

Nunthorpe Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting Held Tuesday 2nd July 2013

PRESENT:

Nicholas Hill, John Harrison, Jacqueline Webb, Charles Morrish, Philip Yates.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Community Council - Lesley Tomlinson, Lesley McGloin, Residents – Ken Tomlinson, Andrew Farley, Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk).

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

David Leyland, Alan Bonnington, Ward Cllr. Thompson.

2.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- Email to and from MC re precept
- Email to and from Hardwick partnership re voting
- Emails from NALC
- Letter from MC re GTF Planning Application conditional approval
- Letter L23 re grassed area to MC
- Booking form from and to Cleveland Training Partnership
- Handouts from CLCA (Clerk handed to Cllrs.)
- Email to and from NMPFA re Management meeting
- Email from MC committee reports from GTF
- Emails re mentoring for CILCA training
- Email from & to resident re GTF

2.2 Clerk confirmed that Middlesbrough Council's email stated that the Parish Council is entitled to keep the full precept received in April 2013.

3.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

3.1 Refuse and Recycling: Cllr. Yates advised of representations from residents with concerns regarding the new waste arrangements. He has advised residents to write directly to Middlesbrough Council stating any concerns. Cllr. Hill agreed that storage of two extra bins will possibly present problems for many residents, however, He reminded members that a grant for the extra bins had been obtained from central government provide these extra bins. Members of the Community Council advised that Nicky Walker from Middlesbrough will be attending their next meeting on 16th July and stated their disappointment that there was no consultation on this important decision.

3.2 Speeding in Nunthorpe: Members discussed observing speeds in excess of 40mph on The Avenue, and an article published in the Evening Gazette advising that Speedwatch was not going ahead in Nunthorpe due to the lack of volunteers; to which Cllr. Harrison advised that together with numerous others he had volunteered for this at a Community Council meeting. Lesley McGloin advised of seeing 3 BMWs driven at high speed along Guisbrough Road, she was advised that this has happened on previous Sunday afternoon's and she will observe further.

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4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (05/06/13):

Members voted, agreed and signed the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th June 2013 as a true and correct record.

5.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

5.1 (Item 11.0) Nunthorpe Integration back to North Yorkshire: Cllr. Hill advised that a small number of Cllr's sadly had not responded when recently asked for approval of a letter addressed to Eric Pickles. He asked fellow Councillors that in future a response should be sent whether for or against to give a true reflection of the full Parish Council opinion. On this occasion a majority had been in favour. Cllr Yates advised that after further consideration regarding the article which had been discussed in 'The Dalesman' he felt that the article referenced the whole of Middlesbrough returning to North Yorkshire and didn't feel that a letter referring to this article was appropriate.

6.0 FINANCE:

Cllr. Harrison presented his monthly financial report, which all members agreed as correct.

6.1 Expenditure since last meeting:

Parish Clerk May Wages	£ 200.63
Expenses	£ 69.10
Room Hire	£ 26.00
Chuhan & Singh fees year ended 31/03/13	£ 84.00

6.2 Liabilities £ 3900.00

6.3 Grants: Cllr Harrison advised that he has received a grant application for £600 from Ward Cllr. Thompson in respect of Nunthorpe in Bloom, which he feels should be supported by the Parish Council. Members agreed that any grant applications should be considered at the September meeting and were reminded to contemplate any other organisations that could justify a grant.

6.4 Cllr Harrison advised that the Darlington Building Society which hold the Parish Council's deposit account is dropping its interest rates to 1% from September 2013.

6.5 Cllr. Hill advised that following a conversation with the Clerk regarding the mentoring sessions for the CILCA award, a contract of employment is required. Clerk to send contract to members for action at the next meeting.

7.0 STANDING ORDERS:

Cllr. Yates advised his proposal to set up a single issue committee to address the standing orders and make a usable straightforward document. He reminded Councillors that it is imperative that standing orders/code of conduct are adhered to.

Cllr Hill read out a script of his thoughts on the standing orders and asked councillors to defer a decision on amendments till the September meeting.

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The clerk advised that a local council who has obtained a quality council status have adopted the full model standing orders, which Cllr. Harrison agreed was the correct decision.

Cllr. Morrish stated that he is in favour of a committee being set up to consider this, however agreed to the defer until September with a greater number of councillors in attendance. **Clerk to add to agenda.**

8.0 CONDUCT OF COUNCILLORS:

Cllr. Yates advised that at the time of induction Parish Councillors are given a copy of the standing orders, code of conduct and declaration of interests. The law assumes these will be read and followed. He advised that he feels he has had to identify items on several occasions to other Councillors to ensure that they do not incur liability.

9.0 VACANCIES FOR NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Cllr. Hill advised that the Clerk will be displaying notices advising of vacancies on the Parish Council. Mr. Ken Tomlinson expressed his interest in putting his name forward. Clerk to display notices prior to the next meeting and add to agenda.

10.0 NUNTHORPE AND MARTON RECREATION CLUB:

Cllr. Yates to attend the next management meeting on 17th July and advise Parish Council of any relevant discussions thereafter. Documentation regarding conveyances still not received.

11.0 GREY TOWERS FARM:

Cllr. Hill advised that at the recent meeting at Middlesbrough Council offices the 1st phase of Grey Towers Farm was passed conditionally. All of the Parish Council's objections; valid reasons, localism act, road concerns, petitions were all ignored. Following discussions it was felt that the Ward Councillors had failed in obtaining adequate 106 agreements and in not advising and inviting other parties to early meetings with the developers/council and that a group should exist to look at any future developments.

12.0 ALLOTMENTS:

Cllr Hill advised that if the council believes that there is a demand for allotments then they have a statutory duty to provide a sufficient number of plots. Section 23 of the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908. He said that the Parish Council is awaiting a response from Ward Cllr. Thompson following her discussions with Middlesbrough Council and David Wilson Homes. Clerk to contact. Lesley Tomlinson stated that she feels that the allotments/scout hut will be purchased by whoever purchases the properties on sale.

13.0 NUNTHORPE INTEGRATION BACK TO NORTH YORKSHIRE:

Members discussed that central Middlesbrough is a strong labour enclave and is not in tune with Nunthorpe due to political thinking. Cllr. Yates felt that there may be strength in numbers going to the Secretary of State with other areas who wish to move from unitary authorities.

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14.0 106 MONIES:

Lesley Tomlinson advised that the developers had agreed to build 2 new classrooms at Chandlers Ridge Primary School. Members agreed that if a different developer takes over to build the second phase the 106 agreement would be void.

15.0 PERFORMANCE:

Cllr. Hill advised that Cllr. Yates had suggested that the Parish Council should be doing more and enquired what he would suggest. Cllr. Yates advised that no further progress had been made with the Avenue Pond project, to which Cllr. Hill clarified, was due to general feedback regarding safety issues. Cllr. Yates stated an idea for a scheme to be in place for the replacement of the mature trees on The Avenue when they die. **To be progressed.**

14.0 BRASS BAND SUMMER EVENT:

Event booked for 11th July 7-9pm, posters are displayed and tickets available in local shops.

15.0 NEWSLETTER:

Cllr. Yates stated that the newsletter had been circulated a number of days prior to submission and a number of changes were made. All members agreed that the article relating to local shops could not be entered into the newsletter as it constituted advertising. Next newsletter submission to Community Council by approx. 25th August.

16.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – PLANNING COMMITTEE FEEDBACK:

16.1a) Review of previous applications: A Report summarising the status of previous applications compiled by the NPC Planning Sub-Committee was circulated in advance of the meeting (previously circulated).

16.1b) Applications were brought to the attention of the full NPC requiring discussion/decision.

16.2 164 houses, Low Gill – Members discussed that the Marton Ward Councillors have put forward a tremendous objection. However this will affect the roads in Nunthorpe. Cllr. Hill stated that Middlesbrough Council also plan to build a large park and ride at Gypsy Lane Station which will impact on the traffic. Members discussed that it is expected that the Ward Councillors for Nunthorpe will address the affect on Nunthorpe.

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

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd September 2013.