

Nunthorpe Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday 3rd December 2014

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ian Pinkney (Resident), Bob Mullen (Advisor), Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk).

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies and resignation from Jacqueline Webb, apologies Ward Councillor Thompson. Cllrs asked Clerk to send letter to J Webb with thanks for her valued work and time on the Parish Council.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllr Yates apologised that he had not sent his apologies for the November meetings. Cllr. Leyland felt that all Cllr's should advise the Clerk in advance if they are unavailable.

Cllrs discussed the need to recruit more Parish Councillors.

2.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr. Yates requested that this item is removed from the agenda, seconded by Cllr Harrison and agreed. 2 Councillors abstained.

3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Cllr. Yates requested that this item is removed from the agenda, seconded by Cllr Harrison and agreed. 2 Councillors abstained.

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- S106 information from Bob Mullen and WC Thompson
- Email from B Mullen to Ward Cllr Thompson re small members scheme
- L160 to MC re planning process rear of 188 Guisborough Road and response
- L161 to MC re planning application rear of 188 Guisborough Road
- L162 to York Diocese re War Memorial ownership/insurance
- Letter from resident re parking at Chandlers Ridge School and reply from MC
- Numerous emails regarding Christmas lights
- Call from resident re Low Gill planning application
- Email from NALC re Clerk pay scales
- Email from Chuhan & Singh re tax enquiry fee protection insurance
- Email from Bob Mullen re meeting organised 5th December 2014 with the Transport Secretary.

4.2 NALC - Pay scales – Clerk advised of a pay increase agreed by the National Joint Council for Local government services, increasing from 1st January 2015.

4.3 Bob Mullen advised details of the meeting organised with the Transport Secretary who has expressed an interest in the East Middlesbrough Transport Corridor situation. Cllrs discussed the fragile road system and that the corridor had been protected since the 1970s and was now threatened by the application for 164 no. homes at Low Gill.

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Cllrs hope that the Transport Secretary invokes a *call in* on the proposal prior to the 19th December planning committee decision. Cllr's thanked Bob for all of the work he does on behalf of the community.

4.4 Cllrs discussed the resident's complaint regarding parking and MCs response. Cllr. Leyland highlighted the specific traffic problems at Chandlers Ridge being the configuration of the road, the number of junctions, the road curving on a hill and parent's poor parking on corners etc. Cllr. Leyland proposed that a detailed and considered response is sent to MC seconded by Cllr. Yates and agreed with 1 abstention. **ACTION: Cllrs Leyland/Yates**

4.5 Clerk advised that the Christmas Lights had been erected on 1st December following numerous emails to contact the correct person. Ward Cllr Thompson had chased this on behalf of the Parish Council.

5.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr Leyland requested that Pot Holes/Road Maintenance is added as an agenda item in January. **ACTION: Jan Agenda**

6.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Cllr. Harrison proposed that the minutes of the previous council meetings held on 5th November and 18th November 2014 were a true and correct record, seconded by Cllr. Leyland. Members voted and agreed. Chairman signed the minutes.

7.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nothing discussed.

8.0 FINANCE:

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

8.1 Expenditure since last meeting:

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| Parish Clerk November | £ 211.23 |
| Room Hire (November) | £ 19.50 |

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| 8.2 Liabilities - 3 Boundary Stones | £ 3900.00 |
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8.3 Clerk enquired if Cllr's felt that the insurance proposed by Chuhan and Singh was a requirement. Cllr's discussed that the Parish Council insurance should cover this and that the details sent do not state it is applicable for Parish Councils.

8.4 Cllr's confirmed that they agree with the draft budget produced by the Clerk at the last meeting and Cllr Leyland proposed that the precept remains at the same figure for a further year, seconded by Cllr. Harrison and agreed by all. Clerk to progress precept request. **ACTION: Clerk**

9.0 S106 MONIES:

The next Steering Group meeting is on 8th December. Cllr. Leyland stated his concerns that he wants the monies to be spent in Nunthorpe asap.

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10.0: PROJECTS:

10.1 Silverwood Band Event – Community Council hosting event without Parish Council at 18th December 2014.

10.2 Art Competition – Cllr. Yates to look at the project in the New Year, and asked Clerk to add to the agenda for progression. **ACTION: Jan Agenda**

10.3 Notice boards – I Pinkney enquired if the Parish Council advertised on Social Media to attract more viewers. Cllr. Yates advised his concerns regarding the use of these sites, and added that he felt the notice boards were an important link in the community. Cllr's Leyland, Harrison and Tomlinson agreed to look in detailed at the possible areas for boards and firm costing, and bring information to the January meeting. Bob Mullen advised of a previously refused request from the Institute for a board in a location discussed. Clerk advised that she was unable to open either notice board this month, Cllr. Leyland offered to look at the boards. **ACTION: Cllr's**

10.4 Grass Verges – Cllr Leyland advised that the project has worked well and will forward the invoice for payment. He will progress further next year.

10.5 Fireworks event – Cllr. Yates proposed an idea of a Fireworks event next November which Councillors agreed for Cllr Yates to make enquiries with professional companies and to check insurance and council requirements.

ACTION: Cllr. Yates

11.0 WAR MEMORIAL:

Clerk confirmed that correspondence was sent to York Diocese and she will progress if there is no reply. Cllr. Harrison advised members that the War Memorial won a Level 4 award in Northumbria in Bloom, Cllrs gave their thanks to Cllr and Mrs Harrison for this. **ACTION: Clerk**

12.0 LOCAL PLAN:

Members discussed the Inspectors comments on the Local Plan regarding the 8% overprovision of new homes in Middlesbrough and the specific mention of homes south of Guisborough Road. Bob Mullen confirmed that the Inspector actually went to look at the area following discussions in the meetings and then questioned Middlesbrough Council regarding the need for these properties. B Mullen confirmed that the inspector's comments will have been written into the Local Plan which will be applicable for a 15 year period. Cllr's queried if the Low Gill development can be looked at in the overprovision of homes. B Mullen advised that on the Local Plan 140 homes are shown for the site, however the planned development exceeds this with 6 homes built and an application for a further 10 plus the 164 proposed for Low Gill. If this is reduced the protected corridor could be retained.

13.0 NEWSLETTER:

Councillors agreed that a newsletter is sent out prior to the May elections, mid March showing what the Parish Council have been involved in and asking for new Parish Councillors to come forward. Clerk to advise Delivery Company in advance to secure lower costs. Cllrs to forward any ideas to Clerk prior to next meeting.

Clerk was asked to forward all minutes to the mynunthorpe website and advertise the need for new Parish Councillors in the Nunthorpe News. **ACTION: Cllrs/Clerk**

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14.0 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.

Former Church Allotment Site – Cllr Leyland awaiting further detailed information from the Planning Officer regarding flooding, hard standing and fencing materials. Members discussed their concerns that the War Memorial be highlighted with landscaping and easily accessible to residents.

Cllr Leyland proposed that a comment is sent to ensure that the development is appropriate with the issues of hard standing, fencing, landscaping, flooding and the S106 obligations, seconded by Cllr Yates and agreed by all.

ACTION: Cllr Leyland/Clerk

Marion Ward
164 houses Low Gill
Meeting 5th December 2014 with Transport Secretary.

With no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.10pm thanking Members for their attendance.

Planning Meeting Tuesday 16th December 2014 at 6.30pm.

The next full council meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th January 2015 at 7pm.