

Nunthorpe Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday 8th January 2014

PRESENT:

John Harrison, Charles Morrish, Jacqueline Webb (Vice-Chair), Philip Yates, David Leyland.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Resident – Bob Mullen, Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk).

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Ken Tomlinson (Influenza)

2.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- Emails from NALC/Hardwick in Partnership
- Submission to MC re Local Plan
- Letter to and from MC re planning objection 26A The Avenue
- Letter to and from MC re planning objection 26 Whernside
- Letter to Nicholas Hill
- Letter and cheque to Nunthorpe Table Tennis Club
- Email from MC and reply regarding current Councillor details
- Call and Email regarding Morton Grange crossing (passed to Ward Cllr)
- Email from CPRE re cost increase on annual subscription
- Emails from resident re grassed area at Poole roundabout
- Email to and from MC re planning applications response time
- Forms from Lloyds Bank
- Letter from Darlington Building Society
- Letter from Air Volution re Wilton Wind Turbines
- Letter to MC re questions to Highways Officers

2.2 Morton Grange Crossing - Following discussions it was agreed the Parish Council could not be involved due to legalities. **ACTION: Clerk to respond.**

3.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (04/12/13):

Cllr. Yates proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th December 2013 were a true and correct record; this was seconded by Cllr. Leyland. Members voted, agreed and Vice-Chairman signed the minutes.

5.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Cllr. Morrish enquired regarding the sale of calendars. Clerk confirmed that they are available in three local shops and will produce a report on this prior to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk.**

Cllr. Leyland requested an update on the Local Plan submission. Clerk confirmed that to date there is no answer to the Highways questions and has been advised that a response will be sent next week.

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Cllr. Yates stated that any further submission could be sent directly to the inspectorate with a timeline of events.

6.0 FINANCE:

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

6.1 Expenditure since last meeting:

Parish Clerk December Wage	£ 313.15
Expenses – ink/paper/pad/folders etc	£ 64.64
Room Hire (Nov/Dec)	£ 26.00
Nunthorpe Table Tennis Club Grant	£ 150.00

6.2 Liabilities - 3 Boundary Stones £ 3900.00

6.3 New signatories – Forms received for Lloyds Bank and signed by existing signatories. To be given to new signatory to progress with bank, forms for Darlington Building Society taken to local branch however further letter awaited regarding further requirements. **ACTION: Clerk**

6.4 Grant Applications

Grumpy Gardeners – Cllr. Leyland declared his interest in this application and Clerk advised that a new form had been sent for completion. Cllr. Leyland said that at this time the new application form had not been approved, he also queried the need and benefits that the new form provided. Cllr. Leyland indicated that he was now unhappy with the manner which the Grumpy Gardeners October grant application for financial assistance had been minuted and dealt with.

7.0 IMPROVING THE PARISH COUNCIL:

7.1 Standing Orders:

Grant Application form/conditions – Councillors approved the new documents. Cllr. Leyland abstained.

Financial Regulations – Adoption of the document was proposed by Cllr. Yates and seconded by Cllr. Morrish, a vote was taken with four members in favour of adoption and one abstaining. Document Approved.

7.2 Planning Committee – Middlesbrough Council have responded to correspondence from the Parish Council advising that they are unable to extend the planning dates to coincide with parish meetings. Cllr. Leyland advised that he is very concerned regarding the planning situation. Bob Mullen advised members of the planning requirements. Following discussing Cllr. Yates proposed a mid monthly meeting with a single issue agenda item of planning. This was seconded by Cllr. Webb, a vote was taken with four members in favour and one abstaining. **Action: Clerk to progress.**

(Cllr. Webb left the meeting and Cllr. Yates was appointed as temporary chair).

7.3 Advisory Committee – Bob Mullen advised that at the Community Council meeting a request for the inclusion of a resident on the committee will be made.

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8.0 S106 MONIES:

Following discussions Clerk was requested to send email to Ward Councillors asking for their assistance in pursuing the monies on behalf of the community.

ACTION: Clerk

9.0 NUNTHORPE AND MARTON RECREATION CLUB:

Cllr Yates advised that there is a meeting scheduled at the club for Wednesday 15th January 2014 and his intention to send his resignation prior to the meeting. No other Councillors present were interested in representing the Parish Council. Clerk to enquire if Councillors absent from the meeting are able to fulfil this role.

ACTION: February Agenda

10.0 GREY TOWERS VILLAGE:

Clerk advised of a site meeting organised for Friday 10th January 2014 at 2pm. Cllr. Morrish confirmed that he will attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council. Utilities work at the roundabout which Clerk had received a complaint regarding will be discussed.

Action: Clerk respond to resident.

11.0 ROADWORKS REPORT:

Cllr. Leyland advised he is concerned at lack of maintenance with the footpaths/roads on estates in Nunthorpe and that no further update has been received following previous discussions with Middlesbrough Council. Cllr. Yates suggested that the Clerk write to the Ward Councillors requesting a complete list of the planned utilities work and road works for Nunthorpe for a 12 month period.

ACTION: Clerk.

12.0 CONDUCT OF WARD COUNCILLORS:

Following discussions regarding further correspondence with Middlesbrough Council, Councillors agreed to wait until all Councillors are present for a decision to be made. Cllr. Harrison and Leyland considered that no further action should be taken with the whole subject.

ACTION: February Agenda

13.0 PROJECTS:

Update on projects:

13.1 Short Story Competition – Cllr. Yates advised that he is still progressing this and will advise Council prior to taking to schools this term. **ACTION: Cllr. Yates**

13.2 Litter Picking at local schools – Cllr. Yates to write to the three schools to ask if they are interested. **ACTION: Cllr. Yates**

13.3 Photographic Competition – Councillors discussed that this had limited success that the timescale had been too long and the format required improvement. Cllr. Leyland indicated that this was being discussed but was now in abeyance due to Cllr. Bonnington's resignation. **ACTION: February Agenda**

14.0 NEWSLETTER:

Following discussions that the newsletter was a good idea despite feelings that the community did not read it, Cllr Leyland agreed to discuss with the earlier newsletter committee the reasons for its abandonment and will advise at the next meeting.

ACTION: February Agenda

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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 objections were applicable for planning applications brought forward for 1 Moor Green, 5 Egton Avenue and 65 Clevegate.

With no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.30pm thanking Members for their attendance.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th February 2014.