

Nunthorpe Parish Council
Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Parish Held
Wednesday 1st June 2016

6.30PM

ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME TO COME AND MEET THE PARISH COUNCILLORS
TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES/THOUGHTS AND IDEAS FOR NUNTHORPE
CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT

PRESENT:

Councillors: Ken Tomlinson, John Harrison, Stephen Thomason, Gamini Wijesinghe, Frank Robinson

Residents: Lesley Tomlinson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk).

Chairman of the Parish Council read his annual report

I would like to welcome you to Nunthorpe Parish Council Annual Meeting for 2015-16.

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

I would like to begin by thanking Angela who has kept me on the right track and who undertakes our administrative work so well.

My thanks also go to 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.

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

As a Parish Council we have made further strides regarding engaging with the community. We were pleased to be involved for the first time with Nunthorpe Community Council for the Nunthorpe Carol Service and our thanks go to Councillor Leyland for organising our Summer Silver Band Concert. Thanks also go to the Parish Councillors who organised the successful and enjoyable Treasure Hunt as part of the Nunthorpe celebrations for the Tour de Yorkshire. Hopefully in the coming year we will be able to continue down this road and make our presence in Nunthorpe more widely acknowledged.

At the beginning of the year we were pleased to welcome Councillors Robinson, Thomason, Turner and Wijesinghe, who have brought new skills and expertise to the Parish Council. We also began the year by looking inwards in terms of how we could improve our effectiveness as a Parish Council, this review was undertaken by our new councillors who provided an objective view regarding our procedures and recommendations from this have been implemented.

The activities of a Parish Council include representing the local community and during the last year new and old issues affecting Nunthorpe have been brought to our attention for discussion and action.

Housing development in Nunthorpe continues to be a serious issue and results in a further worsening of the existing highway and traffic problems. The development of 141 houses at Swans Corner, although in Redcar and Cleveland, can only have a further negative effect on our roads and services. We have continued to respond to this problem, however now may be the time to set-up a Highways/Traffic Group in order to be kept informed of the effect of future developments on the community.

The issue of 80 Cookgate where the owner has, we believe, appropriated open green land to extend her property, has been challenged by both the Parish Council and our Ward Councillors. Parish Councillors attended a meeting with Mayor Budd and Senior Officers, but it is unlikely that the decision, not to challenge the “land-grab” will be reversed. The Ward Councillors are still pursuing the matter as concerns have been expressed regarding the procedures that were involved in the decision making process.

Other areas of Parish Council interest include:

The War Memorial
Grey Towers Lake
Nunthorpe Park
Dog Litter

I cannot end this review without acknowledging this years supreme achievement, after many months of agonising debate and non-decision making, we finally agreed and purchased a new NOTICE BOARD !!!!

Working as a Parish Councillor, although demanding of your time is both interesting and rewarding and it would be pleasing to recruit one or two more Parish Councillors to enable us to expand our activities.

In conclusion I believe this past year has been both busy and successful; going forward we have plans to establish a Parish Council website, which will have the dual function of promoting our activities as well as enabling us to obtain broader resident views.

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.