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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 8 December 2022 at 7.00pm at the  
Community Sports Hall, Honey Pot Road, Brompton-on-Swale**

**Present:**

Councillors A Guest (Chairman) R Allinson, B Woodley, D Dempsey County Cllr Carl Les, District Councillors Ian Threlfall and Paul Spencer

1. **To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr Lerigo, Cllr Rudge and District Councillor Les Rowe,
2. **Declaration of Interest:** Councillor Allison declared an interest in item 7.7
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.  
Two members of the public attended to discuss the installation of the new play park equipment at the play area on Brompton Park. The residents were unhappy that the new equipment had been installed next to their gardens and there had been no prior consultation before being installed. The matter was also raised by Councillor Paul Spencer, who had met with the residents to discuss the matter.  
It was agreed that Councillors Threlfall and Spencer would meet with officers from Richmond District Council on site on 9<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the issue and the outcome would be reported back to the residents and Parish Council.  
**Action Cllrs Threlfall & Spencer**
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 Allison, seconded Cllr Dempsey.
5. **Matters Arising**
  - 5.1 **Augustus Gardens** – The Chairman and Clerk met with Richard Holland to discuss the latest planning application for 200 new homes on land off Gatherley Road.  
There was a general discussion around the historical flooding issues and how drainage would be handled, in addition there were concerns about the area set aside for a possible school. The Clerk will respond to the recent planning application and raise the councils' concerns and defer approval until further discussions are held with Persimmon Homes.  
**Action The Clerk**  
The Clerk will invite Richard Holland to the next meeting so the concerns of Councillors can be put forward.  
**Action The Clerk**
  - 5.2 **Reinforcing the Riverside** – The matter is ongoing. Councillor Allison advised that no response has been received from the Environment Agency.
  - 5.3 **Allotments Site** – Councillor Allison reported that the application for funding for the allotment works was not successful, and he will look for alternative funding in 2023. The quotes for works are in place. NLS Quote (For initial site clearance and addition of soil) £21,120 from Aug 2021, and GCH quote £34,522 from November 2022.

The Clerk had requested another update from the Probation Service regarding their help with clearance work at the site, but the promised site visit in November had not materialised.

- 5.4 **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:** - The Chairman is still waiting for a response from the school regarding a competition to be undertaken by the children.
- 5.5 **Soil Heap Bathroom World:** - The owner responded to say he is not able to remove the soil and will be contacting the Environment Agency for further advice and clarity.
- 5.6 **Replacement Trees:** - The new tree has now been planted behind the bus shelter on Richmond Road. The Chairman thanked Tony Cooper, Sean Catterick and Brian Woodley for their help with digging the hole and planting the tree.
- 5.7 **Probation Clean Up:** Still no confirmed dates from Probation Service, despite several emails being sent. Councillor Les will follow this up to establish what is causing the delays. **Action Cllr Les**
- 5.8 **Tree Removal Sports Field:** The tree has now been removed. The fallen tree along the riverside has also been removed, along with some coppicing work.

## 6 Reports:

### 6.1 Report from NYCC – Cllr Les

The County Council is prepared for winter, with 55,000 tons of salt and 83 gritters available. There are also 200 farmers under contract to assist with snow ploughs, if required.

Local Government reorganisation is on track, with 114 days to devolution day. Confirmed that everything will continue 'as is' on day one and there should be no disruption to services.

It was reported that there is a national shortage of Planning Officers.

The 'Lets Talk' programme has been launched, with 3 different streams and everyone is encouraged to have their say.

Work is progressing for a new elected Mayor.

Consultations are open for issues on taxes as part of devolution and residents are encouraged to have their say and put forward any issues.

A consultation has also been launched for the introduction of electric charging points.

Councillor Woodley asked about the allocation of salt bins for the village. It was agreed that there are currently sufficient in the village and that there would be a cost to the Parish Council if additional ones were ordered.

Councillor Woodley asked when the resurfacing of the junction at Gatherley Road and Station Road was going to be completed. Councillor Les advised that this is still ongoing and no date is available.

Councillor Spencer asked if overhanging trees on Gatherley Road, by the entrance to the trading estate, can be cut back as they are causing problems when high sided vehicles drive past. It was unclear if they needed to be cut back, but the Clerk will investigate and advise. **Action The Clerk**

### 6.2 Report from RDC – Cllr Threlfall

Richmond council officers are working hard towards devolution.

The area partnership fund for small projects still available. Deadline is 12 December.

Warm spaces fund has been approved and now launched. Also on offer shortly is a fund totalling £99k for energy increases, to be made available for certain groups/organisations.

The swimming pool will re-open on 7 January 2023.

### 6.3 Report from the Village Society

A request was made for further funding towards the village Christmas tree. Approval was given for an additional £70. Proposed Councillor Dempsey Seconded Councillor Woodley.

It was agreed that a discussion on future funding for the village Christmas tree be held at the next meeting. **Action The Clerk**

The Village Society asked the Parish Council to let them know if they were intending to hold any events in 2023 so they can be added to the events plan. See 7.4

**7 Current Issues**

- 7.1 The meeting dates for 23/24 were agreed. The Clerk to circulate and publish on the website and noticeboards. **Action The Clerk**
- 7.2 The request from NYCC to take part in piloting double devolution was discussed and it was agreed that this is not something the Parish Council would want to take part in.
- 7.3 The decision to grant the planning application for a new solar farm was discussed and in particular the impact this would have on the road through the village, and particularly Parkgate Lane. Councillor Threlfall confirmed that assurances had been given that no more than 2 lorries would travel through the village and along Parkgate Lane during the construction and there would be minimal disruption. The lorries would be of a size that could be accommodated on Parkgate Lane.
- 7.4 It was confirmed that there are currently no plans for national celebrations for the Kings Coronation. Still waiting for details from the Palace. The Clerk advised that there are plans for a beacon lighting on 6 June to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day Landings.
- 7.5 Frank Broughton has organised the planting of 315 trees along the old railway line, donated by The Woodland Trust. A request has been made to Parish Council to purchase a further 25 extra trees, at a cost of £21.60. It was agreed to fund the extra trees. Proposed Councillor Dempsey Seconded Councillor Allison.
- 7.6 The Chairman raised concerns over vehicles driving and parking on grass verges within the village, particularly at Brewery House. It was agreed that the Clerk would make enquiries to get some plastic posts installed to prevent further damage to the verges. **Action The Clerk**
- 7.7 This item was discussed and agreed under 6.3

**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 Woodley, seconded Cllr Dempsey
- 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 Dempsey
- 8.3 **To Approve the following new accounts for payment**
  - 8.3.1 It was resolved to approve The Clerk's salary award. Proposed Councillor Allison Seconded Councillor Dempsey.
- 8.4 The budget for 2023/24 was approved. Proposed Councillor Allison Seconded Councillor Dempsey
- 8.5 Discussion around the precept for 2023/24. It was agreed that it be set at 5%. Proposed Cllr Dempsey, seconded Cllr Woodley.

**9 Correspondence: None received**

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

10.1	22/00657/VAR	Amendment to erection of 200 dwellings. Land off Gatherley Road Brompton-on-Swale	
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This was discussed under 5.1

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

11.1	21/00946/FULL	Toilet & shower block and extension. Caravan site, Millfields, Parkgate Ln DL10	Granted
11.2	22/00715/FULL	Reposition of garden wall and provision of parking space. 12 Grange Rd DL10 7HJ	No Comments

11.3	22/00472/FULL	Conversion of former agriculture building. Park Top Parkgate Lane DL10 7HD	Granted
11.4	22/00762/FULL	Extension to form master bedroom & en-suite. Buddleia Parkgate Ln DL10 7HA	
11.5	22/00931/FULL	Construction of Solar Farm. Land south east of A6108	Granted
11.6	22/00531/FULL	New entrance timber porch. High Gatherley Barn, Gatherley Rd DL10 7JJ	Granted
11.7	22/00728/FULL	Remove existing roof and replace with falt and other works. The Mill Parkgate Lane DL10 7HA	No comments
11.8			

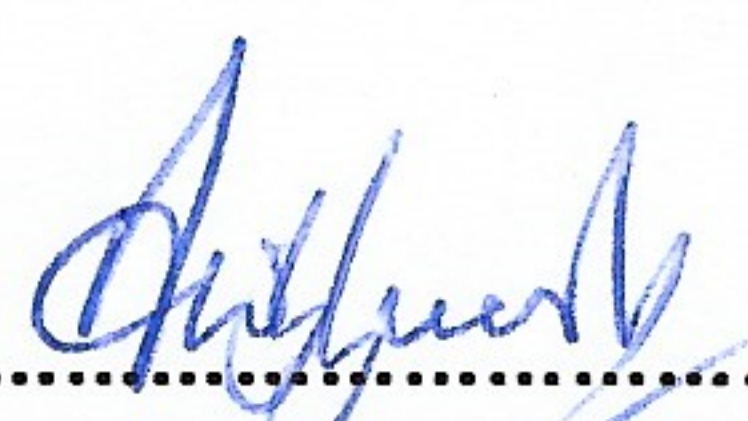
No comments

**12 Minor Matters**

**12.1** Councillor Woodley asked if The Clerk had received any correspondence from a resident concerning Tree Preservation Orders. The Clerk confirmed he had and had responded to the resident. It was agreed The Clerk would contact the resident and offer any support needed from the Parish Council.  
**Action The Clerk**

**12.2** The Chairman advised the meeting that he has received a letter from Councillor Woodley, offering his resignation as a Parish Councillor with immediate effect. The Chairman thanked Councillor Woodley for his many years of service on the council and for his contributions throughout his terms as councillor.

**13 Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 12 January 2023 at 7.00 p.m.at the Community Sports Hall.

Signed: .....  .....

Date: ..... 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023 .....