

Minutes of the Meeting of Brompton Town Council

Held in the Weavers Pavilion, Brompton on Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 19:15

PRESENT - Councillors M Shiel Dod [MSD][in the Chair], M Langthorne [ML], R Carter [RC], E Kelly [EK], C Hird [CH], J Hazelwood [JH] and C Potter [CP][acting as clerk]. There were 8 residents present.

The chair confirmed that Paul Atkin would cease to be Clerk on the 31st March, and Lorna Bleach would replace Paul as Clerk to the Council. Lorna attended the meeting as an observer.

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 1.1. Apologies received from Councillor Robinson and Councillor Watson.
- 1.2. Councillors Langthorne and Kelly declared an interest under Accounts Payments.

2. MINUTES

- 2.1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 10th February having been previously circulated be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. REPORT OF COUNCILLOR WATSON

- 3.1. *Full council was held recently with major focus on the challenging financial period ahead. The budgets and the significant reduction in central government grants was explained to members. Whilst this not good news North Yorkshire had pre-empted most of it with savings and plans put in place to protect all key areas. This does not make life going forward easier with circa £40m plus reduction in grants.*
- 3.2. *The council meets this Wednesday to agree the plan however it does continue to pursue response from central government for a response on this and any potential further cuts.*
- 3.3. *Stokesley Road roadworks etc – I have spoken to the contractors and Miller the builders as regards the state of the footpath and road outside the new site. They have agreed to clear up and improve access for pedestrians etc. Unfortunately, the area looked worse as the telecoms company had made mess of the verges and were quickly followed by the start of building work along with the drainage contractor. And just for good measure Yorkshire Water experienced issues outside the school. Highways are monitoring the temporary traffic lights regularly.*
- 3.4. *Highways – I have asked for a timescale for the repairs to Cockpit Hill and they are visiting to try and secure the barriers in the meantime.*
- 3.5. *Councillor Watson was thanked for his perseverance in helping restore the fencing on Cockpit Hill.*
- 3.6. *Councillor Watson was asked to investigate [1] A report of diesel spillage on the Weaver's Pavilion car park and its impact on the adjacent watercourse, and [2] potholes adjacent to the corner shop and the Rugby Club.*

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 4.1. Vans parking on the High Green and at the top of the hill on Northallerton Road: **AGREED** to investigate adding marker stones to the edge of the green and ask PCSO to have a look at possible infringement.
- 4.2. Tractors causing damage to verges: **AGREED** to write to Mr Spence again.

- 4.3. Status of Water End green: resident convinced the green is the responsibility of the Town Council and evidenced a map provided by North Yorkshire Council. Town Council has robust legal advice that this is not the case. **AGREED** to organise a meeting with North Yorkshire Council to determine.
- 4.4. New climbing frame: Confirmed the design was chosen by young people from the school, who are the users of the equipment.

5. LOCAL CRIME REPORT + INSTANCES OF VANDALISM

Statistics taken from	01/02/2026 - 28/02/2026
Crime Type	
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	0 Reports
Theft (inc. Theft from Shop)	1 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	3 Reports

A meeting was held with NYC Community Safety Partnership on the 11th March about ongoing community tensions in the vicinity of Station Road.

6. MATTERS ARISING

- 6.1. Tree Works in the Churchyard: PCC confirm that recent tree works in the Churchyard were covered in the previous Faculty granted and that the delay was due to the tree contractors catching up with works.
- 6.2. New Climbing Frame at Water End: Concern expressed that the ropes on the cone climbing frame at Water End were loose. The climbing frame was checked, and no ropes were found to be loose but had play in them due to the type of manufacture of this piece of play equipment. The Vice-Chairman and Mr D Langthorne also inspected the climbing frame and came to the same conclusion.
- 6.3. Inspection of play Equipment: A full inspection of all the items in the Recreation Ground on carried out on the 10th March; no issues required attention.
- 6.4. Quotation for Full Tree Survey: quotation in the sum of £1,914.00 (inclusive of VAT) has been received from Barnes Associates for the carrying out of a full tree condition survey.
- 6.5. Slurry Tanker Spills: In the middle of February spillage from slurry tankers occurred at Water End and on Lead Lane. The farmer concerned suspended tractor movements until the spillages had been cleaned up.

- 6.6. Railings on Cockpit Hill: Councillor Watson has been asked to chase up the repair of the broken railings on the west side of Cockpit Hill as the barrier tapings have been disturbed in the recent high winds.
- 6.7. Proposed New Street light Weavers Pavilion: NYC has confirmed receipt of the Council's request for a new streetlight outside Weavers Pavilion on Station Road and has forwarded the request to the road safety tea. A response is awaited.
- 6.8. Northallerton Town Investment Plan: On the 16th February a councillor and the Clerk attended a Transport and Movement Workshop held at The Forum from which a draft plan will be developed as a key document in the town moving forward.
- 6.9. Post box at Hilton Green: still not operational. **AGREED** to write asking for update.
- 6.10. Waste bin: still not swapped.

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

- 7.1. None

8. REPORTS

8.1. Finance Working Group:

- 8.1.1. Cemetery gates design and notice board from YDS Ltd **APPROVED** and quotations will now be sought, specifying FSC timber.
 - 8.1.2. Tree survey: **AGREED** - That the quotation received from Barnes Associates in the sum of £1,914.00 (inclusive of VAT) be accepted.
 - 8.1.3. Changeover of Clerk: payroll provider and Sam Turners advised of the change.
 - 8.1.4. Battle of The Standard Plaque: It had been estimated that the costs would be £170.00 + VAT.
 - 8.1.5. Future Availability of Council Grants: **AGREED** - That Councillors be asked what local groups they are aware of who may apply for a grant.
 - 8.1.6. Ifor Williams Trailer: **AGREED** - That the Council pay for an Ifor Williams trailer to be used for village caretaking duties from Sam Turners at a cost of £1,800.00.
 - 8.1.7. Footbridge Repair - Walkers Field: **AGREED** - That the NYC Locality Fund receipt of £2,500.00 in respect of the footbridge repair by paid to NYC Footpaths in April - Mr Robinson to check when the bridge has been repaired
 - 8.1.8. Village Caretaking: Noted that caretaker's hourly rate was now £20.00 and hour. **AGREED** - That the Chairman review weekly and monthly tasks and that caretaker be asked to carry out the regular inspections of the Defibrillators in the village and to put the notices of future Council meetings on the six Notice Boards.
 - 8.1.9. New Waste Bin - De Ferrers Road: noted that the new waste bin had still not been sited although it had been paid for in December. **AGREED** - That the Clerk chase up NYC.
 - 8.1.10. Smoking Bin on the Wall of the Bus Shelter: **AGREED** - That the bin be removed as it was broken and be not replaced.
 - 8.1.11. New Clerk - Planning Course: **AGREED** - That the Council pay for the new Clerk's attendance at a Planning course in April at a cost of £60.00.
 - 8.1.12. Budget 2026/27 Financial Year: **AGREED** - That the 2026/27 Budget be approved by full Council as circulated to all Councillors.
 - 8.1.13. Next Finance Meeting: **AGREED** - To be held on Monday 27th April at 4.00pm.
- 8.2. Highways/Road Safety Working Group: no meeting held
 - 8.3. Wildlife Working Group: not met contact has been made with Northallerton Men's Shed about some new bird boxes and with a member of the public about planting. Resident noted free bird boxes available in the village - details to be confirmed.

- 8.4. Social Media Working Group: met on the 25th February and updated multiple pages on the web site and added a “where to report local issues” page.
- 8.5. Joint Pedestrian/Cycling Working Group: through Northallerton Town Council is pressing the Mayor of the Combined Authority for funding to enable the local transport survey to be carried out.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

- 9.1. Decisions: none received
- 9.2. Applications: ZB26/00181/FUL - Application for proposed removal of chimney breast, replacement pitched roof and flat roof covering, provision of rooflights rear elevation and provision of replacement windows - 58 Water End: comment about checking for nesting season.

10. ACCOUNTS

- 10.1. AGREED that the following amounts be approved for payment

Income:	
North Yorkshire Council [contribution]	£2,500.00
Dales of Thirsk [memorial fee]	£60.00
D Crusher [2 ashes fees]	£170.00
Mrs D Cady [2 advance burial plot fees]	£1,760.00
Total income	£4,490.00
Payments:	
NYC contribution towards bridge repair	£2,500.00
Mrs E Kelly [reimbursement]	£25.00
Streetscape [cone climber]	£14,748.00
AW Nicholson & Son [gravedigging fee]	£400.00
Sam Turner & Sdons [fence posts, postfix etc.]	£1,307.81
Hillside Tree Surgeons [allotment trees, fence protectors]	£3,062.56
P Atkin [salary]	£458.48
HMRC [PAYE]	£138.01
P Atkin [expenses]	£29.95
D Langthorne [Village caretaking]	
YFS Ltd [trailer hire]	
Paid by direct debit:	
NYC [Trade waste collection]	£32.18
Mr J Robinson [financial services advice]	£870.00
Mr D Langthorne [village caretaking and restoration benches]	£468.00
YDS Ltd [trailer hire and design works re cemetery]	£643.20
SLCC [cemetery legal compliance course]	£222.00
Total expenditure	£24,905.19

Bank Balances:	
<i>Unity Trust at 28 February 2026:</i>	
Current account	£60,531.16
Deposit account	£62,040.17
<i>Barclays Bank at 12th March 2026:</i>	
Business Premium account	£129,777.93

11. BATTLE OF THE STANDARD PLAQUE:

11.1. AGREED to approve the following wording:

11.2. *“This is the original bronze shield from the Battle of the Standard obelisk. The obelisk stands within the parish of Brompton 3 miles Northwest of Northallerton, alongside the A167, on the site of the battle which took place on the 22nd August 1138 between the Scottish army of King David and the English army, assembled by Thurston, Archbishop of York, but lead by Walter Espec, Lord of Helmsley Castle. By agreement with Brompton Town Council this shield is displayed here, in the parish church of St. Thomas, to commemorate the estimated 12,000 men, mostly Scottish, who died in the battle and who lie in unmarked graves within the parish.”*

12. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

12.1. Road closures_ no notifications received.

12.2. Parking of Vehicles Around High Green: see 4.1 above

12.3. Slurry Vehicle Movements: see 4.2 above

13. GREENS INSPECTION + WILDLIFE AREA:

13.1. No new items.

14. CORRESPONDENCE:

14.1. None other than referred to elsewhere in the Update.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

15.1. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 28th April 2026 at the Weavers’ Pavilion

15.2. Annual Parish Assembly: Tuesday 21st April 2026.

16. BURIAL MATTERS

16.1. Benches: Residents be offered a brass plaque attached to the low brick wall, as there are sufficient benches in the cemetery. This is very popular and now has dozens of plaques on it. Discussion around the provision of a wall to be discussed at the April meeting.

16.2. Price of Burial Plot in area H: **AGREED** to the sum of £420.

17. MEETING Closed at 20:45

Signed:

Date:
