

### Monthly Update – July 2025

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

Apologies for absence have been received from Councillors Carter and Potter.

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

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

Since the last Council meeting the vacancies were advertised in the two School newsletters and in the Darlington and Stockton Times.

NYC have advised that the required number of residents to call an election (10) for Sam Rolphs vacant position have not materialised so we will deal with that vacancy by co-option as well.

It is planned to interview those persons interested in becoming a Councillor during August with any appointments being confirmed at the September Council meeting.

#### 3. MINUTES.

**RECOMMENDED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 17th June, 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.

Statistics taken from	01/06/2025 to 30/06/2025
Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	2 Reports
Anti-Social Personal	1 Reports
Total	3 Reports
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	0 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	0 Reports
Criminal Damage	1 Reports
Theft (inc. Theft from Shop)	2 Reports
Violence against the person	2 Reports
Other crimes inc. Drugs	0 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Auto Crime / SMV	0 Reports
Total	5 Reports

#### Multi Agency Partnership - Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025

The Closure Order on the property at Hilton Green has now been lifted and there are no further instances of concern.

A Closure Order has been issued on a property at Oak Grove and Broadacres Housing are seeking to repossess the property from the tenant.

An Anti Social Behaviour Awareness stall was manned by the Police at last weeks Wednesday market.

Issues connected to a group of young people causing a nuisance in Northallerton are being addressed.

Suspected County Lines drug dealing is allegedly of taking place in the Valley Road/Jolly Minster area of Northallerton. This has resulted in a high visible Police presence.

It is thought that a number of young people are involved in the drug dealing and that some vulnerable adults may also have been recruited with the possibility of cuckooing taking place.

Work continues with the schools/colleges with regard to knife crime. There is very little knife crime in North Yorkshire and those persons who are known to carry knives are stopped and searched on a regular basis.

The knives deposited in the Knife Amnesty Bins have mostly been kitchen knives and there have been no other knives that have been a cause for concern.

504 knives have been collected from the knife bins in Hambleton/Richmondshire since February - the majority being from the bins located at Stokesley, Colburn and Catterick.

The main continuing ASB issue concerns the "homeless" couple who sit in the doorways in the High Street all day.

They have been issued with a Community Protection Notice and that is being escalated to a Community Protection Order.

The Police estimate that the couple are making £200 a day as people assume they are homeless. They are not homeless but as they are not actually begging this restricts the lines of action that can be taken.

Background information indicates that they have been doing this around the Country for several years.

The strong message is not to give them money or food.

A Bleed Kit, to control and stop severe bleeding, will be placed next to the Defibrillator at Northallerton Town Hall, funding having been obtained for 8 such kits that will be placed at various locations in the Hambleton/Richmondshire area.

As regards Counter Terrorism and the introduction of Martyn's Law an event is being arranged through BID at the Golden Lion Hotel for local businesses to obtain information about their responsibilities under the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025.

The current Terrorism Level is Substantial - meaning that an attack is likely.

20% of all instances reported by the public of what may be potential terrorist activities turn out to be genuine threats.

Terrorist related arrests in the UK for the last year totalled 249 which is the highest number since 2019.

Other areas in brief -

There have been a large number of thefts of bikes, electric cycles and quad bikes from the Stokesley/ Great Ayton areas - arrests being made of persons from the Cleveland area and the Police have noticed patterns to these thefts.

Concerns about fires at Osmotherley in the current dry weather. New signs are to be erected - No Fires, No Camping, No Parking, No BBQs, Do Not Swim - Danger to Life.

At present while there are signs for No Fires these do not indicate that you can't have a BBQ.

Richmond Falls - there has been a large decrease in ASB instances - only one recent case recorded.

## 7. MATTERS ARISING.

### (i) New Benches in the Churchyard.

The PCC has asked the Council if it had any observations about the positioning of two new seats in the Churchyard. The PCC was subsequently informed that the Council would not accept any future maintenance responsibility for the benches and reserved the right to remove them under Health and Safety if they fell into disrepair in accordance with Council's insurance.

### (ii) Dog Fouling on The Green.

Following information received from a resident the matter was referred to North Yorkshire Council.

### (iii) Cutting of Hedge on Stokesley Road.

North Yorkshire Council had advised that it would escalate this with the landowner involved and if there was no progress it the hedge was not cut it would refer the matter to it's Legal Team for potential enforcement action.

### (iv) Cutting of Hedge Alongside Northallerton Road at The Close.

The hedge was scheduled to be cut in the third week of July as it had been done last year.

### (v) Battle of The Standard Memorial Plaque.

The PCC had advised Councillor Carter as follows –

*I am in the process of completing the faculty application for the Standard Memorial Plaque.*

*We would like to place the plaque on the wall in the church porch .*

*You mentioned Brompton Council would provide an explanation plate in an appropriate materiel. Also, you mentioned you may mount the plaque on a wooden base. Could you let me have more detail about the explanation plate i.e. size, wording, material. Also the size of the wooden base.*

### (vi) Pavement Repair – Water End.

A resident had again raised an issue from two years ago with regard to the responsibility for the maintenance of a small section of pavement at the north east end of Water End.

NYC Highways had advised the resident that BTC was responsible the pavement but this was not the case. This is another instance similar to the one at the foot of Cockpit Hill which last year where such short sections of footpath are not shown on any Deeds following land transfers very many years ago. The resident has been advised to seek the advice of a Solicitor.

### (vii) Adult Outdoor Gym Equipment.

Concerns about the current condition of the adult gym equipment in the Recreation Ground have been referred to Playequip.

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

To be reported to the meeting.

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

### (i) Finance Group.

The Finance Group met on the 12<sup>th</sup> July.

#### Play Equipment - Climbing Frame at Water End.

AGREED - That the climbing frame at Water End be replaced in the current financial year by a modern similar climbing frame and that the Clerk obtain quotations for this play equipment for the September meeting of the Finance Group.

#### Climbing Frame in the Recreation Ground.

AGREED - That this be re-erected as soon as is possible.

#### Cemetery Gravestone Inspections.

AGREED - That the Clerk carry out the safety inspection of the headstones in the Cemetery as soon as is possible in advance of any changes that Insurers may introduce restricting such in-house inspections following the death of a child in a Cemetery in Lancashire this month.

#### Dog Bins.

**RECOMMENDED** - That two dog bins be purchased in the current financial year, one to be placed at Water End and, subject to NYC confirming that it would empty the bin, the other be placed on the Right of Way behind The Green Tree Inn.

#### Lead Lane - Signs.

**RECOMMENDED** - That the request from a resident, as appearing on the current Council meeting agenda, for improved road signing on Lead Lane following the recent re-surfacing works be supported.

#### Tree Works

AGREED - That the Clerk ascertain from Hillside Tree Surgeons what tree works remain to be carried out during the course of the current financial year.

#### Extension of Fence at Wildlife Area.

AGREED - That Hillside Tree Surgeons be asked when they can carry out this work - the quotation for which has previously been approved.

#### New Street Light.

AGREED - That the Clerk ask NYC when they intend to install the new street light on Northallerton Road just passed the Rugby Club.

#### Council's Email Address.

Noted - That the Council will be required to use it's clerk@bromptontowncouncil.gov.uk email address from the municipal year 2026/27 and that the Clerk and Mr J Robinson work towards this.

#### Village Walk-round.

**RECOMMENDED** - That the Village Walk-round be held on Tuesday 19th August commencing at 6.30pm at the Rugby Club and that the persons who have expressed an interest in the Council's co-opted vacancies be also invited to be present.

Date of September Council meeting.

**RECOMMENDED** - That the September meeting of the Council be changed to Tuesday 9th September.

Finance Group - Next Meeting.

AGREED - To be held on Monday 1st September at 4.00pm

**RECOMMENDED – That the decisions and recommendations of the Finance Group as set out above be approved.**

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(ii) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

No meeting held.

(iii) Joint Pedestrian/Cycling Working Group.

No meeting held.

(iv) New Estates Working Group.

No meeting held.

#### 10. PLANNING MATTERS.

(i) Decisions.

ZB25/00477/FUL – Erection of agricultural building to cover 2 silage clamps at Lowfieds Farm, Fullicar Lane – GRANTED.

ZB25/00811/FUL - Conversion of existing garage into habitable living space - 16 Breakspeare Garth – GRANTED.

(ii) Applications.

None received to date.

#### 11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

##### Income

J Blenkiron Funeral Directors (Burial fee)	1,240.00
Dale of Thirsk (Memorial fee)	60.00

##### Payments –

CE+ CE Walker (May grasscutting)	1,826.40
Fletcher Pest Control (Allotments site)	73.20
Brompton Methodist Church (Room hire)	168.00
Tyne & Wear Play (Safety inspections)	450.00

T P Jones (Quarterly payroll)	59.40
P Atkin (Salary)	444.28
HMRC (PAYE)	111.00
P Atkin (Expenses)	36.70
North Yorkshire Council (Annual Service Level Agreement)	652.80
Hillside Tree Surgeons (Various works)	850.00
Mr D Langthorne	230.00
YDS Limited (Trailer Hire)	177.60
*NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges) Direct Debit*	30.36

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

Current Account - £24,122.47

Deposit Account - £61,352.20

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

Business Premium Account - £128,547.49

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

The External Auditors have acknowledged receipt of the Council's Annual Financial Return (AGAR) which is now in a queuing system awaiting processing.

12. CLOSURE OF BRIDGE/FOOTPATH AT REAR OF THE ORCHARDS TO WALKERS FIELDS.

Information received from North Yorkshire Council -

*Residents can email any enquiries to [paths@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:paths@northyorks.gov.uk) with the reference number 70364 and for the attention of Sarah McDonald.*

*It might be prudent to coordinate queries and have one person from the parish email for updates? Rather than Sarah being inundated with requests for info and having to spend time saying the same thing to numerous people... there won't be a lot to say at the moment anyway – the bridge is now on the list for complete replacement due to the extensive rot in beams so won't be opening again until that happens. Whether that will be within this financial year I'm not sure.*

13. ANNUAL PLAY INSPECTION SAFETY REPORTS.

Annual Safety Report Circulated to Councillors.

The matters raised included -

Climbing Frame at Water End – non-compliance of safety surfacing and whether due to its age it would be replaced.

Basket Swing at the Recreation Ground – defective fitting – now rectified.

Surfacing under the outdoor adult gym equipment needs reinstating.

Signage at the Recreation Ground needs replacing.

14. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Including Notification of Road Closures + Date of Site Visit re Resurfacing of Fullicar Lane + Highway Signing Lead Lane.

Road Closure.

A road closure took place between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup> July on Lead Lane for resurfacing works.

Resurfacing of Fullicar Lane.

To arrange a date to meet the NYC Highways Engineer following the receipt of the following -

*North Yorkshire council are intending to undertake a resurfacing scheme on Fullicar Lane, Brompton in the Financial year 2026/27. At this stage we are in the design phase, however I would appreciate either talking on the phone or a site visit to discuss the interaction both with the village green (in particular at the ford to the east of the site) as well as how best we can undertake the works while minimising the disruption to locals.*

*Like I say, ideally we can do this on a site walk over so as to avoid misunderstandings/mis communications.*

Highway Signing Lead Lane.

A resident has asked if it would be possible to have new highways signs at each end of Lead Lane for 30mph and a "pedestrians" sign.

**RECOMMENDED – That NYC Highways be urged to provide such signs to protect both pedestrians and the new carriageway surface along Lead Lane.**

15. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

The new fencing alongside northern boundary of the wildlife area has been slightly shortened following a car accident by an adjoin landowner is accessing her field so as to give her more maneuverability and her need to get a famers grasscutting machine into the field.

Hillside Tree Sugeons have been asked to complete the fencing alongside the Recreation Ground as soon as they are able to.

16. CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) Street Light at Hilton Green.

Complaint received that NYC was moving a streetlight which had been in front of a property on Hilton Green for 40 years to a new position which would be nearer to the bedroom window. Resident informed that BTC was unable to direct NYC about the positioning of street lights.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Including Date of the next Meeting – Tuesday 9th September 2025 and Date of Annual Village walk-round – Tuesday 19th August commencing at 6.30pm at the Rugby Club.

18. BURIAL MATTERS.

The Council is currently awaiting the inspections in the Churchyard by Mr France.