

# Nunthorpe Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013

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### **PRESENT:**

Nicholas Hill, John Harrison, David Leyland, Charles Morrish, Alan Bonnington, Philip Yates

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ward Cllr. Thompson, Community Council - Lesley Tomlinson, Lesley McGloin, Resident – Bob Mullen, Ken Tomlinson, Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk).

### **1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Jacqueline Webb

### **2.0 CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- Email to and from MC re Christmas lights
- Email MC re precept
- Email from NALC re NMPFA
- Email from Hardwick partnership re training/meetings
- Email from NALC re bulletin
- Call to Cameron Brown re: Will Goodhand
- Letter from Planning Inspectorate re: PRoW 6(48)
- Letter to Cleveland Emergency Planning
- Letter to MC re Grey Towers Planning Application
- Press release to newspapers re informal referendum
- Letter to MC re 26 Whernside planning application
- Email to MC re 28 High Gill planning application
- Emails re bursary payment for clerks training
- Invoice from Chuhan & Singh
- Letter to MC re 12 Whernside planning inspectorate
- Email to book Summer Band concert
- Letter of thanks to Internal Auditor

### **3.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**3.1 Grass Cutting** Cllr. Leyland advised of two representations where residents have reported large amounts of compacted grass on footpaths. In Cllr. Leyland's opinion this is a health hazard, totally unfit for purpose and untidy. The grass cutting operators agreed with this when previously discussed during 2012. Members agreed that a letter should be sent to Middlesbrough Council regarding this problem. **Cllr Leyland to advise Clerk.**

**3.2 PRoW no 6(48)** Cllr. Hill advised of letter from the Planning Inspectorate received by the Parish Council and individuals regarding the PRoW (Public Right of Way) which they had previously objected to. He advised there was to be a public enquiry and that a public display for public review would be arranged in the future. A meeting was organised for the objectors to discuss further. **Residents/PC/CC/WC to progress.**

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**3.3 Standing Orders:** Cllr. Hill stated that at the May Parish Council meeting Councillors had brought forward changes which should have been discussed prior to the meeting to allow time for questions and time for reflection. Cllr. Yates agreed to look at the standing orders and make suggestions for any required changes to be discussed at the July meeting. **Cllr. Yates to progress.**

**3.4 Community Council:** Lesley McGloin advised that they now have a website. They are looking for Northumbria in Bloom volunteers to help with planting on a Saturday.

**4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (01/05/13):**

Members voted, agreed and signed the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013 as a true and correct record, subject to one amendment. *Item 8.0 delete sentence - Cllr. Hill advised that he had attended a meeting with the Ward Cllr Brenda Thompson at which she had stated that both she and Cllr. Sanderson were against a roundabout and felt that a t-junction without lights would be the best option.*

**5.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

**5.1 (Item 2.1) Green Waste:** Ward Cllr. Thompson advised that Middlesbrough Council areas will receive a further two recycling bins; one for green waste and one for unsorted paper/plastics etc., with some areas requiring special consideration as to where the bins will be located. Members discussed problems with siting these bins with further criticisms. Ward Cllr. Thompson advised that residents have a right to give their views to the Council if there are further concerns and Cllr. Leyland asked her to take the Parish Councils concerns to Middlesbrough Council. He stated that Middlesbrough Council continue to allow planning applications to be passed where development is to the boundaries which allows no space for these receptacles to be stored. Ward Cllr. Thompson advised that Redcar and Cleveland have completed a pilot of this and they have one of the best recycle rates in the country, Middlesbrough has one of the worst.

**5.2 (Item 4.1) Discussions with Ward Councillors/Community Council:** Cllr. Hill advised that the meeting had been very productive and worthwhile.

**5.3 (Item 4.2) Grass Verges:** Cllr. Leyland advised that he still wishes to progress this.

**5.4 (10.0) LDF/GSPS:** Cllr. Leyland advised that Paul Clarke had said he was mindful of what had been said and has yet to progress. Ward Cllr. Thompson stated that she has also met with Paul Clarke to discuss the opportunities on the LDF (Local development framework), and is awaiting a response regarding a meeting to discuss the Nunthorpe Bypass. Cllr. Hill advised members that other developments have been allocated parks and he feels that if the area is set aside prior to any development plans, this will be beneficial. Cllr. Leyland stated that Middlesbrough Council figures show a shortage in Nunthorpe of GSPS (Green spaces Public Places) and no area for football.

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**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	£ 227.32
Room Hire	£ 30.00

6.2 Liabilities £ 3900.00

Liabilities reduced due to confirmation of no outstanding invoices from Middlesbrough Council for the Christmas Lights.

6.3 Cllr. Harrison asked the Clerk to send a further reminder to Middlesbrough Council regarding an explanation as to why the council tax support grant of £1200 was added to requested precept of £7000, the total received being £8200.

6.4 Cllr. Harrison advised that the cheque sent to the Air Ambulance for £50 has still not been presented and will be out of date in August.

**7.0 GRANTS:**

Cllr. Harrison suggested a different approach to grants and brought forward that a notice be displayed in the notice boards stating that the Parish Council are open to grant applications with a possible closing date for applications of September. Cllr. Yates stated that grant applications were shown in the first newsletter and suggested that this should be an article in the next newsletter.

**Clerk & Cllr. Yates to progress.**

**8.0 NUNTHORPE AND MARTON RECREATION CLUB:**

Cllr. Hill stated that Cllr. Yates had been elected as the Parish Council representative member of the NMPFA at its AGM (Nunthorpe & Marton Playing Fields Association), a number of Parish Councillors had also attended the meeting.

Cllr. Morrish advised Cllr. Yates that in his position as elected Parish Councillor of the Committee at NMPFA, he should at the first meeting state he has been appointed to represent the Parish Council and for items requiring action he would need to bring back to the Parish Council for their agreement.

Cllr. Yates advised that when he sits as a member of the Playing Field Association committee he will be acting in the best interests of the club and that if he has any serious misgivings he would consider his position. Members discussed the amount of internal problems within the club. Cllr. Hill stated that the Parish Council have no interest in running the club, only ensuring that the land is available to be used by the people it was donated to and getting local people to take an interest in the running of the club. He added that the Parish Council has no intention of doing anything detrimental only in ensuring that the management are acting in line with the conveyance.

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**9.0 GREY TOWERS FARM:**

Cllr. Leyland advised that he has spoken with Shelly Pearman from Middlesbrough Council who has advised that they will not be replying to the Parish Council's letter. Very few changes are to be made as the planning department are happy with the application, he stated that he was disappointed with her very negative response. He advised a committee meeting date of 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013.

Ward Cllr Thompson advised that materials will be brought to site to ensure this is appropriate prior to the build. Members discussed that the Localism Act and the mayor's original assurances of a cast iron guarantee of housing density are not being followed. Ward Cllr. Thompson to meet with the planning dept. to discuss the above and request a reply to the Parish Council letter and to confirm the housing density which was originally shown as 7-9 per hectare in phase one and has now increased to 10-14.

**10.0 ALLOTMENTS:**

Ward Cllr. Thompson advised that she has written to Paul Clarke at Middlesbrough Council to enquire if any monies can be put towards the allotments/scout hut. Additionally she has put an expression of interest in to the PCC. Cllr. Hill advised that as a Parish Council there is an obligation to provide allotments. Members discussed that it was not known what was happening with the GTF meeting hall and that there is a possibility of acquiring a readymade hall (the old school) which is an important part of Nunthorpe's heritage. Members agreed to meet in 2 weeks to discuss further.

**11.0 NUNTHORPE INTEGRATION BACK TO NORTH YORKSHIRE:**

Cllr. Hill tabled an article in the Dalesman which stated that Eric Pickles would like to see areas brought back to North Yorkshire. He advised of support from the prospective MP and his agent and members all agreed to write to Eric Pickles with referendum results. **Cllrs. Hill, Yates and advisor Bob Mullen to compose letter.**

**12.0 106 MONIES:**

Cllr. Leyland advised that the purchase of the allotments needed adding to the list distributed to the Parish Councillors. Cllr. Leyland requested that the Clerk distribute this to the Ward Cllr's and this will be discussed at the forthcoming meeting. **Clerk to amend and distribute.**

**13.0 JULY 2013 MEETING:**

Cllr. Hill advised that he could not attend the next Parish meeting and asked members if the date could be changed or the Vice-Chairman chair the meeting. Members were in agreement of a change of date for the meeting. Ward Cllr. Thompson enquired and advised availability of the small room. **NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2013 AT 7PM.**

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**14.0 BRASS BAND SUMMER EVENT:**

Cllr. Leyland advised that a date has been agreed of the 11<sup>th</sup> July from 7-9pm. Cllr. Yates queried the time for families attending, however members felt that an earlier time would not allow time for working residents to attend. Cllr. Leyland to organise tickets/signs etc., Clerk to assist. It was suggested that previous Parish Councillors, Ward Councillors, Community Council & Clerk be guests of the Parish Council. **Cllr. Leyland to progress.**

**15.0 NEWSLETTER:**

Cllr. Yates advised that any submissions should be forwarded to him by 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 for the next newsletter. Cllr. Hill stated that he would like articles in the newsletter to have more detail, perhaps only 4 articles instead of 6. He went on to read a draft notice regarding promoting willingness from within the community. **Cllr. Yates to progress and to add issue of dog bite.**

**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.

16.2 160 Low Gill – Shelly Pearman has advised that this application has been returned with concerns.

**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 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2013**