

Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 15 May 2017

I would like to welcome you to Nunthorpe Parish Council Annual Meeting for 2016 - 17.

Firstly, I would like to thank you as Parish Councillors for your time, knowledge and commitment throughout the past year. Thanks also go to our Ward Councillors, Lesley McGloin and Jon Rathmell who have attended our meetings and kept us up to date on a wide range of issues concerning Nunthorpe. I would like to thank the Community Council for the joint work that we have carried out during the last year. Finally, thanks to Angela Livingstone, our Parish Clerk, who keeps us informed and undertakes our administrative work so well.

I have prepared a brief report covering some of the issues that have been of concern to us during the past year.

As you are aware the overall aim of the Parish Council is to enhance and maintain Nunthorpe for the benefit of residents. I believe this year the issues and projects we have addressed have helped to achieve this aim.

NPC has now got a dedicated web-site, thanks to Jo Turner and Angela, this should be useful in publicising our activities and we will use it in our attempts to seek new Councillors. It is clearly time for younger Nunthorpe residents to take over some of the work that is presently undertaken and help to maintain Nunthorpe from some of the development pressures that will, no doubt, be placed on it.

NPC have once again supported a number of Nunthorpe groups with some modest grants; these include the "Grumpy Gardeners" who have once again been active, the highly successful "Bloom Group" has helped to improve the face of Nunthorpe, while Brenda Thompson and her "knitters" produced a wonderful "poppy" display for the Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Friday 11 November 2016.

Stephen Thomason and I met Mayor David Budd regarding his "Vision for Middlesbrough 2025" we discussed ways in which Nunthorpe could contribute to his "vision". At the same time we outlined how we could improve the working relationship between our Councils. Our main request was to be consulted on items involving Nunthorpe before decisions were made, rather than "hearing" about them when it is too late to "do anything about it"; the case of 80 Cookgate was given as an example of this non-cooperation.

David Leyland, Nick Hill and Bob Mullen drafted out the NPC response to Middlesbrough Local Plan Review. I believe that we made many valuable comments and I hope that we can have an impact on the further development of Nunthorpe.

Housing development continues to be a serious issue for Nunthorpe Parish Council; this results in a further worsening of the existing highway and traffic problems. The extensive Swans Corner site is now under construction and I understand that the Guisborough Road - bypass development could be brought forward in the next two to three years.

Other areas of Parish Council interest include:

The War Memorial

The Friends of Grey Towers Bridleway

Nunthorpe Park

School car parking

In conclusion, again, I believe this past year has been both busy and successful and going forward I hope that NPC is able to influence the further development of Nunthorpe in the interest of all of its residents.

I have given an overview of the work of the Parish Council but in the few minutes we have left I would be happy to answer any questions.

Ken Tomlinson