

**Nunthorpe Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015**

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**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Lesley Tomlinson, Lesley McGloin (Community Council), Ray Wilson & David Mack (Nunthorpe Hall Farm), Jo Turner, Stephen Thomason, Gamini Wijesinghe (Resident), Bob Mullen (Advisor), Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk).

**1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies from Ward Councillor Thompson.

The chairman welcomed residents who had attended following the newsletter appeal for new Parish Councillors and advised that Item 13 Planning would be discussed as the first item.

**13.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – PLANNING COMMITTEE FEEDBACK:**

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.

Ray Wilson from Nunthorpe Hall Farm tabled plans for a farm building which he proposed to be built on the eastern side of the A172 using the existing entrance to Eastfields Farm. He has had discussions with the conservation officer and found there was no required pattern to follow. He has chosen red brick and pantile, he is building to current standards, in a place that does not flood and has tried to reduce any visual impact in an area set away from the main road. He has no plans to diversify and the area is just for agricultural use. The new location will reduce the need for transportation of items from the farm to the fields. He answered queries regarding planting and preservation and confirmed that new hedging is being planted and he is incorporating bat and barn owl nest boxes. Parish Councillors thanked Mr Wilson for the information and stated they would advise if there were any issues when the application is submitted.

Planning Application;

8 Moor Park – Following discussions, Cllr. Leyland proposed that a letter is sent suggesting the extension is set back to alleviate a terracing effect, seconded by Cllr. Morrish and agreed by all. **ACTION: Cllr Leyland/Clerk**

Damage to the bridge in Nunthorpe Village – Clerk confirmed that she has sent an email again to the Clerk in Great Ayton asking for her to follow this up. Clerk confirmed that previous emails in 2013 had stated that repairs were on a list of works to be completed. Cllr Leyland stated that there is a question of public safety and that we need to enquire when it is planned to be completed. **ACTION:Clerk**

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Grey Towers Farm Public House – Cllr. Tomlinson confirmed that following the Committee Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March a decision had been made to allow the sale of alcohol until 11pm only. Cllr Leyland felt that this was correct for the location as noise would continue for up to 40 minutes following this time and that temporary events notices can be applied for up to 52 times per year. Members asked for Ward Cllr Thompson to be thanked for her attendance at the committee meeting.

**ACTION:Clerk**

St Marys School House – Bob Mullen advised that he has been monitoring the work on behalf of the Heritage Society and is happy with the finish; he has been assured that there will be a clear line of visibility between the school house and the war memorial. Cllr Leyland asked for correspondence to be sent to the developer asking for details on the relationship with the new ground works and existing ground works, together with an ideas what is happening with the floorscape. Seconded by Cllr Harrison and agreed by all.

**ACTION:Cllr Leyland/B Mullen/Clerk**

### **2.0 CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- Emails and calls from residents following newsletter
- Invoice from CTP for election training
- Audit paperwork from BDO
- Email to and response from P Wilson MC re lake
- Email to and response from L Dalby/S Binks MC re noticeboards
- Letter from MC re licensing committee decision Grey Towers Farm Inn
- Email from resident re dog fouling
- Briefing note re dog bins from Bob Mullen
- Email from Hardwick in Partnership re death of S&T Parish Cllr. Maelor
- Email expressing condolences sent to S&T Parish Council
- Email from and response to Nunthorpe Bowling Club requesting grant form
- Emails to & response from Ward Cllr Harvey re Clevegate road condition
- Email from B Mullen re St Marys School House
- Letter to Nunthorpe PCC re War Memorial commitment
- Letter & grant cheque to Nunthorpe PCC
- Letter & grant cheque to Nunthorpe table tennis club
- Letter from MC re precept amount
- VAT reclaim form for £76.75 sent

Cllr Leyland stated that he felt that items of correspondence had been send without the knowledge of Parish Councillors. Cllr Leyland to speak with Clerk outside of meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr Leyland/Clerk**

### **3.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Cllr.Leyland proposed an official letter of thanks be sent to the outgoing Ward Cllrs, seconded by Cllr Tomlinson, agreed by all.

**ACTION: Cllr Tomlinson/Clerk**

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**4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

Cllr. Harrison proposed that the minutes of the previous council meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> March and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 were a true and correct record, seconded by Cllr. Morrish. Members voted and agreed. Chairman signed the minutes. Copies of the minutes were passed to the Community Council.

**5.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Nothing discussed

**6.0 FINANCE:**

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

6.1 Expenditure since last meeting:

Parish Clerk March	£ 298.12
Expenses (postage)	£ 7.15
Room Hire (March)	£ 19.50
B Thompson 2200 colour leaflet printing via MC	£ 50.00
Unique leaflet distribution delivery costs	£ 132.00
Nunthorpe PCC grant request	£ 300.00
Nunthorpe Table tennis club grant request	£ 150.00
County Durham Training Partnership – Election training	£ 27.00

6.2 Liabilities - 3 Boundary Stones £ 3900.00

6.3 Grumpy Gardeners – Cllr Leyland enquired if the monies previously agreed for a grant could be reallocated for repairs to a lawnmower which has been donated instead of trees which have not been purchased. Cllrs all agreed that the Grumpy Gardeners were an excellent group and that the Parish Council should support the group. Liability was discussed and Cllr Leyland is to progress with the school.

**ACTION:Cllr Leyland**

**7.0 NUNTHORPE PARK:**

Cllr Tomlinson updated that Middlesbrough Council had received £100,000 and an action group had been set up to decide how to spend the monies in Nunthorpe. The idea of a 3 hectare park was proposed and progressed. Middlesbrough Council had come back proposing a split site which the Parish Council had objected to and we are now awaiting the master plan. Cllr Leyland proposed that a letter is sent to Middlesbrough Council planning dept. requesting an early meeting with the Parish Council as a statutory body. Seconded by Cllr. Harrison and agreed by all. Cllr Leyland added his uncertainty regarding the Steering Group changing the group name to Friends of Nunthorpe Park

**ACTION:Cllr Leyland/Clerk**

**8.0: PROJECTS:**

Notice boards – Cllr Tomlinson agreed that the current boards are not fit for purpose. Cllr Leyland stated that he had put costing and locations to the Parish Council a number of months ago and the next step is to obtain permission from the land owners. L McGloin said that the Community Council are looking at putting monies towards the boards. Cllr Tomlinson felt that a local joiner may be able to provide boards at a much lower cost than obtained on the internet.

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Cllr Leyland proposed that the Clerk ask Cllr Yates to progress locally as he had previously offered and three different quotes to be obtained. Seconded by Cllr Tomlinson and agreed by all.  
**ACTION: Cllr Yates/Cllr Leyland**

**9.0 TREE FELLING POOLE LAKE:**

Following a number of resident's complaints of devastation in the area the Parish Council had immediately sent a letter to Middlesbrough Council who had commenced negotiations. The Parish Council had pointed out that the Council could sue the perpetrators; however Middlesbrough Council had decided not to pursue this.

Bob Mullen requested permission to publish information on the mynunthorpe website which Cllr Leyland proposed is allowed and a further letter to be sent penned by B Mullen, Cllr Harrison seconded with all Cllrs agreeing. Cllr Morrish stated his disappointment that this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> occasion that trees have been unlawfully felled with no action taken.  
**ACTION: B Mullen/Clerk**

**10.0 POT HOLES/ROAD MAINTAINENCE:**

Clerk confirmed that she has re emailed the request to Ward Cllr Harvey asking for a road maintenance schedule and will progress. Ward Cllr Harvey had emailed confirming that Clevegate was not due to be resurfaced until 2017/2018 however extended repairs are to commence 5/4/15. Cllr Leyland said he is in discussions with Mr Bates and Mr Binks, Cllrs agreed that if no response is received a firm letter should be sent and asked the Clerk to advise Middlesbrough Council of any pot holes brought forward by residents.  
**ACTION: Clerk**

**11.0 DOG LITTER:**

Cllr Tomlinson stated that he believed that the situation is worsening. This has been addressed in recent Community Council newsletters. B Mullen said he has spoken with Middlesbrough Council, two previously discussed locations were advised by the Clerk. Cllrs Harrison and Leyland felt that there are enough bins around Nunthorpe, Lesley McGloin added that the Community Council had organised the installation of the red dog litter bins 7-8 years ago, and that they are well used. Majority of Cllrs felt that extra bins will not be used. Cllr Tomlinson felt that it was unsatisfactory to do nothing. Cllr Leyland proposed that the briefing note is used to seek a free mixed bin on Mallowdale only, seconded by Cllr Harrison, agreed by Cllr Morrish, Cllr Tomlinson disagreed feeling that two bins were required. Clerk to progress. Clerk queried a response to resident and was advised to ask where the resident suggests a further dog litter bin be located.  
**ACTION: Clerk**

**12.0 NEWSLETTER:**

Cllr Tomlinson stated that this was the first newsletter since the split from the Community Council, with a main objective of engaging with residents and getting more Parish Councillors, he was happy to hear that a large number of responses had been received to the matters raised in the newsletter and Cllr's asked the Clerk to respond to all of the residents who had left their details. Cllrs discussed further newsletters bringing forward issues that are addressed by the Parish Council including planning/development/roads.

B Mullen to look at legal aspect of call from resident regarding shooting of crows.  
**ACTION: Clerk/BMullen**

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13.0 PLANNING: 1<sup>st</sup> item on minutes.

**With no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.20pm thanking Members for their attendance.**

**Planning Meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 6.30pm. Clerk advised members that due to the elections, the May meeting date would need to be held the week following the election. Date to be confirmed.**