

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

PRESENT – Councillors R Carter, Mrs E Kelly, Mrs C Hird, Mr M Langthorne, Mrs M Shiel Dods (in the Chair) and Mrs A Robinson.

There were 11 members of the public present at the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

An apology was received from NY Councillor Steve Watson due to illness.

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

2. MINUTES.

AGREED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 21st October, 2025 having been having been previously circulated be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Clerk reported an incorrect name on page 2 of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 9th September.

AGREED – That the name of Mr Briggs as appearing on page 2 of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th September 2025 be changed to Mr Anderson.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

AGREED – That members of the press and public by virtue of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 for item 17 on the agenda due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed and for the discussion of a matter under item 18 relating to a burial.

4. REPORT OF COUNCILLOR STEPHEN WATSON

Councillor Watson had confirmed that he was happy to change the BRG contribution from his NYC Locality budget from a contribution for a Warm Spaces grant to a contribution of £2,200.00 for the upkeep and maintenance of the play equipment and would put this in motion with the BRG as the contact as soon as possible.

He would also put in motion his allocation from his Locality Budget of £2,500.00 towards the costs of replacement of the footbridge at the rear of The Orchards and would put the Council as the applicant/contact on this as this was a contribution matching the Council's contribution.

AGREED - That the Council send it's best wishes to Councillor Watson for his impending operations expressing the hope that he has a full and speedy recovery,

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

The Chairman read out the Council's Standing Orders as follows –

The Council meeting is not a public meeting, it is a meeting conducted in public, and there is no requirement in law to provide a public forum -

Public participation will be for a maximum period of 10 minutes and will not be extended beyond that period.

The agenda will indicate when the public participation will take place.

All questions must where possible be submitted in writing to the Clerk by mid-day on the day before the meeting.

Questions and comments should address the business on the agenda - Otherwise, in most cases, the matter will be carried forward, without discussion, to the next meeting.

Verbal questions / comments must be addressed to the Chairman and must not exceed 2 minutes in length, or longer at the Chairman's discretion.

Only one question on a topic will be received from each person but supplementary questions will be at the Chairman's discretion.

Questions asked by a member of the public during a public participation session at a meeting will not require a response or debate.

The Chairman may direct that a response to a question posed by a member of the public be referred to a Councillor for an oral response or to the Clerk for a written response.

Only one person is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wishes to speak the Chairman shall direct the order of speaking.

As regards the beck the Chairman informed the meeting that the Council was currently seeking legal advice from it's Solicitor and would not be responding further until that advice had been received.

The following question had been submitted before the meeting by Mrs Barningham -

Allotments - Reasons for protecting rats for 3 years, and failing to treat the rat problem in the village? Are the allotments rented by the parish council ? Also is Mrs Shiel Dods who is in charge of the allotments?

As regards the allotments the Chairman reported as follows –

The Lease agreement states that the site has to be clear of any pest or disease. Boundary fences hedges and trees to be maintained. Land between entrance gate and main field to be kept tidy and clear. Cars parked in car park. No sheds or greenhouses

The Council has paid for pest control.

Brompton Town Council rent the land

Brompton Allotments Group are in charge of day to day running of site. The Group has a Committee that includes a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

Residents can contact Brompton Allotments Group for more information

Maria Shiel Dods is the BTC liaison person with Brompton Allotments Group and is neither the Chair or on that Committee.

In answer to a question the Chairman reported on the reasons as to why the Burial Board part of the meeting was being held in private.

A question was asked as to why the moles on the Greens had suddenly disappeared, there having been about 25 mole hills on the Green at Water End which had reduced to only two overnight and it was pointed out that there need to be a licence for moles to be trapped or poisoned.

In response the Chairman stated that the Council had not instructed anyone to remove the moles and asked if anyone, especially dog walkers, had seen anything in this respect.

A further question was asked as to why the Council was paying for the treatment of rats at the allotments and the Chairman reported that this was a clause in the Lease agreement with the plot holders contributing towards the costs of the pest control as part of their rent payments.

A member of the public asked why the Council had denied that there were any rats at Water End and the Chairman said that if residents were aware of any rats then they should report this to NYC Environmental Health and the resident confirmed that she had done that.

The Chairman asked that details be sent to the Clerk so that this could be looked into.

A member of the public pointed out that the Council had previously said that it could do nothing about the heavy traffic movements at Water End but a visit to Mr Spence had proved to be quite positive.

The Chairman said that the Council had been discussing this matter with Mr Spence for several years and that the Clerk had been to see Mr Spence on several occasions and he had still carried on as he had done before.

Another resident reported that Mr Spence had offered to help clearing the beck out.

6. LOCAL CRIME REPORT + INSTANCES OF VANDALISM.

The Clerk reported that crime statistics for the last month had not been received from the Police.

Multi Agency Crime Partnership Meeting -11th November 2025

The report of the meeting held on the 11th November is included in the Monthly Update.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(i) Remembrance Sunday

The Clerk attended the morning service on Sunday 9th November having placed crosses on the War graves in the Cemetery and the Churchyard. The Chairman and Councillor Carter attended the 4.00pm service and laid the Council's wreath.

(ii) North Moor Road Bridge

Northallerton Mowbray Rotary Club are to approach the developers to ask if they have any objections to the Rotary Club cleaning off the graffiti from under the bridge.

(iii) Gate at the Recreation Ground

For some time the gate at the Recreation Ground entrance near the Dance School has not been working by self closing. Streetscape are to look at the gate to rectify the matter so that it does not stay open.

(iv) YLCA Membership

In view of on-going matters the Council had re-joined the Yorkshire Local Councils Association.

(v) Internet Works

The Clerk had granted permission for internet network work to be carried out on the corner of The Green opposite number 8. AGEEED – That the Clerk's action in this matter be endorsed.

(vi) Overgrown Hedges

The NY Highways Inspector had inspected the uncut hedges and had found that some had still not been cut. He had spoken to the relevant landowners who gave assurances that they would attend to them and cut them back. It was mentioned that one property was up for sale therefore there was some doubt as to whether the hedge would be cut.

(v) Battle of the Standard Plaque.

The insurers had asked the value of the plaque and had been advised that this would be £2,500, Councillor Carter having obtained a price for casting from a sign making company.

(iv) New Dog Waste Bin.

A new waste bin had been ordered to be placed next to the existing dog bin on De Bruce Road. The cost of the bin would be £779.00+VAT.

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

The Chairman had attended the meeting with the BRG which is reported on below.

9. REPORTS.

(i) Finance Group.

The Finance Group met on the 17th November.

Precept

Recommended - That the Precept level for the financial year 2026/27 be set at £82,000, being a 1.49% increase.

Allotments.

Agreed - That the landowner be asked if he would accept a rent increase to £1,700.00 payable on the 1st April 2026 and then in subsequent years an annual increase for inflation as the plot holders have already paid their rents for the current year.

Employers NIC

Noted that employers since 1 April 2025 have been liable to pay NIC even though their employees may not pay NI - the outstanding amount owed to HMRC being £163.87.

BRG Children's Play Area.

Recommended - That the Council offer to contribute a sum of £1,000 from the CIL interest to the BRG towards immediate repairs to play equipment subject to the Council placing the order for works so that the VAT can be reclaimed.

Recommended - That for a trial period of 6 months from January 2026 the monthly Council meeting be held in Weavers Pavilion.

Car Park Works.

Agreed - That the Clerk enquire if Marcus Pearson Groundworks can carry out the car park works.

Climbing Frame at Water End

Recommended - That an order be placed with Streetscape for a Rotating Cone Climber at price of £9,700.00 plus VAT.

Advert for position of Clerk and RFO and Job Description

Agreed - That a Working Group be established to look at this matter and meet as early as possible.

Budget - 2025/26

The budget is in line as planned and the year end may see a small saving.

Next Meeting

Agreed - That next meeting of the Finance Group be held on Monday 15th December at 11.00am.

AGREED – That the Recommendations of the Finance Group as set out above be approved.

(ii) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

No meeting held

(iii) Wildlife Area Working Group.

No meeting held

(ii) Social Media Working Group

No meeting held although it was hoped that a meeting of the Group would be held before Christmas.

(iv) Joint Pedestrian/Cycling Working Group.

No meeting held

(v) Meeting with BRG Reps.

A joint meeting took place on the 12th November.

It was reported that the BRG accounts were still with the accountant but would need to be concluded by January.

Councillor Watson had previously indicated that he would allocate £2,000 from his NYC funding towards a Warm Spaces Grant for the BRG however it was the view of the representatives of both the BRG and NTC that this allocation would be much better if it was made towards the children's play area equipment.

A discussion took place as regards the banner advertising the availability for hire of the Pavilion and pitches.

However it was agreed that a V sign, rather than a banner, which could be visible from both directions would be better than a banner which would only face one way.

It was also agreed that it was important to get the message across that this was now the BRG and no longer Brompton Junior Football Club and that the Council and the BRG would work jointly towards the future of the facilities.

The Council's Chairman undertook to look into the planning regulations regarding the size of adverts.

To date an Open Evening had not been held but there had been notices asking if people wanted to talk to the BRG about use of the field and the Pavilion but to date no-one had come forward to ask any questions.

Chris Potter agreed to put together a presentation for the village.

There were currently five teams hiring the pitches and the income received was not much lower than BJFC had been paying. In addition to the regular income the teams also paid an additional amount for friendlies and cup games.

A separate issue in the 5 Year Plan was the conversion of part of the Pavilion to enable larger gatherings; this was estimated to be in the region of £100k.

This would encourage more lettings.

The possibility of including a public toilet in the Plan had also been considered but it was likely that as was the case with most public toilets they would not make any profit and would cost a lot to run.

Whilst a lot of activities happened in the Methodist Church there were serious parking issues for those partaking of events.

There was a need to advertise the availability of the Pavilion to attract local organisations.

There was also the added opportunity that the BRG could obtain an alcohol licence for a party whereas the Methodist Church could not.

However it was accepted that there would be a need to rely of volunteers to open up the Pavilion and for other tasks such as cleaning.

As regards the children's play area the immediate matters arising from the most recent Safety Inspection report had been paid for but a sum of £12,700 would be needed to replace some items in the near future with replacement costs of larger items of play equipment being estimated to be in the region of £40,000.

There was a need for the BRG to look into the availability of grants such as Lottery funding and from NYC for such as cycle tracks around the per of play fields.

It was suggested that part of the area may be suitable for allotments.

The Council's Chairman commented that if the Council was to consider the making of a grant then this would need to be ring-fenced for the children's play area and at a later stage the Council would need to have a presentation on the intended plans for the building.

It was thought likely that many parents on the new housing estates would be unaware of the children's play area at the BRG, with many not realising that they lived in Brompton Parish.

The BRG representatives reported that the current arrangements for use of part of the car park by BS Autos was not working. Parking of vehicles regularly exceeded the agreed limit and parking was happening in the spaces reserved for the disabled. This resulted in those attending for football matches had to park along the road side.

The Council's Chairman suggested that a new Lease be drawn up between the Council and the BRG.

AGREED - That -

The Clerk ask Councillor Watson if the allocation of £2,000 can be diverted towards the children's play area.

From January 2026 the Brompton Town Council monthly meetings be held in Weavers Pavilion.

In future the Pavilion be known as Brompton Community Hub.

The Council's Finance Group look at the possibility of using some of the interest on the CIL monies to assist the BRG with it's play area.

The next joint meeting be held early in the New Year.

(vi) New Estates Working Group.

No meeting held

10. PLANNING MATTERS.

Applications

ZB25/01958/FUL – Converting existing roof void into habitable rooms as part of the first floor accommodation, Rooflights and front infill extension – The Glen, Little Lane.

AGREED – That no objections be made to the above planning application.

ZB25/00487/FUL – It was noted that an appeal had been lodged with Planning Inspectorate in respect of the refusal of planning permission for the construction of a bungalow at Prospect House, Fullicar Lane,

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Income

Co-op Funeral Services (Burial fee)	200.00
Hill Bros Funeral Directors (Ashes fee)	80.00
North Yorkshire Council (CIL monies – Aldi site)	
24,174.00	
HMRC (VAT refund)	
1,841.42	

Payments –

CE+ CE Walker (October grasscutting)	1,826.40
Fletcher Pest Control (Allotments site)	79.20
Northern Powergrid (Garden Licence)	50.00
Boston Seeds (Bulbs + plants)	82.00
P Atkin (Salary)	458.48
HMRC (PAYE + backdated NICs)	301.88
P Atkin (Expenses)	46.36
Hillside Tree Surgeons (Hedge cutting)	
1,500.00	
Mr D Langthorne (Village Caretaking)	
475.00	
YDS Limited (Trailer Hire)	
60.00	
Paid outside of meeting –	
YLCA (Membership)	368.35
NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges) Direct Debit	
30.36	

Unity Trust Bank at 15th November 2025 –

Current Account - £74,377.48

Deposit Account - £61,700.14

Barclays Bank at 3rd October 2025

Business Premium Account - £128,974.16

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

12. CLIMBING FRAME AT WATER END.

AGREED – That an order be placed with Streetscape for a Rotating Cone Climber at price of £9,700.00 plus VAT.

The Clerk undertook to circulate photos of the rotating climbing frame to Councillors.

13. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Including Notification of Road Closures.

PLANNED ROAD RESTRICTION NOTIFICATION

Location: Northallerton Road, Northallerton CP, Brompton

Description of works: Carriageway repair works. Closure between the hours 08:00-16:00. Access for residents will be maintained however due to the nature of the works delays may occur. Access for emergency service vehicles will be maintained.

The Restriction will be in place for a period of 2 days between the hours 08:00-16:00 on 8th December 2025 to 9th December 2025

PLANNED ROAD RESTRICTION NOTIFICATION

Location: The Green, Brompton CP, Brompton

Description of works: Core drill into existing BT network, and excavate to install approximately 20m of new duct and toby in verge, footpath and carriageway to provide a new fibre network.

The Restriction will be in place for a period of 3 days between 12th January 2026 and 14th January 2026

14. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

Some bulb planting has been carried out and a grass cut of the wildlife area has been arranged.

15. CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) Standing Water on Portland Road

Complaint received from a resident about standing water on Portland Road and piles of soil and silt leading to bad smells. Referred to NYC Highways.

(ii) Rail Services.

A resident asked if the Council had been consulted on the recent rail timetable changes which meant that fewer trains stopped at Northallerton Railway Station and if travelling to Edinburgh travellers would now need to change at Newcastle. No consultation was received on these timetable changes.

(iii) Town Investment Plan for Northallerton.

Public consultation events will be held between 10.00am and 12 noon on the 26th November at Northallerton Town Hall and on the 29th November at Northallerton Library to get the views of how residents and visitors feel about Northallerton and what they would like to see improved.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Date of Next Meeting –

AGREED – That the next meeting of the Council be held at 7.15pm on Tuesday 16th December 2025 in the Methodist Church.

(ii) Leaves on Footpaths

A Councillor asked if the Clerk could ask NYC Highways to sweep the leaves off the footpaths opposite the bus shelter as these were extremely dangerous especially for parents with children walking to and from school. AGREED.

Christmas Tree.

The Clerk reported that a Christmas tree of the same size as last year had been ordered from Sam Turners and that he would chase up the tree contractors who had been asked to put a capped sleeve in the ground to put the tree in so that it would not fall over.

Bin at Bus Shelter.

AGREED - That a new litter/dog waste bin be ordered from NYC to replace the broken bin at the bus shelter that had been removed.

The following items of business were considered in Private Session

17. ADOPTION OF A VEXATIOUS POLICY.

Copy sent to Councillors only.

AGREED – That the Vexatious Policy as circulated be adopted.

18. BURIAL MATTERS

Councillors met with two residents about a recent burial in the Cemetery.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

