

Monthly Update – January 2025

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Rachel Smith has resigned from the Council due to work commitments.

North Yorkshire Council will implement the election process in due course.

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

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17th DECEMBER 2024.

RECOMMENDED – 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

To report to the meeting.

Issues raised at last meeting –

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.

I will investigate further with planning.

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

NO they have not agreed a date but now Christmas is out of the way I will press them for a meeting asap.

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.

Can a case be made to reinstate the proposed Skills Village?

To the best of my knowledge this one faded away within HDC as the providers had moved focus and funding.

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.

ONGOING

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

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

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

Firearms Police arrested the three men at a property in the village. Two are from Thirsk and one is from Northallerton.

Community Multi Agency Partnership Meeting – 14th January 2025

Local points from the monthly MAPS meeting.

Reassurances are being given to residents around the Hilton Green area about the operation leading to the closure order on a property.

Community events - residents have indicated at the recent community events in Northallerton that they would like to see more community engagement events involving other agencies such as Broadacres Housing who may be able to give advice to residents.

Operation Tornado is being carried out targeting criminals using our local roads.

Staging of Crime Scene Investigations in local schools including fingerprinting.

Police Patrol Plan for Northallerton currently covers ASB in the town centre, Barkers Arcade and the Applegarth and there is an increase in early evening patrols.

Reporting of graffiti has reduced.

CCTV is in place at Danelaw Gardens with one address being an issue and working with Muir Housing as regards options for enforcement.

Anti graffiti paint works started on the underpass near the library but stopped due to adverse weather conditions and is to restart gain.

No response from Taylor Wimpey about graffiti at the bridge on North Moor Road and the area is now becoming a dumping ground for discarded building materials.

The area under the bridge can be accessed outside of the view of CCTV.

Councillor Watson to visit TW HQ to raise concerns.

Police attended the North Moor Road area as youths were on the parts of the estates that had been frozen over in the recent weather and it was not known how deep the water was. No re-occurrences after Police attendance.

The CCTV control room is being moved from Stonecross but will in the future provide full 24/7 monitoring whereas at Stonecross it is only part time cover. This will be a vast improvement. There have been concerns that local knowledge may be lost by the move but staff have been offered employment at a new location if they wish to take the offer up.

Schools have been asked to enter a competition for a school parking safety banner by designing a poster around road safety but the local response has been low. The closing date is the second week in February.

There is to be a billboard in Northallerton about raising awareness of terrorism (currently rated as substantial - ie attack likely)

There has been an increase in fly tipping in the north of the Hambleton area on laybys. This has been significant over the past two weeks.

"CCTV is in Operation" signs that were moved elsewhere are to be put back in the East Cowton - Worsall area.

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

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

Swaledale Stonemasonry are 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 has 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.

RECOMMENDED – 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.

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 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 Job

Works at Cemetery

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

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Drains

E

Sunken Graves

NNA Wildlife Area

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Allotments

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| 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

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| A | Install mesh barrier at bridge |
| B | Repainting fences |
| C | Lay new stone |
| D | Clean cobbles |

Recreation Ground

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| A | Remove Elder tree |
| B | Install old climbing frame |
| C | Move goal posts |

Hire Charges

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| 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

(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 have been held with the Combined Authority's two lead transport officers and NYC's transport planning team.

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

Northallerton Town Council has recently prepared a Consultants Brief to prepare a Transport Improvement Plan for Northallerton. This has been prepared with very helpful input from officers at the Combined Authority and NYC who support the principle of it. Hopefully this will 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.

8. 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

Councillors views are requested

10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Income

Mr M Brockhurst (Ashes fee)	120.00
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Payments –

P Atkin (Salary)	444.20
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HMRC (PAYE)	111.00
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T P Jones (Quarterly payroll)	59.40
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Sam Turners & Sons (Salt rock)	19.20
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Hillside Tree Surgeons (Tree works)	1,750.00
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P Atkin (Expenses	42.60
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Mr D Langthorne (Caretaking)	****
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YDS Limited (Trailer Hire)	****
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NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges) Direct Debit	29.33
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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

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

Reclaim of VAT

A claim has been put into HMRC for the period 1 October to 31 December in the sum of £1,059.08.

The Bank Reconciliation appears at the end of the Monthly Update

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

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.

13. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA – To consider the Report by MAB Environment & Ecology Ltd

Report circulated to Councillor after Christmas for their views.

Councillor Kelly is preparing a report with recommendations for circulation to Councillors –
To Follow

14. CORRESPONDENCE - Not appearing elsewhere on the agenda

(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 – Including Date of the next Meeting – Tuesday 18th February 2025

16. BURIAL MATTERS.

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

