

Nunthorpe Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday 2nd September 2015

PRESENT:

Ken Tomlinson (Chair), John Harrison, Charles Morrish, David Leyland, Gamini Wijesinghe.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lesley Tomlinson (Community Council), Ward Cllr. Jon Rathmell, Ward Cllr. Lesley McGloin, Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk).

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Stephen Thomason (holiday), Jo Turner (due to work commitments Cllr Turner will be absent from meetings until January 2016), both accepted by other members.

2.0 CLERKS REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE:

2.1 The Clerk presented the correspondence/communication sent and received since the previous meeting:

- Email from Ward Cllr Rathmell re grants – forward to Brownies – Cleveland Police & Crime Comm website.
- Emails to and from MC re Planning Application 1 Glendue Close.
- Emails from CDALC.
- Letter and cheque to 2nd Nunthorpe Brownies Group.
- Letter of thanks from Chandlers Ridge Academy.
- Email from St Marys Church re meeting new Vicar – forwarded to Chairman.
- Email from MC re Planning Application 5 Leckfell Close.
- Emails to and from MC re Planning training.
- Emails from residents re notice boards and pot holes Moor Green.
- Emails from and to P Scrope re donation from Mr & Mrs Scrafton – Rothsay Grove.
- Email from MC re planning application notification of decision – Searchlight Farm.
- Email from Redcar & Cleveland Council Local Plan Scoping report – deadline 4th September 2015.
- Email to and from MC re hedges.
- Letter from and response to resident re planting in Nunthorpe.
- Email from Ward Cllr Rathmell re Cleveland Policing priorities.
- Emails from MC re planning application 80 Clevegate.
- Letter donation request from Teesside Wind Band.
- Letter from MC re Draft Gambling Policy – comments by 18th September 2015.
- Letter from MC re 8 Moor Park – Appeal.
- Email to MC and response re Fishpond works.
- Email to MC re litter bins.
- Email grant forms to Grumpy Gardeners and completed forms returned.
- Correspondence from Ward Cllr McGloin re Bus situation.
- Letter from Chuhan & Singh re pension auto enrolment.
- Complaint regarding and call to Northumbrian Water re works on the Avenue – all to be reinstated 3rd Sept.
- Call to Kirklevington Grange regarding notice boards, unable to help at present.
- Update from Nunthorpe Ward Cllrs regarding local issues.

2.2 Planning - Ernie Vickers from Middlesbrough Council has offered a session on material considerations, which needs responding to. Not discussed.

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2.3 Litter bins - Email sent to MC regarding three locations identified which require the provision of a bin. Awaiting response.

2.4 Grey Towers Fishpond – MC updated that works are almost complete and advised that access to the site is outside of the council’s authority and would be the decision of Grey Towers Estate. Ward Cllr Rathmell advised that he had spoken with the site manager who informs that the works are near completion and a fence has been erected to impede poachers not to restrict residents who are welcome as long as the area is treated with respect. He is organising a meeting on site to look at the area which he will confirm with the Clerk for Parish Cllrs to attend. Cllr Leyland stated that he felt that the area was bare, and a shadow of the original site. He had expected that new trees would have been planted to replace the protected trees which were destroyed and to encourage biodiversity. Ward Cllr Rathmell said he had spoken with Middlesbrough Council with regard to the TPO’s (tree preservation orders) on the trees and that the costs to take this to court were too high. **ACTION: W.Cllr Rathmell**

2.5 Ward Cllrs - updated that a meeting had been organised for Friday 18th September at the Institute to discuss the bus services within Nunthorpe. MP T Blenkinsop, other Ward Cllrs, highways and other agencies will be present. They advised that they have contacted Middlesbrough Council regarding dog fouling in the area for which wardens have been patrolling the area, and also regarding the dying trees on the Avenue which Middlesbrough Council have inspected.

2.6 Northumbrian Water – Ward Cllr. Rathmell confirmed that he has met with the site manager and he has agreed to send weekly updates. A secure lock up has been installed for storage and he is working with the Highways Dept if there are any issues. The site manager has agreed that the state of the area when initial work began was unacceptable and compensation was discussed, Ward Cllr Rathmell suggested the replacement of the dying trees on the Avenue, for which he was advised to obtain quotes. Cllr Leyland suggested that Middlesbrough Council do not install the trees as they do not use an acceptable method for planting.
ACTION: Ward Cllr. Rathmell

3.0 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Cllr. Morrish proposed that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 1st July 2015 were a true and correct record, seconded by Cllr. Harrison. Members voted and agreed. Chairman signed the minutes. Clerk to forward to Middlesbrough Council and Mynunthorpe websites.

4.0 UPDATE ON PREVIOUS MATTERS:

Nothing discussed

5.0 FINANCIAL REPORT & GRANT REQUESTS:

Clerk presented monthly financial report, which all members agreed as correct.

5.1 Expenditure since last meeting:

Friends of Chandlers Ridge Donation	£150.00
2 nd Nunthorpe Brownies Donation	£225.00

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Parish Clerk July/Aug Wages	£446.00
Clerk Expenses	£ 3.78
Room Hire July	£ 13.00
CTP Training 2 Cllrs	£ 54.00
D Leyland- Planting Avenue tubs	£ 44.17

<u>5.2 Cash to Bank</u>	
Silverwood Band event	£125.00

<u>5.3 Liabilities</u> - 3 Boundary Stones	£3900.00
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5.4 BDO Audit Return – Clerk confirmed that a zero invoice and clear return had been received from BDO. All members confirmed that they approved and accepted the annual return. Clerk to display notices of accounts.

ACTION: Clerk

5.5 Grant Request – Grumpy Gardeners – Cllr Leyland declared an interest as he is involved with this group.

Clerk advised that the grant requested is for monies to purchase lawnmower and strimmer. Cllr Leyland added that the group would source the best price and any monies would be paid against invoices. All members discussed the work completed by the Grumpy Gardeners and gave their thanks for this. Cllr Tomlinson proposed that this grant is approved, seconded by Cllr Harrison and agreed by all. Members talked of the work completed by the Nunthorpe in Bloom group being exceptional this year and voiced their thanks to Ward Cllr McGloin for her part in this, she responded that the team work very hard planting and trying to keep on top of the weeds.

ACTION:CLERK

6.0: PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS:

Notice boards – Clerk discussed the details on the report which had been circulated and the lower costs for a single notice board for use of the Parish Council only, together with wood or man-made materials. Clerk advised of discussions with other local clerks who reported that their 2-3 year old wood boards require attention. Members all agreed that a double board was required for use by the community with a possible small charge for any space available to advertise in and that a man made material should be used which offer a 5 year guarantee. Cllr Morrish proposed that the double board from Greenbarnes be ordered at an anticipated cost of £1250 exc. VAT. This was seconded by Cllr Harrison and agreed by all except Cllr Wijensinghe. Cllr Leyland stated that he would speak with Thirteen group regarding installation. Clerk to again try to repair the village notice board. **ACTION: Clerk/Cllr Leyland**

Fireworks – Ward Cllr McGloin advised that she has had discussions with the Playing Field Association regarding hosting a fireworks event on their field. All members agreed that it would be nice to organise this for the community and to raise the profile of the Council. All members were in favour of a joint event. Ward Cllr Rathmell advised he previously used G2 fireworks in Middlesbrough at a cost of approx. £350 for a 30 minute display. Cllr Tomlinson and Ward Cllr McGloin will progress with the playing fields association. **ACTION:ALL**

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7.0 PROGRESS ON WEBSITE:

To be progressed by Cllr. Turner for the New Year, Clerk will continue to use Middlesbrough Council website. Cllr Leyland added that he would support any way to communicate with residents. Clerk stated that the face book page set up by Ward Cllr Rathmell was very informative.

8.0 IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL:

Clerk advised of a number of new ideas discussed with Cllrs Tomlinson and Thomason for streamlining the council's procedures which are being implemented. Members agreed that there was already an improvement with new members involved and that there is a need to work together for the good of Nunthorpe. Cllr Tomlinson stated that he felt that the Parish Council would miss the support of Bob Mullen, he asked that a letter of thanks is sent for his work. Cllr Leyland added that Bob has indicated that he was happy to give advice to individuals in future. **ACTION:CLERK**

9.0 ROADWORKS REPORT:

Cllr Leyland stated that over a period of eighteen months three different timescales for works had been given. Ward Cllr Rathmell advised this was due to a change of funding as monies required for roadworks was diverted for works to the Transporter Bridge and street lighting. Cllr Leyland stated that he would like a definitive plan. Ward Cllr Rathmell was given copies of the reports and will take this forward.

ACTION: Ward Cllr Rathmell

10.0 NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS (ROAD CONGESTION):

Members discussed the large number of planning applications for housing developments passed within the local area together with the blocking of the East Middlesbrough Bypass. Cllr Harrison felt that the Parish Council should write to R&C Council asking for the reopening of Gypsy Lane. Members asked the Clerk to write to both councils asking how they intend addressing the extra traffic generated by the proposed developments. Ward Cllr McGloin said that she would bring this issue forward at the Community Council meeting. Clerk to discuss content with Ward Cllrs and add New Houses (road safety) to the next agenda. **ACTION: CLERK**

11.0 NUNTHORPE HISTORY SOCIETY:

Cllr Leyland advised that Bob Mullen no longer wishes to be involved in the group and is asking for support from both the Parish and Community Councils together with local residents to ensure the group does not die. He added that Bob Mullen had completed a lot of work and had funded the group on behalf of the community. Cllr Leyland suggested that he represent the Parish Council on the new group and Ward Cllr McGloin mentioned organising a social gathering after Christmas to take this forward.

12.0 UPDATE ON NUNTHORPE PARK:

Ward Cllr McGloin said that C Gibbon of Middlesbrough Council was to come back to them with further information, however at a recent planning meeting it had transpired that the draft proposal had only just been sent. Cllr Leyland added that he had been advised that this was out for officer consultation and was given a date of mid October for master plan consultation. Members discussed information from the Ward Councillors regarding the S106 monies being again diverted from Nunthorpe.

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Information was given that the £200,000 from the David Wilson development was assigned to Marton library and then reassigned for the provision of the whole library service.

The current Ward Cllrs are attempting to find information regarding the time when the previous Ward Cllrs were made aware of this. **ACTION: Ward Cllrs**

13.0 POLICING & PARKING IN NUNTHORPE:

Ward Cllr Rathmell advised of a recent policing priorities map which showed Nunthorpe as a low priority. He stated that there has been an increase in incidents over the last two months. He said that following discussions PCSO Barton who covers the Nunthorpe area has issued 2 books of tickets to cars incorrectly parked asking them to move to a suitable position. She will be attending the Community Council meeting and the Crime prevention meeting in September.

14.0 PLANNING:

Review of previous applications: A Report summarising the status of previous applications compiled by the NPC Advisor was circulated in advance of the meeting. Applications were brought to the attention of the full NPC requiring discussion/decision.

Planning Applications;

80 Cookgate – Cllr Leyland tabled a paper regarding adverse possession and proposed a letter of objection on the grounds enclosed within the paper is sent, Cllr Harrison seconded this and all agreed that an objection be sent regarding the legal position. Ward Cllr Rathmell added that he has been in discussions with the council regarding this, but a legal challenge would be costly. He added that the applicant asks for a change of use of land, but as she does not own the land this is void. He is progressing this with MC and suggested that people attend the committee meeting when a date is given. **ACTION: Clerk/Ward Cllr Rathmell**

With no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.30pm and thanked Members for their attendance.