

Nunthorpe Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday 5th December 2018

PRESENT:

Ken Tomlinson (Chair), David Leyland, Dave Tate, Stephen Thomason, Morgan McClintock.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk), Mr B Mullen, Mr Spaldin, Community Council. One resident.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

1.1 Cllr Smiles was absent, no apology was received. Cllr Harrison had submitted his apologies due to medical reasons, the Chair and Cllr Leyland both said they would contact Cllr Harrison.

1.2 The Chair informed that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Morrish, he had followed this up with a conversation and was sad to report that the long serving Councillor was leaving. Cllr Leyland stated that Cllr Morrish had been part of the group who established the Parish Council in 1986. Mr Mullen informed that he would send his personal thanks together with a copy of the History of Nunthorpe. The Chair stated that Cllr Morrish had his personal thanks and was sure he had the thanks of the residents of Nunthorpe. The Clerk was asked to forward thanks from the Parish Council. **ACTION: Clerk**

1.3 Cllr McClintock suggested that the Parish Council review the date of the monthly meetings as these clashed with full council meetings, therefore Ward Councillors could not attend to answer queries. The Clerk advised that a change of date in the Nunthorpe Institute room was difficult due to bookings, but she would explore. **ACTION: Clerk**

2.0 CLERKS REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- 9.11.18 ref 1108 letter to MC re tree felling from B Mullen
- 9.11.18 ref 1109 email from Helping Hands Mbro re services provided & response requesting further information
- 9.11.18 ref 1110 police report
- 9.11.18 ref 1111MC weekly list of planning applications
- 9.11.18 ref 1112 MC Local plan consultation information
- 12.11.18ref L224/1108 letter to MC re tree cutting
- 13.11.18 ref 1112A Local plan information from B Mullen
- 13.11.18 ref 1113 planning evaluation 121a Guisborough Road
- 13.11.18 ref 1114 MC planning application & planning evaluation 18 Nunthorpe Gardens
- 13.11.18 email to R Billington & confirmation of availability of hall on 9th January
- 13.11.18 Email to Nunthorpe News re change of January meeting
- 15.11.18ref 1115 email from D Leyland, re conversation with M Smiles re website
- 15.11.18 ref 1116 Planning evaluation 11 Thimbleby Close
- 20.11.18 ref 1117 regulations from NALC
- 20.11.18 ref 1118 Pre-application consultation leaflet from Persimmon
- 20.11.18 Email to D Budd requesting attendance at meeting
- 20.11.18letter of thanks to Nunthorpe Knitters
- 21.11.18 ref 1119 notice from gazette re P Sanderson funeral
- 23.11.18 ref 1120 MC weekly planning application
- 23.11.18 ref 1121 Nunthorpe PFA minutes
- 26.11.18 ref 1122 B Mullen evaluation on Persimmon pre-application
- 27.11.18 ref 1123 Halloween event report from CC
- 28.11.18 email to MC P Chapman re meeting at War Memorial

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- 29.11.18 ref 1124 email response from P Chapman re War Memorial
- 2.12.18 ref 1125 B Mullen forwarded CC response to Persimmon pre-application
- 2.12.18 ref 1126 Planning evaluation 15 Collingham Drive
- 2.12.18 ref 1127 Cllr McGloin report
- 2.12.18 ref 1128 Matters in Marton Carol singing event information & 1128a grant application
- 2.12.18 ref 1129 Response from D Budd re attending meeting
- 2.12.18 ref 1130 reply from MC re tree felling in Nunthorpe
- 3.12.18 ref 1131 Cllr Rathmell report
- 3.12.18 email to Wrd Cllr McGloin enquiring re play equipment grant
- 3.12.18 ref 1132 email from B Mullen copy of email to MC re s106 monies
- 3.12.18 ref 1133 email from B Mullen copy of email to MC re War Memorial
- 4.12.18 ref 1134 planning evaluation 12 High Gill
- 4.12.18 ref 1135 email from Matters in Marton – gazette article more new homes impacting marton crawl
- 5.12.18 ref 1126a Objection statement from B Mullen 15 Collingham Drive
- 5.12.18 ref 1136 weekly planning applications
- 5.12.18 ref 1137 B Mullen email re response from Persimmon Homes re exhibition

2.2 The Chair stated that all members were aware that Mr Peter Sanderson former Ward Councillor had recently died, representatives of the Parish Council had attended the funeral and a floral tribute had been sent. The Chair advised that the Parish Council would write a letter to Peter's wife Winn and family stating appreciation on behalf of residents and the Parish Council.

ACTION: Clerk

2.3 Councillors discussed the email received from Mayor Budd. He had declined the invitation to attend a Parish Council meeting and had offered to meet representatives in a private meeting. Suggestions were discussed of inviting the prospective mayor to attend a meeting, but it was agreed this was inappropriate. A proposal that the invite be withdrawn was not seconded. Cllr McClintock stated that the Parish Council had been trying to improve relationships with Middlesbrough Council and with issues such as Dixons Bank roadworks and the Nunthorpe Grange developments this improved liaising should be encouraged. He proposed that 2-3 councillors met with the Mayor at the earliest date and discuss issues for Nunthorpe. This was seconded by Cllr Thomason, agreed by the Chair and the motion was carried. The Clerk was asked to negotiate and councillors agreed that the Chair, Vice Chair and Cllr McClintock should attend.

ACTION: Clerk

3.0 APPROVAL AND MATTERS ARISING – NOVEMBER MEETING:

3.1 Cllr. McClintock proposed that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th November 2018 were a true and correct record, seconded by Cllr. Tomlinson. Members voted and agreed. The Chair signed the minutes. Clerk to add to the Parish Council website. Cllr Leyland stated that he would like the minutes quicker which the Clerk found difficult on the number of hours she worked weekly for the Parish Council.

ACTION: Clerk

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT/GRANT REQUESTS/BUDGET:

The Clerk presented the monthly financial report, which members approved.

4.1 Expenditure since last meeting:

<u>Cheques paid</u>		<u>cheque no.</u>
Staples stationary – ink/paper/stamps	£76.64	direct
Parish Clerk salary	£307.57	direct

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Interflora – floral tribute - P Sanderson	£35.00	direct
Room hire December	£13.00	001182

4.3 Grant requests -

4.3.1 A grant request from the Community Council had been received for funding towards the carol event. This mentioned raising monies for a foodbank. Mr Spaldin clarified that the grant would be solely for the carol event, he did not expect any funds left over. The Chair stated this had always been a good event and felt even more interest could be gained with the use of social media as used in recent events. Mr Spaldin informed that he ran the Community Council Facebook page and during the last few days more than 185 people had stated their interest in the event. He advised that residents were being asked to bring a tin and they would receive a mince pie. The Chair stated his support and other councillors approved the grant of £100 he stated hopes that the idea of events being self-funding would be possible in the future. The Clerk asked for any advertising to show that the Parish Council donated towards the event as it had to others, she expressed concern that residents did not realise that the Parish Council part funded these events.

4.3.2 Cllr McClintock stated that an excellent report had been received on the Spooky Nunthorpe event, he asked for a financial report to be provided. Mr Spaldin advised that he would pass the request to the treasurer. The Chair agreed the need due to the use of public monies. The Clerk advised that financial information should be sent with grant requests, as requested on the form. Cllr Leyland felt that questions should not be asked and accounts were available, he asked that the Community Council was left for a year before the accounts were looked at. The Clerk was informed by Mr Mullen that she should again request the information.

ACTION: Clerk

4.4 Budget – The Clerk had provided a budget prediction on spending discussed during recent months and included standard items to be budgeted, this identified an excess spend. The Chair informed of a discussion with Cllr Harrison due to his role as previous RFO. He had suggested an increase on the precept to £8000 and reductions of £400 on Fireworks, a delay to the slide project, saving £3600, a reduction to the cost of the tubs for the Avenue, saving £500 and a delay to the tree planting project saving £500. This achieved an overall reduction of £5000 to the spending for the coming year. Councillors discussed monies budgeted which included funding for an election, the need for this would be ascertained by May. The Chair stated that the figures were a proposal from Cllr Harrison.

4.4.1 Cllrs discussed the items budgeted and Cllr Tate queried if the Clerk had received any grant request back from Ward Cllr McGloin. The Clerk informed that she had provided forms but received nothing back. Cllr Tate stated that he believed that the Ward Cllr intended to put a grant request for the play equipment into Middlesbrough Council, there were funds of £62,000 which could be applied for by the Ward Cllrs, but upon checking he found that this had still not been completed. He stated that he had been happy for the War Memorial work to take priority this year, but would like agreement that if there was no election, funding could be used for a new slide. Cllrs acknowledged that there had been a commitment for the slide and if the Ward Cllrs did not request a grant for the slide this could be looked at again.

4.4.2 Cllr Leyland stated that he disagreed with other councillors and felt that the precept should be increased, the current precept had been static for 15 years. He stated that with compound interest and the additional homes, his calculations showed an increase to

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£12,000 precept was justified. He felt that the Parish Council should do more and should also support the Community Council with a figure of £2000. Members queried the annual allowance received by the Community Council, it was confirmed this was £750. It was discussed that the previous administrators of the Community Council left a large financial figure and self-funded events, not requesting constant support from the Parish Council. Cllr McClintock stated that if financial details were provided with grant requests the Parish Council could hold the Community Council to account for the public monies provided.

4.4.3 The actual number of households in Nunthorpe was queried, this was uncertain and could be checked with the Planning Dept. if needed.

4.4.4 It was agreed that the budget should cover the list of items that the Parish Council wanted to provide for the needs of Nunthorpe residents. Concerns on such a large increase were voiced and Cllr McClintock proposed an increase to £9,000. The Chair seconded this and sufficient agreement was given for this proposal to be passed. It was agreed that small increases should be added each year to enable the Parish Council to budget easier. The Clerk was asked to request the precept. **ACTION: Clerk**

4.4.5 The Chair proposed that Cllr Harrison's proposed changes to the budget plan were approved, this was seconded by Cllr Thomason and approved.

4.4.6 Cllr Tate stated that he had heard that Middlesbrough Council had taken credit for the trees planted on Mallowdale and agreed that the Parish Council should continue a program of planting.

5.0 NUNTHORPE GRANGE:

5.1 The proposed number of homes on the plan dated October 2018 had increased on the site from 250 to 350 homes. At the last Parish Council meeting Mr Clarke from Middlesbrough Council had assured members that he wanted a local and national award-winning scheme. Following this, pre-application information was received from Persimmon Homes showing plans for phase 1, the area between the wetlands area, the railway and the road. All members agreed this had been disappointing and did not comply with the information provided by Middlesbrough Council or the housing density advised and should be challenged. Cllr Leyland stated disappointment that Persimmon had declined holding a public exhibition as all other new home providers had done over the past 20 years and was disappointed this had not been responded to. Councillors discussed and a proposal was carried that letters be sent to both Middlesbrough Council and to Persimmon Homes, Letter to Middlesbrough Council with information as per note from Mr Mullen on 24th November and letter to Persimmon as per Cllr Leyland's note. The Chair stated concern that he felt it was fruitless writing to Persimmon. **ACTION: Clerk**

6.0 LOCAL PLAN

Cllr McClintock informed that he had attended an Our Greenways summit meeting where they were trying to coordinate their responses to the Local Plan, a petition was planned. Cllr McClintock had produced a draft report to send to Middlesbrough Council which had been passed to the Chair. Concerns were included on the level of house building provided which exceeded national levels. The Chair stated his understanding that Middlesbrough Council had produced a Local Plan, October 2018 and that comments could still be made to the Planning Inspector. He stated that the report gave an excellent review of the housebuilding and planning that Middlesbrough Council had adopted over the past 4 years showing unreasonable figures. Some new figures had been provided by the Ourgreenways Group and

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details would be amended and circulated to the Parish Councillors for approval for submission to Middlesbrough Council before 21st December. Cllr McClintock informed that Middlesbrough Council had already been sending refusals for submissions which they felt were not compliant. **ACTION: Chair**

7.0 DIXONS BANK/STANTON WAY HIGHWAY PROPOSALS:

There was no further information on this matter. It was believed that Matters in Marton were still pursuing their objections.

8.0 TRAFFIC INFRASTRUCTURE – NUNTHORPE ROADS/PARK AND RIDE

Cllr Leyland asked for this to be added to the next agenda. Cllr McClintock informed that Cllr Young had stated that Redcar & Cleveland Council, the Tees Valley Mayor and Network Rail had met. Members discussed concerns that the roundabout and land looked towards providing this facility on the Middlesbrough side of Nunthorpe.

9.0 TREES IN NUNTHORPE

Mr Mullen had produced a tree policy and details had been forwarded to Middlesbrough Council, a response had been received from a Mrs Townsend which did not answer any questions raised. Cllr McClintock and Mr Mullen to progress prior to next meeting.

ACTION: Cllr McClintock

10.0 GP SURGERY UPDATE

There was no further update on this matter. Mr Clarke had mentioned that this could be location on the Nunthorpe Grange site.

11.0 CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

Cllr Leyland advised that as a member of the Community Council he would progress this through that group as they had taken some steps in this direction.

12.0 PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS:

12.1 War Memorial

Mr Mullen advised that there was still some work to complete on the stonework when the weather improved, but he had given the cheque to the provider as he was satisfied. He informed of ongoing talks with the Ward Cllrs regarding the installation of a ramp. Cllr Leyland informed that the landscapers were coming back during December to complete works, including the tree planting. There had been some issues with the hedge and tree planting which were being resolved. The Chair enquired when planting would be completed and was advised weather permitting this would be completed during December. He questioned the Clerk if a letter of thanks had been sent to Mrs Thompson and the knitters, this was confirmed.

12.2 The Avenue play area/Slide

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12.2 Cllr Tate reiterated that emails had been sent to Ward Cllr McGloin around information that she was looking for grants for the play equipment. He stated the need for consultation on requirements with the community. Cllr Thomason questioned if Ward Cllr McGloin was aware of the preliminary work already completed by the Parish Council, this matter had been discussed for a number of months. Clerk to progress. **ACTION: Clerk**

12.2.1 Cllr Leyland had met with Middlesbrough Council Officer, Peter Chapman and emails had been sent regarding maintenance, the Chair thanked Cllr Leyland for his work on this matter.

12.3 PROJECTS

Cllr Tate proposed that he design a postcard, similar to one used for recent events, he advised a cost of £27 for 2500. He stated that he would like to use a number of photos and show what had been delivered in the community. He proposed that these were delivered by local people. All councillors were in favour of this small spend and proposed this postcard promoted the work completed by the Parish Council and a further postcard could be designed in May if additional Parish Councillors were needed after the election.

ACTION: Cllr Tate

13.0 COMMUNICATION – WEBSITE/MEDIA/NEWSLETTERS:

Councillors talked of concern regarding lack of communication and the need to ensure that the Community Council and the Parish Council worked closely together for maximum benefit for residents. The Clerk advised that she had approached Mrs Turner regarding the website and Facebook page, she had informed that as long as Parish Councillors sent content to add, she was happy to be involved and could meet with a link councillor but could not attend the monthly meeting due to other commitments. The Chair suggested that Mrs Turner and Mr Spaldin discuss best practice. Mr Spaldin stated the need to constantly post items on Facebook, he informed of very little use of the website. The Chair stated that he would be happy to link with and progress with Mrs Turner and pass on details.

ACTION: Chair

14.0 PLANNING:

Review of applications: Applications were brought to the attention of Nunthorpe Parish Councillors for discussion/decision.

14.1 Discharge of condition 7 (Temporary Parking) on application 17/0258/RES Grey Towers Farm Stokesley Road Nunthorpe Middlesbrough TS7 0NF Ref. No: 18/0734/DIS | Received: Thu 22 Nov 2018 | Validated: Thu 22 Nov 2018

14.2 Discharge of Condition 3 (Sample of materials), 4 (Construction Compound), 5 (Details of Roads, Footpaths and Open Spaces Required), 9 (Surface Water Drainage), 10 (Foul and Surface Water (NWL)), 12 (Landscape Scheme), 14 (Tree Protection and Works) on Application 18/0060/FUL Grey Towers Nunthorpe Middlesbrough TS7 0PW Ref. No: 18/0733/DIS | Received: Thu 22 Nov 2018 | Validated: Thu 22 Nov 2018

14.3 Works carried out on various trees including Oak, Sycamore, Beech, Alder, Scots Pine, Birch and Hornbeam. Works to include thinning and removal of 3 No Trees. 15 Collingham Drive Middlesbrough TS7 0GB Ref. No: 18/0731/TPO | Received: Wed 21 Nov 2018 | Validated: Wed 21 Nov 2018

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14.4 Demolition of existing offshoot and construction of single storey extension to rear 11 Thimbleby Close Middlesbrough TS7 0PL Ref. No: 18/0722/FUL | Received: Mon 12 Nov 2018 | Validated: Mon 12 Nov 2018

14.5 Various works to 1 no. Oak, 1 no. Beech, 1 no. Sycamore and 1 no. Horse Chestnut trees 200 Guisborough Road Middlesbrough TS7 0JG Ref. No: 18/0646/TPO | Received: Wed 07 Nov 2018 | Validated: Wed 07 Nov 2018 | Status: Decided

14.6 Erection of single storey extension to side & rear 18 Nunthorpe Gardens Middlesbrough TS7 0GA Ref. No: 18/0716/FUL | Received: Mon 05 Nov 2018 | Validated: Wed 07 Nov 2018

14.7 Demolition of garage, existing two storey side extension and porch, erection of a split level three storey extension to the side, single storey extension to the rear with walk on terrace above and external staircase, alterations to the front windows and ground floor windows and velux roof lights and five car parking spaces to the front 12 High Gill Road Middlesbrough TS7 0DZ Ref. No: 18/0708/FUL | Received: Wed 31 Oct 2018 | Validated: Wed 07 Nov 2018

14.8 The Chair talked of concerns regarding the very large 12 High Gill Road application, it was agreed that this was at the rear of the property and not visible from the road.

15.0 WARD COUNCILLOR/ COMMUNITY COUNCIL / PARISH COUNCIL:

Reports had been received from both Ward Councillors. Ward Cllr McGloin had stated that four swings had been removed at the Stainton Way play area due to the ground being accessed by Middlesbrough Council. There was uncertainty when these would be replaced. Cllrs discussed concern that Ward Cllr McGloin was bidding for equipment without involvement from the Parish Council when Cllr Tate had been sourcing new equipment for a number of months.

16.0 MATTERS FOR REPORTING OR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Nothing discussed.

17.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 9th January 2019.

With no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.15pm