complainant to NYC Planning.'

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Including Date of the next Meeting – Tuesday 15th July 2025 and Date of Annual Village walk-round,

16. BURIAL MATTERS – To determine the siting of future ashes plots.

### Future Ashes Plots in the Cemetery

As previously circulated to Councillors.

**Recommended – That in order to not compromise the use of additional full burial plots in Plots E, F and H in the Cemetery the burial of ashes be continued along the edge of Plot C when the ashes plots in Plot G are full.**

### Burial

A burial took place last week of which the Undertaker failed to notify the Burial Board.

This is an extremely serious omission.

Fortunately the Undertaker dug the correct grave from information provided to them from the Exclusive Rights Certificate in the possession of relatives.

The Burial Authority grants permission for burials not the Undertakers. One reason being so that burials do not clash but more importantly to ensure that burials take place in the correct graves.

