

Nunthorpe Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday 2nd July 2014

PRESENT:

Ken Tomlinson (Chair), David Leyland, John Harrison, Charles Morrish, Jacqueline Webb, Philip Yates.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Henderson - Resident, Bob Mullen (Advisor), Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk).

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies from Ward Councillors. Cllr Leyland proposed the apologies to be noted and a letter sent welcoming the Ward Councillors to future meetings. This was seconded by Cllr Webb and agreed. Cllr. Morrish advised that he has resigned from the Institute Committee, which Cllr Leyland voiced his regret, and stated that this was one of many of Cllr. Morrish's roles throughout Nunthorpe. Cllrs discussed and commended the exceptional work that Rosemary Billington does for the community.

2.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- Email to / from MC re Local Plan
- Emails from NALC/Hardwick in Partnership
- Email from Ward Cllr Thompson re GTV naming (only development name)
- Roadworks reports from Ward Cllr Thompson
- Training event details from CTP
- Correspondence forwarded by Cllr Leyland re grass cutting
- Emails to & from Q Design & Teesside leaflet delivery co. re newsletter
- Email from MC re Low Gill application any further objections by 10/7/14
- Letter of response from MC re east Middlesbrough Bypass
- Letter to CC/Church/Nunthorpe in Bloom re War memorial
- Email for info only from Janet Collins re Morton Grange rail crossing
- Email from W Cllrs re single exec mtg 10 year plan footpaths/bridleways
- Email to & from MC re GTV pond
- Email to MC re S106 monies/recreational park (reply from WC Thompson)
- Email from Forwind annual report
- Email to MC Nicky Walker re planned road works in Nunthorpe for 2014/15
- Annual audit returned to BDO

2.2 Grass Cutting - Cllr. Leyland said that he had forwarded an enquiry to the Ward Councillor regarding grass cutting, and had been answered without any actual answer.

2.3 Road works - Cllr. Leyland advised that he had previously personally been chasing this matter and believed that any capital allowance would be made in April. Cllr. Yates proposed that a freedom of information request be sent to Middlesbrough Council enquiring the costs of compensation to motorists across the whole of Middlesbrough over the past two financial years, together with road works costs, this was seconded by Cllr. Leyland and agreed by all Cllrs, Cllr. Tomlinson abstained. Bob Mullen advised that there is no annual allowance for road works and funds are released when available.

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Cllr. Harrison added his disappointment that the details which are given for current road works across Middlesbrough do not include planned utilities works. Cllr. Leyland proposed a letter be sent to the Ward Councillors regarding the hedge obstructing the public right of way to the side of the NMPFA, seconded by Cllr. Yates and agreed by all.
ACTION:Clerk/Cllrs' Yates/Leyland

3.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

3.1 Village Notice board - The Clerk advised that the notice board in the Village is not in use at the moment as the lock is filled with dirt which despite numerous attempts will not remove sufficiently to open the lock.

3.2 Correspondence – Councillors discussed the procedure for letters being sent from the Parish Council and agreed that the Clerk was responsible for ensuring that the views of the Parish Council were reflected, and that if the Clerk wishes to enlist anyone for resources this is acceptable.

4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Cllr. Yates proposed that the minutes of the previous full council meeting held on 4th June 2014 were a true and correct record this was seconded by Cllr. Webb. Members voted and agreed.

Cllr. Yates proposed that the minutes of the previous planning meeting and EGM held on 17th June 2014 were a true and correct record; this was seconded by Cllr. Harrison. Members voted, and all who were present at meeting agreed and Chairman signed the minutes.

5.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

5.1 (16.0) 32 Connaught Road – Cllrs discussed that this application had been passed on delegated powers and Cllr. Leyland proposed that a letter is sent to Middlesbrough Council querying this. Cllr Yates seconded this and all Cllrs agreed.

ACTION: Clerk/Cllr. Leyland/Bob Mullen

5.2 (16.0) St. Mary's Vicarage – Bob Mullen advised that the application is not yet validated.

6.0 FINANCE:

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

6.1 Expenditure since last meeting:

Parish Clerk June Wage	£ 377.35
Room Hire (June)	£ 26.00
Grumpy Gardeners grant – invoice led Avenue tubs	£ 45.00
War Memorial grant – invoice led weedkiller	£ 19.99
War Memorial grant – invoice led plants	£ 14.47
Q Design Limited – printing 2200 leaflets	£ 182.00
Teesside Leaflet Delivery Co	£ 204.00

6.2 Liabilities - 3 Boundary Stones £ 3900.00

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6.3 Cllr. Leyland advised that he was tending three extra tubs and advised that a further invoice would be provided. Councillors again thanked the gardeners involved in planting for their time and efforts.

6.4 Clerk advised that the Parish Council's annual audit had been internally verified and sent to BDO.

7.0 S106 MONIES/COMMUNITY CENTRE:

Cllr. Tomlinson stated that following discussions at the last meeting a letter had been sent regarding the recreational park which has received no response. Bob Mullen advised that he is meeting the Council Officer whom the letter was addressed to and will clarify the situation and come back to the Parish Council, which all Cllrs agreed.

ACTION: Bob Mullen

8.0: PROJECTS:

8.1 Silverwood Band Event - Cllr. Leyland confirmed that he has organised all requirements for the event and asked members to attend. He suggested that next year this may be organised for a Saturday afternoon. He advised that the Community Council also have a Silverwood Band event planned for Thursday 11th September 2014.

8.2 Photographic Competition – Details advertised on recent newsletter. Clerk to contact schools and distribute posters. **ACTION: Clerk**

8.3 Art Competition – Cllr. Webb brought forward the idea of an Art Competition, which Cllrs thought was a good idea and discussed the ideas of no minimum age and a possible Christmas theme. Cllr. Webb to develop the idea and present at the September meeting. **ACTION: Sept Agenda**

8.4 Notice boards – Members discussed ideas and agreed that Cllrs Yates/Leyland work on this project and present at the September meeting. **ACTION: Sept Agenda**

9.0 GREY TOWERS PARK DEVELOPMENTS:

Councillors discussed that following the letter to Middlesbrough Council regarding the pond, drainage and landscaping a response had been received advising that the pond was as per the approved drainage system. Cllr. Leyland to visit site.

ACTION: Cllr Leyland

10.0 EAST MIDDLESBROUGH BYPASS:

Members discussed the implications of this road not being built and the lack of duty to co-operate by both local councils and queried if Central Government could enforce. Clerk to forward local resident's details to Cllr. Leyland for him to make contact regarding the bypass. **ACTION: Sept Agenda**

11.0 LOCAL PLAN:

Bob Mullen advised he had been able to put forward all of the points raised by the Parish Council and stated that he was the only one with objections as the other attendees were mainly Developers. He stated that 95% of the decision will be based on paperwork prior to the meeting and he advised that Ward Councillor Thompson had also been present every day and spoke on the infrastructure issue.

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Cllr's asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to the Ward Councillor for her contributions and thanks were voiced to Bob Mullen for his ability and hard work with his written and oral presentation. **ACTION:Clerk**

12.0 GRASS VERGES/FLOWER BEDS:

12.1 Grass Verges - Cllr. Leyland advised that on The Resolution he has been repairing the grass verges with a sand/compost mix and would like agreement to purchase more materials to complete the process around Nunthorpe. He asked members to bring forward any areas requiring attention to the September meeting. Cllr. Yates agreed that although it should be the responsibility of Middlesbrough Council it would be a good idea for the Grumpy Gardeners to fill in an application form for a grant to fulfil this project, and felt this would be a very useful service maintaining the area to ensure that Middlesbrough Council do not tarmac instead of preserving. **ACTION:Cllr. Leyland/Clerk/Sept Agenda**

12.2 Flower beds – Cllr Leyland advised of a discussion with Ward Councillor Thompson upon which she had asked if Nunthorpe Parish Council would sponsor the large flower bed at the end of Mallowdale at the junction with Stainton Way. Cllr. Yates proposed that this is not appropriate and asked that a letter is sent stating the Parish Council feel this would be better re-grassed. This was seconded by Cllr. Morrish and agreed by all Councillors. **ACTION: Clerk**

13.0 ADDITIONAL COUNCILLORS:

Cllr Yates again advised that he feels that a request for more Councillors should be made closer to the election date. Clerk voiced her concerns that this may force a full election if there is a lot of interest.

14.0 NEWSLETTER:

Cllrs discussed the successful printing and delivery of the Parish Council's own newsletter and discussed the idea of planning ahead for two or four newsletters per year, and obtaining better prices as advised by the Clerk. Cllr Tomlinson agreed that newsletters could be advertising what the Parish Council do for the community. Members discussed the idea of a website and more visible notice boards.

ACTION: Sept Agenda

15.0 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.

Councillors agreed that no objection was applicable for planning application brought forward for 1 Moor Green.

320 houses on Long Beck Farm - Cllr. Harrison proposed, seconded by Cllr. Leyland that an objection regarding the road infrastructure be sent to Redcar & Cleveland Council regarding the Planning Application. Councillors voted 4 in favour and 2 abstentions. Vote carried. **ACTION: Cllr Leyland/Clerk**

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

Planning Meetings Tuesday 15th July 2014 at 6.30pm, Tuesday 4th August 2014 at 6.30pm and Tuesday 19th August 2014 at 6.30pm.

The next full council meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd September 2014 at 7pm.