

Nunthorpe Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday 3rd February 2016

PRESENT:

Ken Tomlinson (Chair), John Harrison, Charles Morrish, David Leyland, Stephen Thomason, Gamini Wijesinghe, Frank Robinson, Jo Turner

IN ATTENDANCE:

Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk). Ward Cllr. Jon Rathmell, Ward Cllr. Lesley McGloin,

The Chair thanked the Ward Councillors for their attendance.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Lesley Tomlinson, Secretary Nunthorpe Community Council

2.0 CLERKS REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Correspondence January 2016

8.1.16	Correspondence with Greenbarnes re noticeboard
8.1.16	Grant forms to David Leyland
8.1.16	Email from NALC re Buckingham Garden Party
8.1.16	Email to and from Middlesbrough Council Mayor re Croft Coaches
10.1.16	Letter to Middlesbrough Council re precept request
10.1.16	Payment to NALC for Good Cllrs Guides
13.1.16	Email from Hardwick in Partnership re HM Queens 90 th Birthday
13.1.16	Email to and from Ward Cllr Rathmell re Cleveland Police bike presentation
14.1.16	Email from Middlesbrough Council re planning application Brass Castle Golf Club
15.1.16	Email from Middlesbrough Council re Marton West Neighbourhood Plan
15.1.16	Email to Middlesbrough Council re erection of noticeboard
17.1.16	Email to and response from Redcar & Cleveland Council re Gypsy Lane
17.1.16	Credit note from Chuhan & Singh, incorrect invoice received
18.1.16	Email from Coulby Newham Comm Council re Fracking
18.1.16	Email from and reply Hardwick in Partnership re advice to Bishopton PC Playing Field
20.1.16	Email to and from Jon Rathmell re Definitive Plan
21.1.16	Email from Middlesbrough Council re planning application re 11 Yew Tree Grove
26.1.16	Correspondence from Middlesbrough Council re precept and reply
28.1.16	Email to and reply from Middlesbrough Council re Polo Field hedge
29.1.16	Letter to Middlesbrough Council Mayor re 80 Cookgate
31.1.16	Email to and short reply from Redcar & Cleveland Council re Gypsy Lane
1.2.16	Email to Middlesbrough Council request for any update on Nunthorpe Park
1.2.16	Email to Croft Coaches request for update on trial service and reply
1.2.16	Email from Jon Rathmell re letter to Mayor re: 80 Cookgate
Jan	Emails from Hardwick in Partnership
Jan	Planning emails from Middlesbrough Council

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Report

Clerk informed that there had been no response from R&C Council re Gypsy Lane reopening request. Clerk to progress. **ACTION:CLERK**

3.0 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Cllr. Thomason proposed that the Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 6th January 2016 were a true and correct record subject to the removal of wording "the meeting" at the end of the first sentence on Item 12, seconded by Cllr. Harrison. Members voted and agreed. Chairman signed the minutes. Clerk to forward to Middlesbrough Council and Mynunthorpe websites. **ACTION: Clerk**

4.0 UPDATE ON PREVIOUS MATTERS:

There were no items discussed.

5.0 FINANCIAL REPORT:

Clerk presented monthly financial report, which all members agreed as correct.

5.1 Expenditure since last meeting:

		Cheque no
Parish Clerk Jan Wages	£264.13	
Expenses ink/paper/stamps	<u>£ 54.72</u>	
	£ 318.85	001054
Room Hire December/Jan	£ 26.00	001055

5.2 The Clerk confirmed that she would speak with Cllr Harrison regarding her wages before the end of February and a report would be brought to the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk

5.3 Grant Application from the Avenue School – community room application. Ward Cllr McGloin commented that she had received the same application. Councillors asked that the Clerk respond that this is not a project that a grant can be given towards and suggest that the Institute is contacted as the room is run by them and members believed that the area was not used by the school. The room was well used by groups outside of the school.

ACTION: Clerk

5.4 Application submitted from ASSIST group from The Avenue School for £200 for art. Councillors commented that £500 had been spend by the group on school security and felt that this should have been paid by the Local Authority as should the monies for work educational purposes. Clerk to advise that the application does not qualify for a grant.

ACTION: Clerk

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6.0: PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS:

6.1 Notice boards – The Clerk reported that the notice board had been ordered and was due to be delivered to Middlesbrough Council to erect. A response was still awaited from the solicitor regarding the donation.

6.2 War Memorial – Cllr Tomlinson advised that he had visited the War Memorial. He commented that considerable progress had now made on the new houses. He felt that it was the correct time to speak with the developer to discuss the peripheral of the Memorial. Cllr Leyland reported that the properties appear close but are positioned as shown in the application. He had spoken with Laura Chambers from Middlesbrough Council from whom he awaited a reply regarding the stockade fence which wasn't shown on the original plans and would write to the Developer if he was unhappy with the response. A working party was agreed of Cllrs Leyland, Robinson and Harrison to progress work around the War Memorial and speak with the developer regarding funding. Members discussed that the developer had attended meetings of both the Community and Parish Council and had advised that railings would be installed around the Memorial. Suggestions were made that the War Memorial may be able to be situated in more spacious surroundings if it were moved to the new Nunthorpe Park, the idea was not supported. An idea was brought forward that the Developer could be asked to pay for cleaning of the Memorial.

ACTION: Working Party

6.3 Nunthorpe Park – Cllr Tomlinson advised that he had attended a meeting at the Ward Councillors surgery at which Charlton Gibben of Middlesbrough Council presented a new plan showing the park on a single site. Cllr Tomlinson thanked the Officers for taking note of public opinion. Procedures for the implementation of the new park are being progressed by Middlesbrough Council.

6.4 Events for Celebrations (Tour de Yorkshire) – Cllr. Wijesinghe reported that Middlesbrough Council and Stokesley Council are organising significant events for the Tour de Yorkshire bicycle ride and that the route through Nunthorpe is a warm up stage. Ward Cllr McGloin advised that Nunthorpe Ward Councillors have advertised the event on their Facebook page and are inviting schools and residents to take part in events. The police are being contacting to be involved. All members agreed to work together and organise a working group.

ACTION: Ward Cllrs

6.5 Events for Celebrations (Queens 90th Birthday) – Cllr Leyland suggested planting an oak tree or similar with a plaque. Lesley McGloin informed that the Nunthorpe in Bloom group are using the theme of the Queens 90th birthday this year. All agreed to plant two trees at the front of the War Memorial with a cost of up to £200 which they asked Cllr Leyland to progress with the War Memorial working party.

ACTION: Cllr Leyland

7.0 FRACKING WITHIN AREA:

Cllr Wijesinghe stated that currently fracking within the area is only at Stage one of registering an interest to potentially explore.

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It was discussed that on earlier geological maps the only gas opportunity was near to the River Tees. He informed that he will investigate further and prepare a report prior to the next meeting. Members discussed contacting Third Energy direct to enquire for further details or speaking with Friends of the Earth or Frack off to enquire if they could give more information. Cllr Thomason commented that the decision for planning permission may be made by a central body not Middlesbrough Council, but felt that there was a need to be informed. All agreed to await Cllr Wijesinghe's report prior to any further probing. Cllr Tomlinson asked that thanks are sent to Bob Mullen for his report.

ACTION: Cllr Wijesinghe/Clerk

8.0 NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS – BLACKSMITHS YARD

Ward Cllr Rathmell advised that the developer had not yet signed and that the access issues were still ongoing and concerns had been brought forward regarding MC Officers not following correct process. He informed that a piece of land had been previously sold to 12 Westside, which would restrict access to a store behind the Yard. Ward Cllr McGloin informed that the Ward Councillors had been involved in meetings with residents, and had put views forward to Middlesbrough Council. Cllr Tomlinson thanked the Ward Councillors for their work.

ACTION: Ward Cllrs

9.0 PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY – NUNTHORPE VILLAGE:

Ward Councillors progressing and asked all members to remain vigilant in the area.

ACTION: Ward Cllrs

10.0 PUBLIC TRANSPORT NUNTHORPE

The Clerk made reference to an email from Croft Coaches which suggested a low profit on the service and a decision to be made within two weeks on the trial. The Clerk queried the trial length which Ward Cllr Rathmell felt may relate to a decision on reducing the level of service which he felt had been the case with previous routes with the provider. Ward Cllr McGloin informed that each time she has used the service the coach has been half full with a mixed age group using the coach. She informed that the response from residents onboard had been positive. Members discussed the lack of advertising together with the low cost of £1 per day to travel on the coach. The Ward Councillors reported that they had spoken with the deputy mayor regarding the lack of advertising and he informed that it was the decision of the provider; contact had also been made with MP Tom Blenkinsop who was writing to Middlesbrough Council regarding the use of the unsafe junction at the top of the Avenue. Ward Councillors updated that they are pursuing a number of issues regarding the bus service and had a number of ideas for the future. Cllr Harrison stated that the route should mirror the established Leven Valley bus route which covered a larger number of residents. It was resolved that the Clerk should respond to the provider stating that the Parish Council look forward to a full service until the 31st March 2016.

ACTION: Clerk/Ward Cllrs

Cllr Wijesinghe left the meeting.

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11:0 DISCUSSION ON 80 COOKGATE:

Members discussed that a letter had been sent to the Mayor and a response was awaited. Ward Cllr Rathmell informed that he was putting together what is needed to challenge the decision, following meetings with the legal department they had agreed that correct procedure had not been followed. There had also been a modification made to the planning application at the meeting. Members discussed that it had been implied in the letter to Middlesbrough Council that the Parish Council would like them to register the land in their name; all agreed that as this has not been completed the Clerk should complete the form for the warning on first registration on the Land Registry website at a cost of £40. **ACTION:Clerk**

Ward Cllr McGloin stated her concerns regarding the grass land next to 80 Cookgate. She advised that the resident opposite has been treating trees and cutting down hedgerows, she added the need to find ownership of the grass patch. **ACTION: Ward Cllrs**

Cllr Turner enquired if there had been any further evidence of incorrect procedure. Ward Cllr Rathmell reported that in MC Council reports for the Blacksmiths Yard sale, it was stated that the Ward Councillors had been consulted and had made no objection, this was incorrect.

12.0 PLANNING:

Review of previous applications: Applications were brought to the attention of the full NPC requiring discussion/decision.

The Clerk advised of planning applications which she had identified on the planning portal that were shown under Marton West and East. These properties were within the Nunthorpe Parish and Councillors asked the Clerk to contact Middlesbrough Council and request exact information on the boundary. **ACTION: Clerk**

Ward Cllr Rathmell advised of a meeting organised on 10th February 2.45 - 6.45pm at St. Marys Church Hall for a proposed housing development within the Redcar & Cleveland area of Nunthorpe at Swans Corner.

Ward Cllr McGloin informed that plots of land were being sold on Morton Carr Lane which she was investigating she added that Middlesbrough Council do not like to open up country roads to a lot of traffic but Redcar & Cleveland Council do not have a Local Plan. A Councillor commented that the land at Morton Carr Lane is privately owned.

Councillor Harrison reported that an article in the Evening Gazette showed a further application to develop land approached from Ormesby Bank and stretching towards Flatts Lane.

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APPLICATIONS

Brass Castle Lane Golf Club Housing Development, Clerk to forward objection to Middlesbrough Council and add that financial problems should not be part of a planning submission. **ACTION:Clerk**

**With no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 9pm
and thanked Members for their attendance.**