

Nunthorpe Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday 2nd March 2016

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk). Ward Cllr. Lesley McGloin (P/T), Dave McGlynn (resident /developer), Andy Wright & Sue (Croft Coaches)

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

David Leyland, Gamini Wijesinghe, LesleyTomlinson-Secretary Nunthorpe Community Council, Ward Cllr. Jon Rathmell.

Members agreed to bring the following items forward in the meeting due to the attendance of persons involved within the matters.

6.1 War Memorial – Mr D McGlynn attended to update on a meeting at the War Memorial with Parish Councillors and a Church representative. He informed that there had been agreement at the site meeting that the embankment was to be graded and the gate was to be replaced. Two keys will be held, one by the maintenance company to be formed by North East Homes and the other by the Church for use by the Church for any processions from the War Memorial to the Church. Middlesbrough Council were to be asked by the Parish Council working party to re seed the grassed area which has been disturbed by utility companies. Mr McGlynn showed a plan of the site to members, he explained plans for landscaping and an extra bush to close a gap along the perimeter. He advised timescales of 4-6 weeks for the landscaping, with a site completion of July 2016. Councillors questioned the camber to the War Memorial and the perimeter fence. Mr McGlynn informed that the fence is in place to reduce road noise as per agreement with the planning department. Cllr Tomlinson stated the importance for the residents of Nunthorpe for the War Memorial to be enhanced and added that the working party will remain involved.

Mr McGlynn left the meeting.

Representatives from Croft Coaches arrived at the meeting.

9.0 PUBLIC TRANSPORT NUNTHORPE

Cllr Tomlinson thanked the representatives for coming to the meeting and stated that anyone was welcome to attend. He believed that the Ward Councillors had previously worked with Croft Coaches regarding the service. Mr Wright and the General Manager informed that they were attending to answer any concerns or questions relating to the service. Cllr Morrish commented that he had previously wanted to use the coach but when he called the office to enquire regarding the time for the coach they were unable to give the information. All Councillors agreed that the publicity had been poor.

The General Manager commented that leaflets had been available on buses, on some stops in the town and in the Bus Station. Customers also had the information sent out electronically and by post. The General Manager added that she would take the comments back to the office.

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Cllr Tomlinson stated that any additional links with the town centre were welcomed and supported. He enquired if the venture had been successful. Mr Wright informed that it was unsuccessful and running at a loss. The General Manager added that this was not commercially viable and the service would cease on 17th April 2016 when the subsidy ended. Despite a large number of supporters of the service within Stainton it was not being sufficiently used. Cllr Harrison felt that the service would have been used by a greater number of people within Nunthorpe if the original route used by Leven Valley had been kept. He queried the running costs for a larger coach on the route which Mr Wright informed the difference was marginal. Cllr Tomlinson thanked Croft Coaches for attempting to run the service.

Croft Coaches representatives left the meeting.

2.0 CLERKS REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Correspondence February 2016

- 2.2.16 Application for grant from Avenue School
- 2.2.16 Application from grant from ASSIST group Avenue School
- 2.2.16 Email from Croft Coaches re low usage of service 30
- 4.2.16 Email to MC re Brass Castle Golf Club planning application
- 5.2.16 Email from Barton Wilmore re Swans Corner development public meeting
- 8. 2.16 Email to MC re Notice board delivery
- 9.2.16 Email re funding for website
- 9.2.16 Email from MC re planning application 4 Whinfell Close
- 10.2.16 Invoice from Greenbarnes for notice board
- 11.2.16 Email from MC re planning application 28 Chandlers Ridge
- 11.2.16 Email from Ward Cllr Rathmell re night observing police
- 17.2.16 Email to Thorp Parker Newtons re Mr & Mrs Scrafton donation
- 17.2.16 Email re public sector mapping agreement
- 17.2.16 Email to R&CBC re Gypsy Lane request for response
- 17.2.16 Email to Avenue School advising grant not available for requested project
- 17.2.16 Email to ASSIST group advising grant not available for requested project
- 17.2.16 Email to Bob Mullen with thanks for work re Fracking
- 17.2.16 Email to Croft Coaches offering thanks and hopes for success with service
- 17.2.16 Email to MC Planning dept re concerns on planning application boundaries
- 19.2.16 Email from Ward Cllrs re public meeting on 22.2.16 re Tour de Yorkshire
- 19.2.16 Email from R&CBC Andrew Mollon re Gypsy Lane transport impacts
- 22.2.16 Email from Hardwick in Partnership re transparency code funding
- 22.2.16 Email to Cllr Harrison re Clerks salary & responses
- 23.2.16 Email from MC re Golf club application committee meeting 4th March
- 24.2.16 Email transparency code funding application to Hardwick in Partnership
- 25.2.16 Email from MC re meeting with Mayor
- 27.2.16 Email from resident re mud on roads at new development Low Gill
- 2.3.16 Emails from PSMA re membership
- 2.3.16 Email from Playing Fields Association re members meeting

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2.3.16 Email from Mbro Planning portal re planning applications
Feb Emails from Hardwick in Partnership & Middlesbrough Council Planning list
Report

Police observation night – Cllr Tomlinson informed that he had received confirmation from Ward Cllr Rathmell that Cllrs Wijesinghe and Thomason were booked to attend on Friday, 15th April. Ward Cllr Rathmell will contact them in advance with timings and forms for completion. Cllr Morrish commented that there is a rural watch in North Yorkshire and Durham, where residents go out as volunteers and look for incidents. He informed of a meeting in Boosbeck where a discussion was held regarding forming groups locally. He added that a local farmer in Nunthorpe Village had been targeted by thieves 3 times in 5 weeks. Members discussed the higher level of thefts and the need to be vigilant. Cllr Tomlinson added that an extra space may be available on the evening with the police on the 15th April and informed Councillors to speak with Ward Cllr McGloin if they were interested.

The Notice board was now in place. The Clerk reminded Councillors that the construction was of a material which would last longer than a wooden version and the cost had increased by over £600 due to the Parish Councils agreement of a double notice board to incorporate notices from the Community Council and notices from within Nunthorpe. Cllr Turner suggested a press release which she was happy to be involved with. The Clerk agreed to progress this following further discussions with the Solicitors regarding the donation.

The Clerk confirmed that confirmation of membership had been received from PSMA. Cllr Turner advised that the Public Sector Mapping Agreement was an ordinance survey service which gives access to maps, planning tools and boundaries which she felt would be a useful link for a future Nunthorpe plan.

Email received from Middlesbrough Council Planning Portal team informing that any interested group should check the website for updates and not expect information to be forwarded by Middlesbrough Council. A copy of the boundary was to be forwarded.

3.0 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Cllr. Harrison proposed that the Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 3rd February 2016 were a true and correct record seconded by Cllr. Robinson. Members voted and agreed. Chairman signed the minutes. Clerk to forward to Middlesbrough Council and Mynunthorpe website. **ACTION: Clerk**

4.0 UPDATE ON PREVIOUS MATTERS:

The following item was discussed from the previous minutes.

Polo Field – Arising from correspondence Agenda Item 2.1

Cllr Harrison asked other Councillors views on the hedge at the Polo Field.

All Councillors were in agreement that this hedge hadn't been cut, and asked that a further letter is sent.

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They commented that the hedge on Stokesley Road had been addressed but was still unkempt. **ACTION:Clerk**

5.0 FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

<u>5.1 Expenditure since last meeting:</u>		Cheque no
Parish Clerk Feb Wages/mileage	£280.28	001056
Room Hire February	£ 13.00	001057
Greenbarnes Noticeboard	£1497.50	001058

The Clerk advised that she was progressing the donation for the noticeboard and would also reclaim the VAT element.

5.2 Clerk Wages

Cllr Harrison informed that he had spoken with the Chair and met with the Clerk and the Chair to review the salary. He proposed that from the 1st April 2016 the Clerks salary be brought in line with several other local Clerks at SCP24 and her wages be paid as a monthly salary to save the Clerk the onerous task of listing time spent on an invoice. The invoices from the past year have been checked to clarify the total number of hours worked this will be fixed for the salary. This was seconded by Cllr Thomason and agreed by all.

The Chair added that she felt that the Clerk has always given more time and not claimed on her invoice. Clerk to speak with the accountants to have in place for 1st April.

ACTION: Clerk

6.0: PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS:

6.2 Website development/transparency fund bid

Cllr Turner informed that following an email sent through as correspondence she had investigated further and entered a bid for £1500. She informed that the bid included for a new computer, reimbursement for the scanner, monies towards internet use and training costs. Information will require uploading and the site allows for all Councillors to have an email address. Cllr Turner answered questions regarding the website and gave costs of £360 for the build of a website and an annual fee of £120 per year. The bid if successful is to cover any running costs and initial costs for the first year. All Councillors agreed that Cllr Turner and the Clerk progress this further if the monies are received.

6.3 Events for Celebrations (Queens 90th Birthday) – Cllr Leyland had been progressing this.

6.4 Events for Celebrations (Tour de Yorkshire) – Cllr Tomlinson informed that the Ward Councillors were progressing this event and holding public meetings to inform and propose ideas.

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He proposed that it would be appropriate for the Parish Council to contribute and offer help, with the possible organisation of a Treasure Hunt. Cllr. Robinson felt that the Ward Councillors were best placed to understand what Middlesbrough Council were organising. Cllr Turner added that Chandlers Ridge Academy was discussing events and ways to encourage parents to attend. All agreed that it would be good to encourage people to attend for a longer period than just the race going through Nunthorpe.

Ward Cllr McGloin arrived.

Ward Cllr McGloin informed that there was some financial support available from Middlesbrough Council and further information is shown on the website and further meetings were organised during the Ward Councillors surgery on Monday evenings. Cllr Tomlinson reported that he would attend the next meeting and circulate an update. He commented that the Parish Council would be interested in helping. Ward Cllr McGloin will speak with Nunthorpe & Marton Recreation club regarding ideas for stalls and a bouncy castle during the day and a disco on the evening. She informed of further progress with the painting of bikes for along the route and donation of paint from the new DIY shop at Nunthorpe shops. Nunthorpe Academy have been asked if they would open the facility together with the Recreation club as a large number of people were expected to come into Nunthorpe for the event. There will be extra transport links made available on the day. Ward Councillor McGloin informed of local cycling events the week prior to the race with any funds raised going to the local schools.

7.0 FRACKING WITHIN AREA:

Cllr Wijesinghe had been progressing this; unfortunately no update had been received.
ACTION: April Agenda

8.0 NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS – BLACKSMITHS YARD

Cllr Morrish declared an interest.

Ward Cllr McGloin stated there was no further update and hoped to receive further information shortly. Cllr Morrish informed that he had been told by a resident from the Village that there was a lack of reply from Middlesbrough Council. Three emails had been sent in December to three separate officers with no responses. Ward Cllr McGloin stated that she had also complained of the lack of responses by Middlesbrough Council. Cllr Tomlinson suggested that the Clerk send an email of complaint on behalf of the residents and circulate to Parish Councillors. All Councillors agreed.
ACTION: Clerk

10:0 DISCUSSION ON 80 COOKGATE:

A meeting date had been agreed by the Ward Councillors to meet with the Mayor on 10 March. This date was not acceptable to the Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed that she was only able to attend a morning meeting.

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Cllr Tomlinson stated that due to the Ward Councillors questions being more procedural and the Parish Council wishing to have answers to specific questions broached within the letter to the Mayor he proposed a separate meeting was organised. Ward Cllr McGloin felt that the topics overlapped and that a joint meeting would be appropriate. Cllr Tomlinson reiterated that as per the letter sent an answer was sought for support by the Unitary Authority of the Parish Council and that a further joint meeting could be organised at a later date. Cllr Thomason agreed that feedback was not being given and as a Parish Council there is a need to understand why views do not seem to have any impact, which can further inform a better working relationship. Cllr Morrish agreed that a separate meeting for the Parish Council would be an appropriate first step and proposed this, seconded by Cllr Thomason. Members voted 4 in favour 2 against. Cllr Tomlinson stated that a group to meet the Mayor needed to be agreed. He suggested that he go as the author of the letter to be discussed, the Clerk be involved to take minutes and for background information, and Cllr Thomason with whom he who has been in discussions. This was agreed by all with a remit of discussions regarding 80 Cookgate. The group to meet the Mayor agreed that the date of the 16th proposed as a meeting date by the Mayor was acceptable to all and the Clerk was asked to organise the meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

11.0 REDCAR & CLEVELAND DEVELOPMENTS:

11.1 Swans Corner Development - Cllr Tomlinson reported of attending a presentation at St Marys Church Hall regarding the proposed housing development at Swans Corner by Bellway Homes. These were found to be 141 no. lower cost homes with only one exit into the development from Ormesby Bank approx. 50 yards from the roundabout which would need to be light controlled.

11.2 Morton Carr – Ward Cllr McGloin informed of 129 acres of land for sale in differing size lots which Middlesbrough Council had been unaware of and had the potential of a large number of homes being built upon. Cllr Robinson said that he had progressed this via the Harvey Brooks website and a site map is shown dividing the plots.

11.3 Gypsy Lane – Ward Cllr McGloin informed that the Ward Cllrs were pushing for the reopening of Gypsy Lane. Cllr Tomlinson commented that the Parish Council had also recently had discussions regarding this with a negative response. Clerk to forward details of discussions to Ward Councillors. **ACTION: Clerk**

11.4 Work on Ormesby Bank – Cllr Harrison asked that clarification be obtained from Redcar & Cleveland Council regarding work sites on Ormesby Bank which appears to link to works on Flatts Lane. Clerk to make enquiries. **ACTION: Clerk**

12.0 PLANNING:

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

APPLICATIONS

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Brass Castle Golf Club Application – Letter received from Middlesbrough Council advising of committee meeting to consider development on 4th March.

4 Whinfell Close – Cllr Tomlinson had looked at the property and informed that the application was to build an extension as already in place at no 2 and no 6. All agreed there was no reason to object.

Cllr Harrison informed members that he had been informed that core strategy 9 had been withdrawn by Middlesbrough Council. As a result of the appeal at Red Cottage Nunthorpe was to be protected with no further flats to be built, all agreed that as a statutory body the Parish Council should have been informed of this.

**With no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.10 pm
and thanked Members for their attendance.**