

**Nunthorpe Parish Council**  
**Minutes of EGM Held Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2013**

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**PRESENT:**

Nicholas Hill, John Harrison, Alan Bonnington, Charles Morrish, Philip Yates.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Bob Mullen, Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk).

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Jacqueline Webb, David Leyland

**1.0 CONDUCT OF NUNTHORPE WARD COUNCILLORS:**

The Chair of the meeting encouraged all Parish Councillors to express their opinions regarding the matter of Ward Councillors declining to answer questions, and the Ward Councillors recommendation that the Parish Council refer them to the Standards Committee (which deals with Councillors' conduct). Despite all Councillors agreeing that the Ward Councillors are not fulfilling the requirements of their positions, some Councillors felt that a further attempt should be made to hold discussions with the Ward Councillors, as future relations need maintaining and to show that every possible attempt has been made to rectify the issue. Members were reminded that the Ward Councillors had been invited to attend this meeting, but no responses were received.

Members discussed that in their view, there is currently no working relationship with the Ward Councillors and discussed the sections of the Code of Conduct that are being breached.

Cllr. Hill advised that opportunities have been given to the Ward Councillors and that it would be a dereliction of duty not to report their actions. He enquired if Councillors would be satisfied if a further letter be sent immediately stating that "as a statutory body the Parish Council expect an answer, and if an answer is not given a letter be sent to the Standards Committee".

A resolution was proposed by Cllr. Yates to send a letter requesting a full written answer by the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013 from the Ward Councillors to the questions raised. If there is no answers given by this date the Parish Council will follow the recommendations of the Ward Councillors to refer the refusal to the Standards Committee. This was seconded by Cllr. Hill and members voted in favour of this, except for Cllr. Harrison who abstained.

**With no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.10pm.**