

Nunthorpe Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday 10th January 2018

PRESENT:

Ken Tomlinson (Chair), Charles Morrish, David Leyland, Stephen Thomason, John Harrison, Morgan McClintock, Frank Robinson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk), Bob Mullen, Ward Cllr. Rathmell, 6 residents.

The Chair welcomed Cllr Harrison back to the meetings after a period of ill health. Cllr Harrison thanked the Parish Council for their support. Ward Councillor Rathmell was congratulated on his appointment as Chair of the Community Council on 9th January. The Chair stated that he hoped that a good working relationship could commence with the new members of the Community Council

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mieka Smiles, Ward Cllr McGloin

2.0 CLERKS REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- 09.12.17 Email to residents group, copies of relevant Dixons bank correspondence
- 11.12.17 ref 719 Dixons bank copies of documents forwarded by Cllr Tomlinson
- 11.12.17 ref 720 Planning list from Middlesbrough Council
- 11.12.17 ref 721 War memorials newsletter
- 12.12.17 email to Zurich Insurance re liability at meetings and email to Cllrs
- 14.12.17 ref 722 email from B Mullen re new building on The Avenue
- 17.12.17 ref 723 email from resident re incorrect Ward Surgery details on website
- 18.12.17 ref 724 88 The Avenue Planning Application from Middlesbrough Council
- 18.12.17 ref 725 email from R Farnham Middlesbrough Council, re Dixons bank consult docs.
- 19.12.17 ref 726 Planning list from MC
- 19.12.17 ref 727 letter forwarded from resident from MC re Dixons bank
- 20.12.17 ref 728 first draft of Dixons bank proposal, objection statement sent to P Cllrs.
- 20.12.17 ref 729 email from resident re Dixons Bank comments from B Mullen re Arup report
- 20.12.17 ref 730 email from resident re Dixons bank
- 21.12.17 letter from HMRC advising of changes to reclaiming VAT
- 21.12.17 ref 731 email from R Farnham MC re Dixons Bank consultation extension to 18th March, response sent and info forwarded to residents and steering group
- 21.12.17 ref 732 Planning list from MC
- 21.12.17 ref 733 email from P Cllr Leyland/McClintock re Dixons Bank consultation
- 22.12.17 ref 734 email from Hardwick in Partnership re GDPR
- 28.12.17 email advising January meeting date change
- 2.1.18 ref 735 second draft of Dixons Bank proposals objection statement
- 3.1.18 ref 736 copy of letter from residents to MC re Dixons bank
- 5.1.18 ref 737 email from resident re W Cllr McGloin
- 5.1.18 ref 738 email from Hardwick in Partnership re Local Government finance settlement
- 5.1.18 ref 739 email from J Rathmell re Premier Stores licensing application
- 5.1.18 ref 740 email from Billingham Town Council re GDPR Officer
- 5.1.18 call from Ward Cllr McGloin informing of issue with Dev. Control sending emails, called MC
- 5.1.18 ref 741 Planning list from MC
- 6.1.18 ref 742 Hardwick in Partnership information commissioners advise line for GDPR
- 6.1.18 ref 743 email to W Cllr McGloin ensuring Ward surgery was to be held 8.1.18 following email from resident
- 7.1.18 ref 744 Hardwick in Partnership GDPR update

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- 7.1.18 ref 745 Ward Cllr McGloin update
- 8.1.18 ref 746 Notification of external auditor appointment of Mazars
- 9.1.18 ref 747 email from Hardwick in partnership re Cllr census
- 9.1.18 email from Hilary Brown MC re planning application email deliveries and response
- 9.1.18 ref 748 third draft of Dixons Bank proposals objection statement to Cllrs for approval
- 9.1.18 ref 749 email from War Memorial News
- 9.1.18 ref 750 email from Hardwick in Partnership re Buckingham Palace event nominations and response from Cllr Leyland requesting nomination
- 9.1.18 ref 751 email from Cleveland Police re Community Safety Hub
- 9.1.18 ref 752 email from Hardwick in Partnership with new year message from NALC chair
- 9.1.18 ref 753 CDALC training on new audit process from Mazars, training booked for 21st March
- 10.1.18 ref 754 email from J Rathmell re Licensing Application for Brass Castle Country House
- 10.1.18 ref 755 email from Ward Cllr McGloin update and request for Bloom group grant
- 10.1.18 ref 756 email from resident re dates on website and response

2.2 Ward Cllr McGloin had updated on matters including

2.2.1 Continuation of public path link Stokesley Rd (near roundabout) – the bid for a Small Grant Allocation Scheme was accepted.

2.2.2 The Avenue Shops –barriers left by builders were to be removed. A licensing notice had been put on one of the shop units. She believed that there were further possible new businesses including coffee shop.

2.2.3 Anti-Social Behaviour - Complaints had been received regarding children from Nunthorpe Academy snowballing vehicles. The Principal had advised he was dealing with this matter.

2.2.4 Whernside – following complaints she had spoken with the Highways Dept and would report any progress.

2.2.5 David Wilson Signs – properties other than those in Nunthorpe were advertised, she had reported this and MC were speaking with David Wilson Homes

2.2.6 Bus service – a number of councillors had thanked the Parkway centre for providing additional service during the Christmas period. This was currently back to Mondays only but it was hoped this could be expanded to 2-3 days per week.

2.2.7 Bridal Way – A bridal way adjacent to Dixons Bank had been closed temporarily for 21 days as it was a danger to the public from 21.12.17, the Clerk enquired if Ward Cllr Rathmell could update on this, unfortunately he did not have further information.

2.3 The Clerk informed of numerous emails regarding the new GDPR regulations, the Clerk would ensure up to date information was followed by the Parish Council.

3.0 APPROVAL AND MATTERS ARISING – DECEMBER MEETING:

3.1 Cllr. McClintock questioned attendees of the meeting with the Mayor if the minutes were correct in stating that the Middlesbrough Council were not working with Redcar & Cleveland Council as this had been contradicted recently. This wording was confirmed as correct, he further clarified that no data was noted to be available, this was clarified to be correct on the day of the meeting and the wording at that time were to be added to the wording regarding data in item 5.6, he then proposed that the Minutes of the council meeting held on 6th December 2017 were a true and correct record seconded by Cllr. Leyland. Members voted and agreed. The Chairman signed the minutes. Clerk to add to the Parish Council website.

ACTION: Clerk

9.2 The following matters arose from the minutes of the December 2017 minutes.

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9.2.1 Discussions with Ward Councillors – end of minutes following item 9.

The Chair stated that as instructed at the last meeting he had spoken with Ward Cllrs' regarding concerns that they were not working together and it was felt that residents would benefit from a better working relationship. Neither Ward Councillor had offered any resolution to the situation. Ward Cllr Rathmell commented that he would like it brought forward if at any time it was felt that this was detrimental to residents.

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

4.1 Expenditure since last meeting:

<u>Cheques paid</u>		<u>cheque no.</u>
Parish Clerk December Wages	301.55	001138
Room Hire December	13.00	001139
PC Tech – screen repair	40.00	direct

4.2 Ward Councillor McGloin had sent an email requesting a donation to the Nunthorpe In Bloom group. Councillors discussed the exact use of the donations which had not previously been advised and required information on where the monies were spent and requested that the Clerk ask for completion of the grant form and financial information to enable an informed decision to be made on an amount to donate. **ACTION: Clerk**

4.3 Cllr McClintock informed that Mrs Thompson had requested a grant of £350 at the Community Council meeting for a community event, this had been approved, Councillors asked the Clerk to forward a grant application form to Mrs Thompson enquiring if she would like to apply to the Parish Council, this support came following all of the work completed by the knitters groups. **ACTION: Clerk**

5.0 TRAFFIC INFRASTRUCTURE:

5.1 The Chair stated that a report had been tabled by Mr Mullen for Parish Councillors. (Cllr Leyland had voiced concerns **regarding recent initiatives relating to the parish council** work completed by the Parish Council and Mr Mullen had put his thoughts on the matter on paper). Despite comments that the actions taken were in the past and the Parish Council should move on, Cllr Leyland stated that the Parish Council were naive and too trusting towards Middlesbrough Council and had a duty as a statutory body to lead on this subject. It was stated that the Parish Council were not strong enough on the subject of the Dixons Bank proposals and residents had criticised this. Cllr Leyland felt that the Parish Council should have led the Steering group. Mr Mullen asked that a response was sent to his report. The Chair informed that he would complete this action.

ACTION: Cllr Tomlinson

5.2 The Chair summarised the work of the Parish Council to date and queried what Cllr Leyland felt would have been a more successful way to support the residents than the useful meeting with the Mayor where concessions were gained of an extension to the

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consultation, looking at resident's correspondence with the mayor and an agreement that all of the objections would be responded to. Cllr Leyland stated his disappointment that prior to the Chair gaining support for the meeting with the Mayor, he had gained a quorum for support for a public meeting. The Chair had not contacted him before arranging the meeting with the Mayor and he decided to cancel his arrangements for the public meeting. He felt that the Parish Council should have been more involved in coordinating meetings and listening to the residents.

5.3 A resident advised that the Mayor had stated on a radio programme that it had been a good meeting but he didn't always agree with the Parish Council. The Chair stated that all members would agree that the Parish Council had limited powers but were able to discuss matters directly with the Mayor which he felt was a strength. A resident stated thoughts that the manner in which Middlesbrough Council had carried out the consultation had been shameful with no consultation with the Parish Council and letters to only a handful of residents. They stated that Middlesbrough Council did not seem to regard that they were responsible to anyone. The amount of disruption from the proposed roadworks was discussed. Cllr Thomason agreed that he struggled to understand to whom Middlesbrough Council were accountable. Mr Mullen informed that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) were the overarching body, he had contacted them on a previous matter and they had investigated.

5.4 Details of the Arup report were discussed, this report clearly undermined the proposals for Dixons Bank, members all agreed that this work would be a waste of £2million of developers 106 money. A resident informed that they had entered a Freedom of Information request to Middlesbrough Council in November 2017, an answer was not provided within guidelines of the charter. He informed that the Freedom of Information Officer was eventually very helpful, Mr Farnham had answered questions but not provided answers. He had entered a further request when the traffic report was released.

Cllr Rathmell left the meeting.

5.5 Members discussed apparent contradictions between various documents issued by Middlesbrough Council, which increased the importance of attendance by the Mayor, rather than a Council Officer, at a public meeting before the date when the consultation ends. In advance of such a meeting with the Mayor, the Parish Council could proceed, as agreed at the previous meeting of the Parish Council, to send Middlesbrough Council a letter of objection along the lines of the draft recently circulated to Members. It was considered that, as the proposals for Stainton Way could be productive, the objection statement might distinguish the two roads. The Chair stated that the intention of sending the draft objection statement out to Parish Councillors had been for any additions such as this to be sent back to be incorporated. Mr Mullen informed that the Steering Group had the same view on the two roads, it was discussed that the other Wards would have different views. The Chair informed that he had spoken with Ward Cllr McGloin who had informed both verbally and in her report that she had been progressing a forum including the Mayor to come and answer questions.

5.6 Councillors discussed and approved the following actions:

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5.6.1 To send the objection statement, a third draft had been provided which would be changed to incorporate support for Stainton Way proposals. It was agreed that whilst there were different issues for the different wards, there was justification following the Arup report to reject the proposals for Dixons Bank. A resident stated that copies of this objection should be sent to the next tier of government MHCLG. It was agreed this would be looked at together with the letter being sent to MP Simon Clarke. Cllr Robinson asked for a change to the wording used to state the Parish Council objects, not would like to object. The Chair agreed to make changes and circulate for final approval prior to sending. **ACTION: Cllr Tomlinson**

5.6.2 A list of questions would be sent to the Mayor after the objection statement, Cllr McClintock agreed to speak with others and compile this list and circulate to Parish Councillors for comment/agreement. Mr Mullen stated that the Steering Group had a list of questions already which would have been asked at the meeting on the 8th December if any decision makers had attended. Cllr McClintock to liaise with Mr Mullen to incorporate these questions. **ACTION: Cllr McClintock**

5.6.3 Cllr Leyland stated that he felt someone needed to coordinate all of the groups involved within Nunthorpe, a number of groups were attempting to organise meetings with the mayor including Ward Councillors, Community Council and the Steering Group. He added the need for weekly meetings and to disseminate information to the other groups. It was approved that the Parish Council offer to act as coordinators for Nunthorpe. Cllr Tomlinson stated that he would speak with Ward Cllr McGloin to find if she had received a suitable date for the forum she planned. It was agreed that once this date was advised a formal letter should be sent inviting the mayor and other decision makers. This letter should make it clear that Mayor Budd had stated that he would attend. **ACTION: Cllr Tomlinson**

5.7 A resident stated that he had not received a response to two letters sent to Middlesbrough Council, due to the formal consultation there was no obligation for Middlesbrough Council to respond by letter, it was likely that responses would be made in a report published following review of complaints and questions. All attendees were reminded that individual objections could be sent. A resident tabled photographs of a recent crash on Dixons Bank stating concerns that if this road was widened and made into a dual carriageway the number of incidents which occurred would increase. He felt there was a serious safety issue. Cllr McClintock informed of an unlit traffic island on Dixons Bank which the Highway Department should be made aware of. The Clerk was asked to inform Middlesbrough Council of this. **ACTION: Clerk**

6.0 PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS:

6.1 War Memorial

There had been no progress regarding the fence at the War Memorial and no additional work required at this time.

6.2 The Avenue play area/park

Ward Cllr McGloin had informed that this was progressing and the fence would be installed shortly. The Clerk was requested to write to Middlesbrough Council stating the equipment should be repaired immediately as a maintenance item not a new project which appeared to have been misunderstood. **ACTION: Clerk**

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6.3 Mallowdale Trees

The Chair advised that after months of this project being on hold he had met the Middlesbrough Council officer together with Cllr Leyland. The locations had been approved as marked by pegs for the ten trees which had been agreed by residents. The order would now be progressed again by the Clerk. Ward Cllr McGloin had informed that a lady had claimed to have tripped over one of the pegs when it snowed and she had been in contact with Middlesbrough Council as she had been unaware of whom had placed these pegs. Members could not recollect any time that the snow covering would have obscured the pegs. **ACTION: Clerk**

6.4 Noticeboard and two self watering planters – The Avenue

Cllr Leyland informed that he would progress the exact location for the noticeboard with Middlesbrough Council to enable an order to be placed for the noticeboard and would look at the planters at the next meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Leyland / Clerk**

6.5 Website

Cllr Smiles was not at the meeting to update on progress on this matter, Cllr Thomason advised he would progress this. Cllr Leyland asked to be informed.

ACTION: Cllr Thomason

6.6 Nunthorpe Park/South Middlesbrough Masterplan

Middlesbrough Council continued to delay the release of data.

7.0 PARKING PROPOSALS CHANDLERS RIDGE

Mr Farnham had indicated to Ward Cllr McGloin that he had been occupied with other projects but would be progressing this area.

8.0 DEVELOPMENT WORKING PARTY:

Cllr Tomlinson informed that there was no further information regarding work around the bypass area. Cllr Harrison informed that houses continued to be built in Redcar & Cleveland with no improvements to the traffic infrastructure. Members discussed that the incoming traffic from Redcar and Cleveland and Hambleton councils was not taken into consideration in the Arup report. Cllr Robinson informed that the work at Grey Towers Farm development would continue for a few years with a large area still to be built on.

9.0 PLANNING:

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

[Single storey extension to side](#) 3 Ellerbeck Avenue - Ref. No: 17/0884/FUL | Received: Wed 13 Dec 2017 | Validated: Fri 22 Dec 2017 | Status: Awaiting decision

[Erection of 1 no dwellinghouse](#) 88 The Avenue Nunthorpe - Ref. No: 17/0875/FUL | Received: Sat 09 Dec 2017 | Validated: Thu 14 Dec 2017 | Status: Awaiting decision

Parish Councillors had visited both properties and found that the applications were in line with planning requirements. The application on the Avenue was for a small dwelling which

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would use the same drive as the existing property. It was agreed that the Parish Council would speak with the Community Council to ensure that the planning strategy was coordinated.

9.2 Two applications had been forwarded by Ward Cllr Rathmell for licencing in the parish. The application for the Premier Store at 94 The Avenue applied for a licence to sell alcohol from 7am to 11pm. Parish Councillors agreed that there had been an objection to a previous application at the shops, approval had been granted for selling alcohol until only 10pm, this had been replicated with the public house application. The other shop in Nunthorpe also only opened until 10pm. All agreed the application should only be approved until 10pm.

ACTION: Cllr Leyland

9.3 Brass Castle Country house, Ryehill House. This application had only just been received and Parish Councillors agreed to look at this further before comment was made.

**With no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.50pm
and thanked Members for their attendance.**