

Nunthorpe Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday 1st July 2015

PRESENT:

Ken Tomlinson (Chair), Charles Morrish, David Leyland, Stephen Thomason, Gamini Wijesinghe, Jo Turner.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Frank Robinson, Margaret Johnson (residents), Lesley Tomlinson (Community Council), Ward Cllr. Jon Rathmell, Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk).

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

John Harrison (holiday)

2.0 CLERKS REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- Grant request from Friends of Chandlers Ridge Academy
- Grant request from 2nd Nunthorpe Brownies
- Calls and emails re notice boards
- Email to MC and response re overhanging branches on Guisborough Road
- Email re Training event
- Emails to & from MC re 188 Guisborough Road planning objection
- Emails from NALC
- Telephone call from and grant request to Nunthorpe Brownies
- Grant request from Brownies
- Email and response from Advertising Standards Authority re location of Milan Grove being incorrectly advertised as Marton not Nunthorpe– Due to the location being adjacent to Nunthorpe they did not wish to pursue this.
- Email from MC re update on Fishpond
- Letter from the Pensions Regulator (forwarded to Accountants)
- Emails from Ward Cllr Rathmell re Salt from Tesco & Speed indicators on Mallowdale
- Email from St Mary's Church vicar requesting meeting with Chairman
- Complaint from resident regarding hedges blocking part of the footpath near Nunthorpe Shops. (Clerk to contact R&C Council to advise)

Clerk distributed copies of roadwork timescale information and maps for discussion at the September meeting.

ACTION: September Agenda

2.2 Grey Towers Fishpond – Resident enquired if the Parish Council could advise the future details of site access. Cllr Leyland stated that he believed that the footpath is public and is shown on the definitive public footpath map. He proposed that he will confer with others and make contact with Middlesbrough Council regarding tree replacement and the flora and fauna. Contact to be made with Middlesbrough Council to establish the exact works taking place. This action was seconded by Cllr Thomason and agreed by all. Ward Cllr Rathmell advised he has been making enquiries and that the rights of way officer is Stewart Williams.

ACTION: Cllr Leyland/Clerk

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2.3 Ward Cllr Rathmell emails - Jon updated that Tesco have offered winter rock salt which he is contacting local schools, churches and groups enquiring if they require. Cllr Leyland suggested the Nunthorpe Institute Management group.

Jon confirmed that he has been in discussions with Middlesbrough Council regarding the incorrect positioning of the speed indicators.

Cllr Tomlinson proposed that the Parish Council support the repositioning of the signs, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all. **ACTION: Ward Cllr Rathmell**

3.0 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Cllr. Morrish proposed that the minutes of the previous council meetings held on 3rd June 2015 were a true and correct record, seconded by Cllr. Thomason. Members voted and agreed. Chairman signed the minutes. Clerk to forward to Middlesbrough Council and Mynunthorpe websites.

4.0 UPDATE ON PREVIOUS MATTERS:

Grumpy Gardeners – Cllr Leyland advised that he is covered by various insurances and the other gardeners are progressing their cover.

Searchlight Farm – Planning Department – Cllr Thomason advised that he is progressing the conduct of the planning department with Cllr Turner and they will update at the September meeting. **ACTION: Cllrs Thomason/Turner**

5.0 FINANCIAL REPORT & GRANT REQUESTS:

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

5.1 Expenditure since last meeting:

Parish Clerk June	£ 331.48
Room Hire (June)	£ 13.00
Newsletter printing Middlesbrough Council	£ 95.77
Newsletter distribution Unique leaflets	£ 91.80
Silverwood band event	£ 100.00
D Leyland Silverwood band raffle/refreshments	£ 56.68

5.2 Liabilities - 3 Boundary Stones £ 3900.00

5.3 Grant Request – Friends of Chandlers Ridge – Cllr Turner declared an interest as she is involved with this group.

Clerk advised that the grant requested is for monies to fund the hire of a bouncy castle for the upcoming summer fair to which all local residents are invited. Cllr. Leyland proposed that a figure of £150 is granted, seconded by Cllr. Morrish and agreed by all. **ACTION: Clerk**

5.4 Grant Request – 2nd Nunthorpe Brownies - Clerk advised that the Brownies wished to raise £400 to purchase archery and camping equipment and that the bank figures submitted show a diminishing reserve in the accounts. The Brownies group have requested £300 with the remainder to be raised through planned fundraising events.

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Clerk added that the Brownies groups have previously advised that they share their resources. Following discussions Cllr Wijesinghe suggested a grant of £225, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all. **ACTION: Clerk**

6.0 PROGRESS ON STANDING ORDER AMENDMENTS:

Cllr Tomlinson advised that he had discussed updating the standing orders with Cllr Turner. He advised that the Freedom of Information Act states that every public authority should adopt and maintain a publication scheme. The Parish Council must produce and publish this so that details can be easily accessed by members of the public. Smaller councils must publish information on a website, which Clerk confirmed that all minutes and agendas are published on the Middlesbrough Council website. Cllr Turner felt that this doesn't comply with the scheme due to timescales. Cllr Leyland felt that a major failing is keeping in touch with residents which can be addressed with the notice boards, website and newsletters. Cllr Thomason advised that the Transparency Code comes into effect from 1st July 2015. Members agreed that Cllr Turner should progress costs and details for the September meeting for a Parish Council website. **ACTION: Cllr Turner**

7.0 UPDATE ON 80 COOKGATE:

Ward Cllr Rathmell updated that he has spoken with the legal department at Middlesbrough Council, who are looking into the matter further. He advised that he has requested a site visit with plenty of notice to allow Ward Councillors and Parish Councillors to attend. He has also requested a full breakdown on the details regarding the fence and land ownership. Members of the Parish Council stated their full support on this matter and thanked Ward Cllr Rathmell for his work.

ACTION: Ward Cllr Rathmell

8.0 UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR TRAINING EVENT:

Cllr Thomason advised that he had attended a training course on 10th June with Cllr Turner. The course had covered 4 sections starting with Roles and Responsibilities which gave an insight into what they should be doing and gave a focus on the responsibility for wellbeing. Cllr Thomason to forward slides to other Councillors. Cllr Turner advised of a talk by Doff Pollard from Tees Valley Rural Community Council, and subsequent discussions where she had offered to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council where she could give current stats for items in Nunthorpe. She had talked of a Parish Plan showing aims for the community and involving all parties in a community. Cllr Turner felt that there is a need for some Parish Plan as there is nothing other than the Nunthorpe Design Statement. Cllr Leyland advised that a survey had previously been completed which he will obtain details of from Bob Mullen, he suggested that Cllr Turner brings a plan to a future meeting. Cllr Tomlinson stated that within the details forwarded there are many ideas and suggested that over the next two months Parish Councillors look at ideas to improve and modernise our procedures. **ACTION: ALL**

9.0 UPDATE ON NUNTHORPE PARK:

Cllr Leyland advised that a master plan is awaited. Cllr Tomlinson stated that Ward Cllr McGloin is progressing this within Middlesbrough Council.

ACTION: Ward Cllr McGloin

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10.0: PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS:

Notice boards – Clerk advised of discussions with other local Clerks who had replaced their boards with new wooden ones but felt that these did not weather well. Cllr Turner advised that her contact was unable to help with this and suggested asking if a free standing board could be rented in the post office window.

Ward Cllr Rathmell suggested asking Kirklevington Grange Prison if this was something they could do. Cllr Tomlinson felt that the notice boards which Cllr Leyland had proposed were expensive. Cllr Leyland stated that a number of poor quality notice boards had been purchased over the years and he felt this was a worthwhile investment, he added that the sites have been chosen and agreed for these boards.

Cllr Thomason proposed the purchase of cheaper wooden notice boards, seconded by Cllr Wijesinghe agreed with 5 councillors in favour of this and 1 against.

ACTION: Clerk

Silverwood Band event – Cllr Tomlinson stated his thanks to Cllr Leyland for organising the event. Cllr Leyland updated that the numbers attending had increased each year.

11.0 PROGRESS ON DOG/LITTER BINS:

Cllr Turner updated the comments made on the streetlife website which had received 14 comments and shown residents were in favour of the bins being placed on Dixons bank and at the bus stop near the War Memorial. A further comment had been made regarding a walkway in Marton which all agreed that the Clerk forwards to the Marton Ward Councillors to progress and contact Middlesbrough Council to highlight the three areas agreed over the past months.

ACTION: Clerk

12.0 UPDATE ON VICARAGE DEVELOPMENT/WAR MEMORIAL:

Cllr Tomlinson said that he had visited the area and was very pleased to see that it is an attractive well maintained attraction. Cllr Leyland advised that Ward Cllr McGloin had made negative comments regarding the site at a recent meeting with which he had disagreed with her. Cllr Leyland advised that he had contacted the developer regarding the differing levels on the site but had received a negative response.

13.0 UPDATE ON NEWSLETTER:

Clerk advised that she had been working with the delivery company to rectify that they had delivered some leaflets to the incorrect side of Nunthorpe, extra leaflets were delivered but some houses did not receive a leaflet. The invoice cost had been reduced.

14.0 PLANNING:

Review of previous applications: A Report summarising the status of previous applications compiled by the NPC Advisor was circulated in advance of the meeting. Applications were brought to the attention of the full NPC requiring discussion/decision.

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Planning Applications;

Members agreed that no objections were required for the applications for 2 Grey Towers Drive and 31 Hilderthorpe. The plans were difficult to read and not of a good quality for the application at 23 Marton Moor Road but no objection was necessary for the application. 64 Grey Towers Drive will give a terraced effect but there is already a precedent for this.

Cllr Tomlinson felt that a framework was required for Parish Councillors to follow when looking at applications. Clerk advised of details on previous information sent to Parish Councillors which she will forward again. Ward Cllr Rathmell said that he had sat in on training for the Planning Department and that this may be something that could be arranged.

ACTION: Clerk

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