

**Nunthorpe Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

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**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Lesley Tomlinson (Community Council), Ward Cllr. Jon Rathmell, Ward Cllr. Lesley McGloin, Frank Robinson (resident), Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk). Chair welcomed attendees and thanked the Ward Councillors for their attendance and all of their efforts over the month.

**1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Jo Turner (due to work commitments Cllr Turner will be absent from meetings until January 2016), 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:

- 8.9.15 Email from MC Planning application: 37 Connaught Road
- 11.9.15L172 Letter to MC re planning application 80 Cookgate fence/unregistered land
- 12.9.15 Grant application form to R Billington Nunthorpe Institute as requested
- 13.9.15 Website update to MC & Mynunthorpe
- 14.9.15 Email/Telephone correspondence with John & David regarding minutes
- 17.9.15 Email from MC, Planning Application: Nunthorpe Bowling Club
- 17.9.15 Planning Application report
- 18.9.15Ref 473 MC draft statement of licensing policy
- 18.9.15 Ref: 474 Email from resident regarding parking issues
- 18.9.15 Ref 475 NALC newsletter
- 18.9.15 Ref 476 NALC newsletter
- 18.9.15 Ref 477 The Avenue works update from Northumbrian Water
- 21.9.15 Email to J Rathmell re litter bins request
- 21.9.15 Email to MC re noticeboards
- 21.9.15 Call to Greenbarnes re Noticeboards
- 23.9.15 Ref 478 Approval request to P Cllrs for L172A & B 80 Cookgate
- 23.9.15 Ref 479 Response from MC re litter bin request
- 23.9.15 Ref 480 NALC newsletter
- 23.9.15 Ref 481 Email from St Marys Church re providing War Memorial wreath
- 24.9.15 Ref 482 Email from MC Planning application: 32 Connaught Road
- 28.9.15 Ref 482 Email re Police engagement from J Rathmell – response from GW & ST for attending
- 28.9.15 Ref 483 Email from MC re Statement of Community Involvement
- 28.9.15 Ref 484 The Avenue works update from Northumbrian Water
- 28.9.15 L172A/L172B 80 Cookgate fence/unregistered land - forwarded to W Cllrs and MC
- 28.9.15 Ref 485 email from J Rathmell re 80 Cookgate letters
- 28.9.15 Ref 486 Call from and email to St Marys Church re wreath x2
- 30.9.15 Ref 488 & 489 Emails from J Rathmell/MC re litter bins
- 30.9.15 Ref 487 Email to J Rathmell re 80 Cookgate email

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- 2.10.15 Ref 490 The Avenue works update from Northumbrian Water
- 2.10.15 Ref 491 Email from MC re 80 Cookgate
- 2.10.15 Call from Chandlers Ridge Academy for Grumpy Gardeners
- 2.10.15 Receipts from Grumpy Gardeners for new equipment and planting
- 3.10.15 Ref 492 Planning Application report
- 3.10.15 Ref 493 Standards training session details from S Ragg
- 4.10.15 Email from JRathmell re Road Safety Week
- 6.10.15 Ref 494 Email from MC Planning application :143 Guisborough Road
- 6.10.15 Ref 495 Email from resident re public right of way Dixons Bank
- 6.10.15 Ref 496 Email from J Rathmell re Mallowdale Phone Box
- 6.10.15 Email to MC re overgrown hedges

2.2 Report

2.2.1 Mr & Mrs Scrafton donation Clerk advised that a response was still required regarding the offer of a donation of a bench or other item for the community. She advised that the monies could not be held pending completion of the Nunthorpe Park and that the donor wanted an immediate project. Clerk to keep in contact with Mr Scrope the executor. **ACTION: Clerk**

2.2.2 Middlesbrough Council Documents – Members confirmed that they had no comments regarding the Community Involvement and Licensing draft policy.

2.2.3 Resident parking complaint – Clerk advised that she had forwarded this to Ward Cllr Rathmell and he had responded with an article on the Facebook Page. This brought back a number of complaints regarding the speeding and parking issues throughout Nunthorpe which will be progressed with Cleveland Police via Ward Cllr Rathmell and Cllr Wijesinghe. **ACTION: Ward Cllr Rathmell/Cllr Wijesinghe**

2.2.4 Resident complaint re Right of Way – Dixons Bank - Ward Cllr Rathmell stated that he has been in discussions with Middlesbrough Council regarding this Right of Way for a number of months. The Public Rights of Way Officer is aware that the path is in the wrong place. Cllr Leyland stated his support of the residents complaint, and felt that the diversion should be reinstated to where it was originally and any disturbance to the field be properly reinstated. Cllr Leyland proposed that letters be sent to Mr Muir Williams RoW Officer regarding reinstating the footpath and tidying the area as indicated in the definitive plan together a letter to Mrs Langley regarding the litter bin, seconded by Cllr Morrish and agreed by all. Cllr Harrison stated his thanks to Ward Cllr Rathmell for his persistence with this matter. **ACTION: Clerk**

2.2.5 Training Event Clerk enquired if any Councillors wished to attend the training session on Code of Conduct/Standards organised for the 18<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm, no Councillors wished to be booked onto this.

2.2.6 Clerk advised Cllr Leyland of a call from Chandlers Ridge asking for help from the Grumpy Gardeners, they had confirmed that they would email him direct. Cllr Leyland said he had not been contacted and would be happy to help. Mrs Tomlinson to advise the school. **ACTION: Mrs Tomlinson**

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**3.0 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Cllr Harrison and Cllr Leyland felt that there had been some misunderstanding within items 10 and 14 in the minutes however were happy for the minutes to be agreed.

Cllr. Morrish proposed that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 2nd September 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:**

Cllr Leyland and Cllr Harrison declared an interest in this matter.

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

5.1 Expenditure since last meeting:

War memorial planting- Cllr Harrison	£ 30.00
Parish Clerk Sept Wages	£263.83
Clerk Expenses	£ 51.13
Room Hire September	£ 13.00
D Leyland- Planting Avenue tubs	£ 33.79
Grumpy Gardeners Grant – lawnmower/trimmer	£259.25
Royal British Legion Donation	£ 75.00
SLCC – CiLCA fee	£100.00

5.2 Liabilities - 3 Boundary Stones £3900.00

5.3 Clerk confirmed that the grant agreed at the last meeting for the Grumpy Gardeners was now being paid as the lawnmower and trimmer have been purchased. Cllr Leyland confirmed that this equipment is being kept at the school with safety equipment and are intended for use for any group, he extended this offer to the Nunthorpe in Bloom group.

5.4 Clerk confirmed that an email had been received from St Marys Church that she had responded to requesting a wreath directly from the Church for the War Memorial Service. She enquired if the amount was to be the same as donated to the Royal British Legion the previous year which Councillors confirmed. **ACTION:Clerk**

(Cllr. Wijesinghe came into the meeting)

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**6.0: PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS:**

6.1 Notice boards – Clerk confirmed that this is being progressed with both the Supplier and via Middlesbrough Council for erection; however the costs were quite high, all members accept that a notice board is needed to communicate with the community members who do not have internet access.

6.2 Fireworks – Ward Cllr Rathmell confirmed that he had spoken with a fireworks provider and both he and Ward Cllr McGloin are progressing this. Cllr Tomlinson and Ward Cllr McGloin had spoken with the Recreation Club regarding the event and they were happy for this to be held on the site subject to a safety proposal, Ward Cllr McGloin progressing. The Clerk suggested that she would send a grant form to the Community Council as this would be the easiest solution for the joint event which had an anticipated cost of approx. £225 for each group.

**ACTION: Clerk / Ward Cllrs / Comm Council**

6.3 Litter Bins – Clerk advised of emails from Middlesbrough Council that they would not provide bins and their offer to supply bins at a cost of £550 each. Ward Councillors to progress and following comments regarding the high rates paid by this area with nothing in return. Members asked for this to be an agenda item for November.

**ACTION: Ward Cllrs/Agenda**

6.4 Public Telephone box - Mallowdale/Nunthorpe Village – Ward Cllr Rathmell advised that following discussions with British Telecom they confirm that in the last 3 years there has been no revenue from either telephone box. British Telecom state their view that they can be removed and reinstate the ground; a different option brought forward would be for the boxes to be taken over by the community to house defibrillators. This is the preferred option of both Ward Councillors. Members discussed that there were a lot of walkers in the area, but voiced concerns regarding vandalism and key holding however all were in agreement that it would be a good idea, Parish Councillors proposed that Ward Cllr Rathmell takes this forward and suggested that local groups were involved. They asked that he reports back when further details have been ascertained

**ACTION: Ward Cllr Rathmell**

6.5 War Memorial – Clerk updated Parish Councillors on details sent by St Marys Church which advise of a service commencing at the War Memorial at 10.50am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Councillor Leyland advised that he was able to attend the service on behalf of the Parish Council for which all members thanked him. The Clerk confirmed that she would contact the Church to advise.

Members discussed that the Parish Council have supported the War Memorial for two and a half decades and stated concerns regarding comments made about the planting completed there. Parish Councillors thanked Cllr. Harrison and his wife Pauline for giving their time to ensure that the area was well maintained, and comments that they had visited the area and felt it was atmospheric and in keeping with the War Memorial. Ward Cllr McGloin believed that the Parish Council had stated they did not want help from the Nunthorpe in Bloom group, to which the Clerk read from the letter sent which only requested that any work is organised together. Cllr Leyland added that he is in

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contact with the developer regarding ground levels around the Memorial and he felt that some plants will need renewing in the next few years.

It was suggested that Parish Councillors and the Nunthorpe in Bloom group visit the Memorial to progress this and to work together. **ACTION: Cllrs Leyland/Harrison & Ward Cllr McGloin (as part of the Nunthorpe in Bloom Group)**

**7.0 WELCOME TO NUNTHORPE ROAD SIGNS:**

To be added to November agenda.

**ACTION: November Agenda**

**8.0 IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL:**

Cllr Thomason said he was happy with the measures in place for administration and suggested that Doff Pollard from Tees Valley Rural Community Council is invited to a future meeting to discuss ideas for parish plans and see what other communities have done. All members agreed to progress this in the New Year.

**9.0 ROADWORKS REPORT:**

Cllr Leyland enquired if Ward Cllr Rathmell had received clarification from Middlesbrough Council regarding an up to date report on planned road works following 3 different reports over an eighteen month period. **ACTION: Ward Cllr Rathmell**

**10.0 NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS (LOCAL FACILITIES/ ROAD CONGESTION/ SAFETY):**

10.1 Members discussed the Gypsy Lane closure a number of years ago under questionable circumstances and the development of hundreds of new houses around the area, which runs into 1500 new houses within the next 5-10years. Cllr Harrison proposed that a letter is sent to Redcar and Cleveland Council about reopening Gypsy Lane. He added that Middlesbrough Council had blocked the East Cleveland bypass with the approval of the Low Gill development. Redcar & Cleveland Council also blocking with the proposal for homes at Swans Corner. Seconded by Cllr Leyland and agreed by all. **ACTION: Clerk**

10.1.1 Cllr Thomason enquired if members thought that it was worthwhile pursuing the issue of parking problems around Nunthorpe including parking at Nunthorpe Recreation Club. He enquired if emergency vehicles were known to use Guisborough Road in favour of the bypass. Councillors asked that this subject be addressed on the next agenda and asked the Ward Councillors to make a presentation. Members discussed the idea of reinstating a highways group to deal with traffic / highways issues. **ACTION: Ward Cllrs/Nov Agenda**

10.1.2 Ward Cllr. McGloin added that local parking near the sports field had been an issue for years and is regularly discussed at the Community Council meeting and was discussed at the last Playing Fields Association meeting. She said that police are aware of issues within Nunthorpe.

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Ward Cllr Rathmell added that he had contacted 2-3 authorities and he had attended site visits, fines had been handed out. Cllr Leyland asked if the correspondence can be forwarded to the Parish Council. **ACTION: Ward Cllr Rathmell**

**11.0 STREET LIGHTING REPLACEMENT:**

Cllr Leyland proposed that a letter is sent to Middlesbrough Council asking what their proposed replacement programme is. Agreed by all **ACTION: Cllr Leyland/Clerk**

**12.0 UPDATE ON NUNTHORPE PARK:**

Still being progressed. Middlesbrough Council continues to delay meetings. Ward Cllr McGloin to speak with the department involved whilst in the Town Hall.

**ACTION: Ward Cllr McGloin**

**13.0 POLICING IN NUNTHORPE/PARKING IN NUNTHORPE/ SCHOOL CROSSING:**

13.1 Cllr Tomlinson confirmed that Cllr Thomason and Cllr Wijesinghe are going to be involved with observing the police and visiting the control room together with a trip with the police to the town centre to observe the night time policing requirements. Ward Cllr Rathmell confirmed that a date should be organised for this within the next four weeks. He added that this offer of involvement with Cleveland Police is being offered now across the district. This project has the full support of the Parish Council.

13.2 Parking and speeding issues – Ward Cllr Rathmell is awaiting a meeting date from Cleveland Police. All agreed that Cllr Wijesinghe attends on behalf of the Parish Council. **ACTION: Ward Cllr Rathmell**

**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;**

143 Guisborough Road – Application to change from a flat to a pitched roof– No objections.

38 Moor Park – No objections, proposal can't be observed from the road.

32 Connaught Road – Members agreed no objection as there was no more detrimental effect on the neighbours than the last application.

80 Cookgate – Cllr Tomlinson advised that despite very detailed letters being sent, there had been no response from the Mayors office and a very unsatisfactory reply from Mr Sheppard regarding the unregistered land. Ward Cllr Rathmell clarified that the meeting planned for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October is regarding the fences and the change of use for the land.



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He advised that the decision on the unregistered land was passed on 22<sup>nd</sup> September through an Executive sub group and an objection can only be done by calling in and then goes to a scrutiny panel. He would need to find 5 other Ward Councillors willing to object.

Cllr Harrison stated his objection to the executive sub committee meeting happening without the Parish Council being informed.

Ward Cllr Rathmell advised that he has lodged an objection through the land registry regarding the ownership of the land. The resident has also been served with a definitive map preservation order. Ward Cllr Rathmell added that the resident has held discussions with Middlesbrough Council regarding planned extensions.

Members discussed that the Council have maintained the land since the 1970s.

Cllr Leyland said that he would like to see records of the discussions with the planning department and would like to ask the mayor for meeting and consider claiming land on behalf of community. Ward Cllr McGloin advised that as a member of the planning committee her views would be heard prior to the meeting. Ward Cllr Rathmell felt that in respect of the Estates Dept they won't make a legal claim for the land and wont refuse applicant. All members felt that a "reasonable person" on the committee should not allow a change of use and will request the fence to be removed as it is not in keeping with the area.

Members all agreed actions to make a freedom of information request from May 2015 onwards for any information relating to 80 Cookgate from officers Paul Clarke, Tim Wake Cllr Rooney and the Mayor. Also to request a meeting with the Mayor and a meeting with council officers to discuss and challenge the policy on unregistered land in Nunthorpe and across Middlesbrough. Clerk to obtain and circulate the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. **ACTION: Clerk**

14.2 Planning procedures - Members to discuss further ideas for progressing the planning procedures of the Parish Council.

Agenda items for November meeting

Nunthorpe in Bloom.

Buses.

80 Cookgate

**With no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.15 pm and thanked Members for their attendance.**