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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 27 October 2022 at 7.00pm at the  
Community Sports Hall, Honeypot Road, Brompton-on-Swale**

**Present:**

Councillors A Guest (Chairman), S Rudge, R Allinson, B Woodley, A Lerigo, D Dempsey County Cllr Carl Les,  
District Councillor Ian Threlfall

1. **To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:** Apologies were received from District Councillors Paul Spence, Les Rowe.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** No Interests declared
3. **Public Participation:** Members of the public who wish to speak regarding an item within the remit of the Parish Council may do so. PLEASE NOTE: Total time limit for this item is 30 minutes, each speaker limited to a 5-minute slot.  
No members of the public attended.
4. **To confirm the Minutes** of the Last Meeting held on 1 September 2022.  
**Resolved:** To accept the minutes of the meeting as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Rudge, seconded Cllr Dempsey.
5. **Matters Arising**
  - 5.1 **Augustus Gardens** – The main contact Ben Stephenson has left Persimmon. The Clerk has sent 3 emails and made one phone call to Ben's manager, Richard Holland, without response. The matter will be escalated higher with a formal complaint, if no response received. **Action Clerk**
  - 5.2 **Reinforcing the Riverside** An application is being made to the Environment Agency for a permit to carry out work on the riverbank for a 20-meter stretch, cost is £170.00. Once granted we will have 3 years to complete the work. Cllr Allinson has requested costs for the removal of stones from the other side of the riverbank, the owner has no objections to the proposal.  
The Chair mentioned that we could have some willow shoots which can also be used to plant along the riverbank. The Clerk to ask the tree surgeon if he is able to replant willow shoots along the riverbank, after completing the coppicing work. **Action Clerk**
  - 5.3 **Allotments Site** – A bid for £4,999 funding has been submitted, RDC confirmed that match funding cannot be obtained for the balance of the costs, Cllr Threlfall will investigate and advise on other grants available. Cllr Allinson is meeting with a contractor to discuss clearing the site. **Action Cllr Allinson**  
Tony Sutcliffe from the Probation Service is hoping to arrange a site visit in November to look at helping to clear the site. Clerk to liaise with Tony to agree date for the visit. **Action Clerk**
  - 5.4 **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:** The Chairman has been in touch with the school to discuss a project for which the Parish Council would sponsor prizes. The school has not yet responded. Possible suggestions for projects are history of the village, something about the new King or the reign of Elizabeth II.

**5.5 Soil Heap Bathroom World:** - The Clerk received a response from the owner. He confirmed that he had a report from an arborist and also had representatives from RDC Environment dept, both of whom advised that the soil would not cause any long-term damage to the trees. Mr Shepherd suggested he monitor any impact over time and if there is evidence of any damage he will take any action necessary.

It was felt that the soil heap should still be removed. Clerk to write to the owner to request that the soil be removed.

**Action The Clerk**

**5.6 Replacement Trees:** Cllr Woodley confirmed 2 trees have been ordered, 1 oak and 1 copper beech, which will be delivered on 8 December.

After discussion it was agreed that the copper beech would be planted behind the bus shelter on Richmond Rd, to replace the one removed earlier in the year. The oak tree will be sold to Scorton Parish Council, Cllr Threlfall to make the arrangements with Scorton and the Clerk to sort out payment.

**Action Cllr Allison/The Clerk**

**5.7 Probation Clean Up:** Tony Sutcliffe has apologised for the delay. He is hoping to start the work in November. Clerk to advise when date agreed.

**Action The Clerk**

**5.11 Tree Removal Sports Field:** See 8.3.1

## **6 Reports:**

### **6.1 Report from NYCC – Cllr Les**

The devolution agreement has been signed. Public consultation was launched last week. Local Government reorganisation is progressing. Harmonisation of council tax levels are being agreed across all areas.

There are briefings being held for Parish Councils 28-30 November. Cllr Les to send the details to the Clerk.

Road resurfacing is being undertaken in two areas of the village, Brompton Park and St Pauls Drive. Details have been circulated.

An offer of assistance for energy costs for the sports hall has been made. Cllr Rudge to discuss further with Cllr Les.

Question was raised about the resurfacing of the junction of Gatherley Road and Station Road. Cllr Les confirmed this is still being reviewed.

### **6.2 Report from RDC – Cllr Threlfall**

The new equipment for the play area on Brompton Park is being installed.

Street lighting repairs are all being completed.

Green waste take up has increased slightly this year.

Funds from car parking charges are on target for this financial year.

New electric charging points are being installed within the District.

Officers within the council are working hard towards the new unitary council introduction next year.

There is a walk around Scorton Lakes arranged for Saturday 29 October, starting from the car park.

Cllr Woodley asked what was happening with the Bridge Hotel, now that it has been sold. Currently there are two proposals, a care home, or riverside apartments. No formal decision has been made yet.

A bonus of £350 is to be paid to all staff working at RDC regardless of grade to help with the increased cost of living. The total cost to the Council is c£93000.

### **6.3 Report from the Village Society**

The proposed Halloween disco was cancelled due to lack of helpers to run the event. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday 6 November.

Cllr Allison asked if the new Facebook page has been set up. The Clerk advised that this is still in progress, but will look to get it completed as soon as possible.

**Action The Clerk**

**7 Current Issues**

- 7.1 Cllr Rudge raised issues with the new development next to the "white house", where various road improvements including a passing bay and improved visibility splays beside the school, have not been implemented, despite a condition of planning permission. Cllr Threlfall advised he had visited the site and agreed with Cllr Rudge. He has asked the Enforcement officer to look into it.
- 7.2 Cllr Rudge raised the issue of Bridge farm planning application for a stable and fencing, which has already been erected despite no permission being granted. Cllr Threlfall has asked the Enforcement Officer to look into the matter.

**8 Parish Finances**

- 8.1 **To receive and note payments previously authorized and receipts (circulated prior to the meeting)**  
It was resolved to receive and accept the payments and receipts. Proposed Cllr Lerigo, seconded Cllr Rudge
- 8.2 **To Receive a Bank Reconciliation and Budget Comparison for the year to date (circulated prior to the meeting).**  
It was resolved to receive and accept the bank reconciliation and budget report. Proposed Cllr Woodley, Seconded Cllr Lerigo
- 8.3 **To Approve the following new accounts for payment**
  - 8.3.1 Costs for a wreath and donation to Royal British Legion were agreed, proposed Cllr Dempsey, proposed Cllr Allinson.
  - 8.3.2 It was agreed to accept the quote received of £540.00 to cut the tree in the sports ground to ground level. Clerk to arrange for work to be undertaken. Proposed Cllr Rudge, seconded Cllr Lerigo. **Action The Clerk**
  - 8.3.3 It was agreed to accept the quote of £250 + VAT to remove the damaged tree on the riverside. Proposed Cllr Dempsey, seconded Cllr Allinson.  
It was also agreed to accept the quote of £250 + VAT for coppicing work on willow trees along the riverside. Proposed Cllr Rudge, seconded Cllr Allinson.  
Clerk to arrange for work to be undertaken. Contractor will also be asked if they can replant the willow cuttings upstream along the stretch of the river that is being eroded.  
A request will also to be made to see if the contractor can undertake a review of all trees along the riverside to check for damage and/or disease. **Action The Clerk**

**9 Correspondence:**

- 9.1 A request for a donation from the Catterick Village junior football team was discussed. It was agreed that funds from Brompton-on-Swale Parish Council cannot be used for this purpose. However, it was agreed that if any players who live in the village wanted to make a request for support, this would be considered on an individual basis. Clerk to respond. **Action The Clerk**

- 10 To Consider and decide upon the following **Planning Applications:**  
No new planning applications

- 11 To receive the following **Planning Decisions/Information**

11.1	22/00532/FULL	Change of use from office to 2 residential units. Gatherley Hse, Gatherley Rd DL10 7JF	No Comments/objections
11.2	22/00531/FULL	New entrance porch and timber clad garden pod. Gatherley Barn, Gatherley Rd, DL10 7JJ	No Comments/objections
11.3	22/00431/FULL	Change of use of agriculture land to create larger garden. Brewery Barn, Richmond Rd DL10 7HE	Granted
11.4	22/00423/FULL	Conversion of existing garage to form living accommodation & 2 no rooflights and windows	GRANTED

		6 River Ln DL10 7HH	
11.5	13/00696/FULL	Permission for use of former premises for manufacturing tools for pipe cleaning. Gatherley Rd DL10 7JH	GRANTED
11.6	22/00506/FULL	Change of use from agriculture use to Domestic. Beechgrove, Howe Hill Ln DL10 7HY	GRANTED
11.7	22/00555/FULL	Demolition of existing building and erection of garage with office & gym above. 40A Richmond Rd DL10 7HE	No comments/objections
11.8	21/00497/FULL	Installation of ball catchment net inside eastern boundary. Village Sports Hall Honey Pot Rd DL10 7HT	No comments/objections
11.9	22/00398/FULL	Single storey extension. 8 Nightingale Close DL10 7TR	GRANTED
11.10	22/00532/FULL	Change of use from office to 2 residential units. Gatherley Hse, Gatherley Rd DL10 7JF	GRANTED
11.11	22/00472/FULL	Conversion of former agriculture building (change to plan dated 17/07/22) Parkgate Ln DL20 7HD	No comments/objections
11.12	19/00475/TPO	Carry out work to Copper Beech Tree – Brompton Grange River Lane DL10 &HH	Refused

**12 Minor Matters**

No matters raised

**13 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 8th December 2022 at 7.00 p.m.at the Community Sports Hall.**

Signed:  .....

Date: *9<sup>th</sup> December 2022* .....



