

**Nunthorpe Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

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**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk). LesleyTomlinson-Secretary Nunthorpe Community Council, Ward Cllr. Jon Rathmell, Ward Cllr. Lesley McGloin.

**1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were submitted from Frank Robinson and Jo Turner.

**2.0 CLERKS REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

Correspondence March

- 3.3.16 Email of Boundary plan from Middlesbrough Council & further emails querying
- 3.3.16 Emails from David McGlynn & David Young re War Memorial meeting
- 6.3.16 Email to P Cllrs re Core Strategy CS9 removal
- 7.3.16 Email from Hardwick In Partnership re Roadshow
- 7.3.16 Email of details of discussions at the PFA meeting
- 7.3.16 Email from Middlesbrough Council re refusal of Golf Club planning application
- 7.3.16 Emails to & from Middlesbrough Council regarding separate meeting with Mayor Budd re 80 Cookgate unregistered land
- 8.3.16 Email from Thorp Parker Newton re donation
- 9.3.16 Email objecting to licensing details for Premier Stores at the Avenue
- 9.3.16 Email to Middlesbrough Council requesting documents for planning at the War Memorial
- 9.3.16 Email to PCllrs re Allerton Park fence erection
- 14.3.16 Email from Middlesbrough Council re planning application 37 Marton Moor Road
- 15.3.16 Email from Hardwick In Partnership confirming approval of Transparency Fund Application
- 17.3.16 Email from Middlesbrough Council planning application 55 Connaught Road
- 17.3.16 Email from PFA re mins of meeting
- 18.3.16 Cheque from Thorp Parker Newton donation from estate of Mr & Mrs Scrafton
- 21.3.16 Email from Middlesbrough Council re hearing 5.4.16 for licensing application - 90 The Avenue
- 21.3.16 Email from and response to Middlesbrough Council re War Memorial planning appl
- 22.3.16 Cheque from NALC for Transparency fund bid
- 26.3.16 Email to Tom Blenkinsop clarifying points re 80 Cookgate land
- 27.3.16 Email from St Marys Youth worker re funding request
- 30.3.16 Email from Middlesbrough Council re bill for noticeboard erection
- 30.3.16 Email to Middlesbrough Council re Polo Field Hedge cutting
- 31.3.16 Audit request forms from BDO
- 31.3.16 Insurance renewal documents
- 06.4.16 Email to Middlesbrough Council re Blacksmiths Yard no response to residents emails

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05.4.16 Email from resident re footpath

Feb Emails from Hardwick in Partnership & Middlesbrough Council Planning list

Report

Discussions with Mr Scrope re donation. One of the charities who received the donation is willing to give further monies towards a trail for the new park or something of that nature. I informed that the Park had not yet progressed, but he asked for a cost idea and he will try to obtain the monies. I have asked Cllr Leyland if he had some costing as he had looked at this previously. Mr Scrope is going to advise if there is any wording he felt appropriate for the sign.

Meeting with Mayor 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – to discuss at the meeting, minutes to follow.

2.1 9.3.16 Licensing – Premier Stores, The Avenue

All Ward and Parish Councillors expressed their disappointment regarding the agreed extensive opening hours. A comment was made that there appears to be a list of onerous conditions which Cllr Leyland proposed that a letter was sent to Middlesbrough Council to ensure that the conditions imposed are upheld. This was seconded by Cllr Harrison. A vote was held with two councillors opposed to this letter. The Chairman asked that a mild letter be sent. He asked that a copy is sent to Councillors prior to sending to the Council. He reminded Councillors that responses were required when the Clerk requests approval for letters to enable them to be sent. Ward Cllr Rathmell advised that the shop was not in a protected area. The license would have been for whatever hours asked for; the concession to opening hours was due to the proximity to school and the protection of children. The shop keeper has to have CCTV, alcohol must be covered until 8am and after 10pm, incident books must be maintained and a challenge 21 policy was in place. Cllr Wijesinghe stated his concerns on the impression on the school children. Ward Cllr Rathmell informed that he sent information to the local schools, none of whom responded. He informed that the shop keeper has a store in Normanby and was using the same opening hours as in Normanby. He reported a further possible shop opening was an Indian Takeaway and the possibility of the veterinary practice which put forward an application a number of months ago. Ward Cllr Rathmell added that a Councillor on the licensing panel was not familiar with the Nunthorpe area. Cllr Leyland stated the importance of CCTV and commented that the unit at the play area was not working which he had reported to Middlesbrough Council. Ward Cllr McGloin informed that the council were currently busy in the local area installing LED street lighting and the CCTV issue would be looked at when they had resources. **ACTION:Clerk**

5.4.16 Email from resident re footpath – Cllr Tomlinson visited the area on Stokesley Road towards the roundabout and agreed that there was an absence of a footpath. All Councillors agreed that a letter be sent to Middlesbrough Council. Ward Cllr McGloin informed that the resident had been in contact with her in September 2015. She had reported this to the Highways Dept who had agreed they would look at this when funding was available which was anticipated after April 2016. Councillors agreed to hold off sending any letter.

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

Cllr. Thomason proposed that the Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 were a true and correct record seconded by Cllr. Harrison.

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Members voted and agreed. Chairman signed the minutes. Clerk to forward to Middlesbrough Council and Mynunthorpe website. **ACTION: Clerk**

**4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

4.1 Expenditure since last meeting:

		Cheque no
Parish Clerk March Wages/mileage	£267.38	001059
Room Hire March	£ 13.00	001060

4.2 Payments to the Account

Donation from Mr & Mrs Scrafton	£1847.69
Transparency Funding Bid	£1498.53

4.3 The Clerk informed that she had sent the VAT reclaim form and awaited a cheque. She had been to the Darlington Building Society to find the amount of interest earned on the account but had been informed that the interest accrual date had changed from 31<sup>st</sup> December to 31<sup>st</sup> March.

4.4 Audit papers and insurance renewal documents had been received.

4.5 The Clerk informed that the Accountants had been informed of her new wage details as per email clarification from Cllr Harrison.

**5.0 WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT/TRANSPARENCY FUND BID**

The Clerk informed that Cllr Turner had been in contact with her and that the work would commence on ensuring that a website was developed to ensure that the Parish Council met all transparency requirements. Cllr Leyland enquired if this was a local or national fund, which the Clerk confirmed was national. **ACTION: Cllr Turner/Clerk**

**6.0: PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS:**

6.1 War Memorial

Cllr Tomlinson reported that he had been to the War Memorial and thanked whoever had planted the flowers at the site. Cllr Harrison informed that he had completed the planting and submitted an invoice. He stated that 2 tubs with perennials had disappeared.

Councillors all agreed that the grass verge had been disturbed by the utilities companies. Cllr Leyland suggested that Middlesbrough Council have an Officer who checks that areas are correctly reinstated following works and he does a good job. He will speak with him to ensure he was aware of the disturbed messy grass verge. **ACTION: to progress**

Cllr Leyland informed that as part of a group of Councillors looking into the plans at the War Memorial he had spoken to advisor Bob Mullen regarding the fence erected.

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He had written a note stating that soundproofing should be checked when the properties were built together with information on soundproofing and the level of noise in the bungalows. All members agreed that the fence was not in the original plans and was not a good backdrop to the development or the War Memorial. The fence was erected without consultation and without thought to the heritage list. Members discussed that planting of a hedgerow may blend in with the area and a comment was made that the David Wilson homes development does not have a large fence blocking the road noise.

All members agreed that a letter raising a number of points from B Mullen's notes be sent to Middlesbrough Council. Clerk to draft and send to Councillors for approval. **ACTION: Clerk**

6.2 Events for Celebrations (Tour de Yorkshire)

The Ward Councillors informed of a number of activities planned on the day of the event 1<sup>st</sup> May, the 24<sup>th</sup> April and 29<sup>th</sup> April. Ward Cllr McGloin commented that she was still awaiting an answer from the N&M PFA to inform if she could book a bouncy castle, as there had been an accident on the site a couple of years ago where a child was injured on a bouncy castle.

Cllr Tomlinson stated that a small group should be formed to progress a treasure hunt which Ward Cllr Rathmell felt should be held on 24<sup>th</sup> April. He informed that the painted bikes will be in place by this date. Cllr Tomlinson stated that a number of details needed to be agreed and asked who was willing to be involved in planning, which Cllr Wijesinghe stated he was willing to be involved with. Concerns regarding the advertising, timescale and best time and place to hold this were voiced. Cllr Tomlinson asked Cllr Wijesinghe and the Clerk to confirm availability to meet and discuss, and asked that other Councillors were available to help in other ways for the event. The Clerk advised that she would contact Cllr Turner to help organise.

Ward Cllr McGloin felt there was a need to organise a point to congregate on the day and felt that the club was ideal.

The Clerk asked Councillors to agree an amount for a prize. A budget of up to £100 was agreed. **ACTION: Cllrs Tomlinson & Wejesinghe, Clerk**

6.3 Noticeboard

Cllr Leyland asked that contact details were displayed on the Noticeboard for the Parish and Ward Councillors. **ACTION: Clerk**

Cllr Leyland stated that he was progressing further information regarding a project within Nunthorpe Park which may be supported from the charity involved with the donation from Mr and Mrs Scrafton. **ACTION: Cllr Leyland**

Ward Cllr McGloin asked if a leaflet could be displayed in the noticeboard. A leaflet was given to the Clerk. **ACTION: Clerk**

**7.0 FRACKING WITHIN AREA:**

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Cllr. Wijesinghe had queried developments with Middlesbrough Council and informed that the only area's highlighted were South Bank and Grangetown. Councillors discussed the requirements within Stage 2 of a fracking application requiring a process of 6 stages including planning, environment, Health & Safety and Department of Climate Change. All members agreed to await further information becoming available.

**8.0 NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS – BLACKSMITHS YARD**

Cllr Morrish declared an interest.

The Ward Councillors informed that they had not heard anything further regarding the development. One or two members of MC staff had just returned to work who may be involved in the project.

**9:0 DISCUSSION ON 80 COOKGATE:**

Cllr Thomason updated on a meeting held with Mayor Budd where together with Cllr Tomlinson and the Clerk he had explained the Parish Councils' difficulty in understanding the conclusion by Middlesbrough Council in the face of opposition from all local parties. Middlesbrough Council were questioned why they didn't feel that a precedence would be set and why a claim on the land had not been made, to which Bryn Roberts had informed that they had been advised they would probably be unsuccessful. Martin Sheppard advised that a claim would be made on the remainder of the land, which Parish Councillors questioned why this had not been completed at an earlier date. Mr Sheppard stated that they had made an error and informed they could not retract the previous decisions. Bryn Roberts had taken the Mayor out of the room, on their return they offered the idea of the Parish Council asking for the remaining land to be a Village Green. Cllr Thomason stated that the Parish Council await a further response from MP Tom Blenkinsop. The Mayor had agreed that it would be advantageous to meet on a regular basis to discuss issues

Cllr Leyland queried that the decision was not legal as Middlesbrough Council were not in a position to give planning permission or agree to a change of use on land which was unregistered. He added that the Parish Council had voted twice to register the land and asked that this was done. Members agreed that the Parish Council didn't grant permission and the area was a public amenity.

Ward Councillor McGloin informed that they awaited information on other pockets of unregistered land for future reference.

**10.0 REDCAR & CLEVELAND DEVELOPMENTS:**

Members discussed developments at the top of Ormesby Bank and agreed that the current work was on utilities. There were 141 houses planned on the development at Swans Corner opposite Nunthorpe Academy and talks of a further 200 homes at the opposite side of Ormesby Bank towards Flatts Lane. Both local Councils had been unaware of the plots of land for sale at Morton Grange Farm.

Cllr Harrison commented that other Councils were not allowing such a great amount of house building, with nothing planned around the area of Seamer.

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Cllr Leyland left the meeting.

**11.0 PLANNING:**

Review of previous applications: Applications were brought to the attention of the full NPC requiring discussion/decision.

**APPLICATIONS**

**55 Connaught Road** No objection.

**37 Marton Moor Road** this application was for a detached house to the side of a large semi detached property with a large garden. Members agreed the need for conditions imposing that the materials required being sympathetic materials, architecturally in keeping with other homes on the road. Cllr Harrison said this is over development. All agreed that a letter be sent stating this will alter the streetscene and was not in keeping with the NDS.

**ACTION:Clerk**

**With no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.40 pm  
and thanked Members for their attendance.**