

**Nunthorpe Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday 4<sup>h</sup> December 2013**

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**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Middlesbrough Council Officers as detailed in Item 1(P/T). Resident – Bob Mullen, Community Council - Lesley McGloin (P/T), Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk).

**1.0 LDF UPDATE:**

Presented by Middlesbrough Council Officer's – Sharon Thomas – Assistant Director of Planning & Development, Paul Clarke – Planning Services Manager and Katherine Whitwell – Planning Policy Group Leader.

Sharon Thomas advised that a number of highways issues were queried at the Community Council meeting and that a meeting is being held to address concerns on 18<sup>th</sup> December at The Nunthorpe Institute, with officers attending from the Highways Department. Consultation ends on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013 however, any objections following the highways meeting will be taken into account.

Paul Clarke stated that following consultation of preferred options, only 60 objections were received regarding housing allocations south of Guisborough Road. He advised of expected growth rates. The East Middlesbrough Gateway corridor protection from Swans Corner to Stainton Way has been removed. He said that the proposed dwelling numbers south of Guisborough Road had been reduced from 300 to a maximum of 250 with access from the bypass. This will not be brought forward until 2024 and start on site will be linked with the provision of the Prissick Relief link or the Nunthorpe Halt park and ride.

Paul Clarke confirmed following questions from Cllr. Yates regarding the Redcar and Cleveland Council intention to abolish the transport corridor within their boundary; that he was aware that Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council have an allocation for housing on Swans Corner and that R&C BC will have associated improvements on Ormesby Road. He confirmed that joint transport studies have been completed and that it has been decided that the part of the corridor linking into Nunthorpe was not essential to deliver housing.

Cllr. Harrison stated his belief that people will suffer in future if the transport infrastructure is not addressed now. He said that Middlesbrough Council had paid for a consultation which showed a need for the transport corridor which was prior to all of the new housing proposal including development at Upsall Hall, Galley Hill in Guisborough and Swans Corner. Cllrs. questioned why there has been a turnaround so late in the Local Plan when previously officers/reports/ the mayor had stated the corridor was essential.

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Cllrs' queried Middlesbrough Council's reluctance to build on brown field sites. Paul advised that Middlesbrough have delivered more than the neighbouring authorities who have been reliant on Middlesbrough Council developing 60% of the required area.

Cllr. Tomlinson stated that the Parish Council would like to have further information on research and justification to inform residents.

Middlesbrough Council officers left the meeting and Cllr. Tomlinson thanked the Middlesbrough Council Officers for their update and Advisor Bob Mullen for his document which had been circulated prior to the meeting and asked that changes be made and the document forwarded to the Clerk for circulation and approval.

**ACTION: Bob Mullen**

### **2.0 APPOINTMENT OF NEW VICE CHAIR:**

Cllr. Tomlinson proposed Cllr. Webb, seconded by Cllr. Leyland, all members voted in favour. Cllr. Webb accepted the position and signed the paperwork.

### **3.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

None

### **4.0 CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- Emails from NALC/Hardwick in Partnership
- Grant Application request from The Grumpy Gardeners
- Grant Application request from Nunthorpe Table Tennis Club
- Emails to & from Ward Councillors re: Grey Towers Village meetings
- Leaflet from War Memorial Trust
- Letter from AirVolution Energy re: Wind Turbines in Wilton
- Letter from England & Lyle – Ford Close Riding School – Brass Castle
- Email to Appleton re hedge cutting at The Polo Field
- Letter from Alan Bonnington resignation
- Email to/from Middlesbrough Council re LDF presentation
- Emails to Bouygues re Christmas Lights
- Email from Boundary Commission re Electoral Review
- Email from John Cundall re wreath
- Emails to/from Cleveland Police re; crime figures/speedwatch
- Forms from Darlington Building Society
- Letter to and from Middlesbrough Council re: Ward Cllr. Conduct
- Email from Middlesbrough Council re: 26 Whernside
- Email to Youth Worker regarding attending a parish meeting

4.2 Cheque for wreath now signed and Clerk to deliver this evening to John Cundall.

**ACTION: Clerk.**

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**5.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

5.1 Grant Application Forms – Cllrs discussed the need to update the forms currently used, and it was proposed by Cllr Tomlinson that the Advisory Committee produce a new working document to be circulated prior to the next meeting for further discussion. All members were in favour of this action.

**ACTION: ADVISORY COMMITTEE and PARISH CLERK**

**6.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (06/11/13):**

Cllr. Tomlinson proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were a true and correct record; this was seconded by Cllr. Leyland. Members voted, agreed and 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:

Parish Clerk November Wage	£ 294.55
Expenses - ink	£ 24.00
Room Hire	£ 13.00
Royal British Legion	£ 75.00

8.2 Liabilities - 3 Boundary Stones £ 3900.00

– Members agreed that the liability is kept in place until a bill is presented.

8.3 New signatories – Forms still awaited for Lloyds Bank, forms for Darlington Building Society now signed by existing signatories, to be progressed by Clerk.

**ACTION: Clerk**

8.4 Grant Applications

Nunthorpe Table Tennis Club – Members were all in favour of the grant for £150.  
Grumpy Gardeners – Cllr. Leyland declared his interest in this application and advised that all monies requested would be receipt generated. Members discussed the application form requirements and agreed to wait until the January meeting to discuss further.

**9.0 IMPROVING THE PARISH COUNCIL:**

9.1 Standing Orders: Financial Regulations – to be progressed. **ACTION: Clerk**

9.2 Planning Committee – Members discussed the resignation of Cllr's on the planning committee and the need for the full council to make all decisions on any applications now. Cllr. Yates stated the need for the Parish Council to request a blanket extension to all applications until the first Friday of the following month to allow discussion at the monthly meeting. This action would require to be in force until Cllr's wished to look at re-forming a planning committee. **ACTION: Clerk**

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9.3 Advisory Committee – Cllr. Tomlinson advised that Cllr. Yates would like to join the Advisory Committee and that Bob Mullen had suggested enquiring at the Community Council meeting for the inclusion of a resident on the committee. He re-iterated that the Advisory Committee is not a decision making committee. Cllr. Tomlinson proposed that this is implemented, seconded by Cllr. Webb, A vote was taken with 4 in favour, 1 abstention and 1 against.

**10.0 S106 MONIES:**

Clerk advised to re-instate the original letter.

**ACTION: Clerk**

**11.0 NUNTHORPE AND MARTON RECREATION CLUB (Cllr Yates update):**

Cllr's stated their uncertainty regarding the reports received by Cllr. Yates. Last month he stated concerns regard the Club and this month has advised that the club is now working well. Cllr. Yates re-iterated that he is now happy with the running of the club; this is due to all missing paperwork being found and the management committee now being on a firm footing. Several Councillors stated and agreed that they had difficulty reconciling statements/emails from Cllr. Yates. He advised that he is stepping down from this position and asked for a fellow Cllr to take on this role. No other members showed an interest at this time and asked for this to be a January agenda item.

**ACTION: January Agenda**

**12.0 GREY TOWERS VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT/FOOTPATHS:**

Cllr. Tomlinson advised that he had made two visits to site during the month and felt that issues regarding the mud and footpath have been resolved. Clerk advised that meetings are now monthly and will advise when required.

**13.0 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:**

Clerk advised that the Christmas lights are turned on; however no purchase order was placed.

**14.0 CONDUCT OF WARD COUNCILLORS:**

Cllr's discussed the response from Middlesbrough Council which advised that the Ward Councillors are only accountable every four years at the ballot boxes and Cllr. Yates stated that he believes that this should be sent to the Local Government Ombudsmen for their comment on how Middlesbrough Council arrived at their decision. Cllr's voted on the Advisory Committee preparing a report, 3 in favour and 3 abstentions.

**ACTION: Advisory Committee**

**15.0 PROJECTS:**

**Update on projects:**

15.1 Calendar from Photograph Competition – On sale in Rookwood News and Nunthorpe Post Office. Clerk to enquire in the Avenue newsagents if they are willing to sell the calendars.

**ACTION: Clerk**

15.2 Short Story Competition – Cllr. Yates advised that he is still progressing this and will advise Council prior to taking it to schools.

**ACTION: Cllr. Yates**

15.3 Litter Picking at local schools – Cllr. Yates advised he is looking at the idea of a sponsored litter pick which would fund new bins within Nunthorpe. Cllr. Yates requested the Councils permission to write to the three schools to ask if they are interested.

**ACTION: Cllr. Yates**

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**16.0 NEWSLETTER:**

Cllr. Yates advised that the next newsletter is not due till February. He felt that this is not a worthwhile project for the Parish Council and that if the Parish Council wished to send any notification they could contribute to the Community Council when required. Cllr. Harrison stated his concerns that the Community Council may not be able to fund the newsletter without the Parish Council input. Cllr. Yates advised at the last meeting of the Community Council the Treasurer had advised a very healthy bank balance. **ACTION: January Agenda**

**17.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

Review of previous applications: A Report summarising the status of previous applications compiled by the NPC Advisory Committee was circulated in advance of the meeting.

Applications were brought to the attention of the full NPC requiring discussion/decision.

Cllr Yates said the 'active support and engagement of neighbours of properties which were subject to applications was invaluable to residents

Cllr's agreed that the Parish Council should send objections to 26 Whernside and 26A The Avenue, all other applications were acceptable. No other councillors were available to progress preparation of the objection statements and Cllr. Yates stated that he would look at this and forward to the Clerk within the timescale. **ACTION: Clerk**

**With no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.45pm thanking Members for their attendance.**

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014.**