

# Nunthorpe Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015

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### **PRESENT:**

Ken Tomlinson (Chair), John Harrison, Charles Morrish, David Leyland, Stephen Thomason, Gamini Wijesinghe.

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

### **1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Jo Turner (due to work commitments Cllr Turner will be absent from meetings until January 2016). Lesley Tomlinson (Community Council) also gave her apologies, accepted by other members.

### **2.0 CLERKS REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- 7.10.15 Email from Cllr Rathmell re road safety measures in place in Nunthorpe
  - 7.10.15 Email to Middlesbrough Council, Bryan McDermott re notice board erection
  - 7.10.15 Email from Middlesbrough Council re Committee meeting 9/10/15 – 80 Cookgate
  - 7.10.15 Email from Cllr Rathmell re serving written notice on 80 Cookgate
  - 7.10.15 Email from Middlesbrough Council Mr Muir Williams re right of way Dixons Bank
  - 8.10.15 Email from Cllr Rathmell re meeting with Police 20<sup>th</sup> October
  - 10.10.15 Cost from Middlesbrough Council re notice board erection
  - 10.10.15 Cheque to St Mary re Royal British Legion donation
  - 12.10.15 Email from resident re Pavement/access deficiencies Grey Towers Drive
  - 13.10.15 Email from Mr Scrope re donation on behalf of Mr & Mrs Scrafton
  - 13.10.15 Email to Mr Scrope re Mr & Mrs Scrafton
  - 18.10.15 Email from David Leyland re Local Plan meeting 1<sup>st</sup> December
  - 19.10.15 Notification of decisions on 80 Cookgate planning applications
  - 22.10.15 Email to Middlesbrough Council officers – Mayor Budd plus others requesting meeting
  - 23.10.15 FOI request re 80 Cookgate to Middlesbrough Council
  - 27.10.15 Email to Middlesbrough Council re overgrown hedge at The Polo Field & Stokesley Road
  - 27.10.15 Email to Mr Scrope re Mr & Mrs Scrafton possible donation
  - 28.10.15 Donation request from Nunthorpe Bowling Club
  - 28.10.15 Email to Cleveland Police PC See re Parish Council meeting dates/ invite to attend
  - 29.10.15 Email to Middlesbrough Council Contact Centre re Street Lighting replacement programme
  - 29.10.15 Email to Middlesbrough Council Mr Muir Williams regarding reinstating public right of way Dixons Bank
  - 29.10.15 Email to R&CBC contact centre requesting the reopening Gypsy Lane
  - 1.11.15 Email from Grumpy Gardeners stating thanks for grant and reminder this equipment will be used in schools and public spaces
  - 2.11.15 Email from resident re Nunthorpe Hall Farm/Blacksmiths Yard
  - 2.11.15 Email from St Marys Church re Memorial Day service on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015
  - 3.11.15 Email from P Scrope re donation from Mr & Mrs Scrafton
  - 4.11.15 Email from Middlesbrough Council re hedge trimming (to be completed over next 2 weeks)
  - 4.11.15 Email from Middlesbrough Council re Public right of Way Dixons Bank request for further info
- NALC newsletters, Pension Update (not applicable to PC due to low wage costs)  
Weekly update emails from Northumbrian Water re progress on The Avenue.

### **2.2 Report**

2.2.1 Public Right of Way, Dixons Bank - Members discussed the response from Mr Muir Williams regarding the public right of way complaint.

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He had appeared to be unable to comprehend the issues and it was proposed that a further letter is sent to his manager to try to provide more clarity.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to send reply with input from Ward Cllr Rathmell and Cllr Leyland.

**ACTION: CLERK**

2.2.2 80 Cookgate - Clerk advised there had been no response to date from Middlesbrough Council regarding meeting with Mayor from correspondence sent on 28<sup>th</sup> September and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015.

2.2.3 Gypsy Lane - Clerk advised there had been no response to date from Redcar & Cleveland Council regarding traffic issues within Nunthorpe.

2.2.4 FOI request, 80 Cookgate – No information to date.

Further reminders to be sent if responses are not received.

**ACTION: CLERK**

*Cllr Morrish declared an interest in the following matter.*

2.2.5 Nunthorpe Village, property access to the rear of West side via the blacksmiths yard – Cllrs discussed the correspondence received from a resident. Middlesbrough Council's interpretation of the access is being queried. Ward Councillors awaiting replies from the highways department and other departments. Members stated concern regarding the developers information, when this was being marketed the representatives were insistent that the access would be left open. Middlesbrough Council officers are now stating that this can be closed off. It was queried if historical maps show this as being a public footpath. The resident who has sent correspondence has information on the deeds and other items which give proof of access to homeowners. Parish Councillors all agreed to give their full support to this matter.

Cllr Leyland proposed that a letter is sent to Middlesbrough Council, seconded by Cllr Harrison, Clerk to discuss contents with both Cllrs.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were a true and correct record, seconded by Cllr. Leyland. Members voted and agreed. Chairman signed the minutes. Clerk to forward to Middlesbrough Council and Mynunthorpe websites.

**4.0 UPDATE ON PREVIOUS MATTERS:**

Nothing discussed.

**5.0 FINANCIAL REPORT /GRANT REQUESTS/BUDGET:**

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

**5.1 Expenditure since last meeting:**

Parish Clerk Oct Wages	£243.50
Clerk Expenses	£ 8.55

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Room Hire October	£ 13.00
5.2 <u>Liabilities</u> - 3 Boundary Stones	£3900.00

**5.3 Budget**

Clerk discussed budget figures produced and forwarded to Parish Councillors in advance of the meeting. She asked that they look at the information produced and forward proposals for alterations to her in advance of the December meeting.

**ACTION:ALL**

**6.0: CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DECISION:**

Cllr proposed that the Clerk request for the Christmas lights to be erected. All members agreed.

**ACTION: Clerk**

**7.0: PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS:**

**7.1.1 Notice boards** – Clerk advised that following a series of items of correspondence Mr Scrope had agreed that a donation from the estate of Mr and Mrs Scrafton, who had resided in Nunthorpe for over 50 years would be given to cover the cost of a notice board and erection. With a possible extra donation for a nature trail or other item offered when the Nunthorpe Park is being developed. Parish Councillors all stated their delight at this kind gift and asked that the Clerk sends an acknowledgement.

7.1.2 Clerk to discuss the details for the notice board and delivery with Cllr Leyland.

7.1.3 Members discussed the quotation of £350 for erection provided by Middlesbrough Council and felt that due to the difficult situation with the foot path and British Railway land that no further quotations should be sort. Cllr Leyland proposed this quotation is accepted, seconded by Cllr Thomason and agreed by all. Cllr Leyland to confer further with Middlesbrough Council.

**ACTION: Cllr Leyland/Clerk**

**7.2.1 Fireworks** – Ward Cllr McGloin confirmed that the fireworks and sparklers have been collected. She is progressing necessary safety equipment for the evening. Cllr Tomlinson confirmed that the Clerk asked him to make contact with the club and he has asked Mr Mohan from Marton and Nunthorpe Playing Fields to contact Ward Councillor McGloin.

7.2.2 Mrs McGloin advised that she would also organise a raffle for the evening. Cllr Leyland stated that he hoped that members of the Parish Council and Community Council would offer their support on the evening. Cllr Wijesinghe stated he has a food safety certificate and will help in the kitchen.

7.2.3 Mrs McGloin confirmed that the Community Council had paid £450 for the fireworks and as previously agreed the Parish Councillors stated that a donation would be made of £225, towards this event. Firework Display organised for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November at Nunthorpe & Marton Playing Fields @ 6.45pm.

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7.2.4 Ward Cllr Rathmell updated that he had added the event to the Facebook page and other media sources. Cllr Harrison urged caution regarding information on social media sites following recent issues with a Councillor in Yarm.

7.3 Litter Bins – nothing discussed.

7.4.1 Public Telephone box - Mallowdale/Nunthorpe Village – Ward Councillor Rathmell advised that British Telecom had sent through a contract to let the community take over the ownership and upkeep of the telephone boxes in both Mallowdale and Nunthorpe Village. He said that he will read this and send to the clerk. The advised costing if converted for use as housing a defibrillator as a cost of £1,000.

7.4.2 Other options brought forward were that British Telecom could remove it or it could be used as a library for used books. Cllr Leyland commented that there was an opportunity for misuse and that the local church halls offer used books. Cllr Tomlinson asked that further information is obtained and it was agreed that this should be discussed with residents present at the next Community Council meeting.

**ACTION: Ward Cllr Rathmell**

7.5.1 War Memorial – Cllr Tomlinson stated that he had visited the War Memorial and was delighted with the appearance, he proposed that the Parish Council would like to thank John and Pauline Harrison for their recent work and work over the years and everyone else involved, seconded by Cllr Leyland and agreed by all. He commented that he would like to agree a short term way ahead with regards to the maintenance. Cllr Harrison confirmed that he is happy to continue to and may eventually need to ask for outside help. All members agreed that they gave their support to this and Cllr Leyland felt that shrubs and bushes may need to be updated when the surrounding housing development is completed. Cllr Harrison added that the developer may wish to put some money towards the memorial.

7.5.2 Cllr Harrison stated that the Parish Council should explore applying separately for entrance to Northumbria or Yorkshire in Bloom as it had not been entered this past year. Lesley McGloin stated that as a resident she would be sad to see this being entered into Yorkshire in Bloom. Cllr Harrison and Clerk to progress. **ACTION: Cllr Harrison/Clerk**

7.6 Nunthorpe Park – Ward Cllr McGloin advised that C Gibbon from Middlesbrough Council had informed her that the timescale had been pushed back and now it was anticipated that the master plan would be finalised in December and be out for consultation early in the New Year. He had advised that dates would be reflected on the website. He had offered that he would attend any meetings. Cllr Leyland stated he had also been in touch with C Gibbon and had received the same information.

**8.0 WELCOME TO NUNTHORPE ROAD SIGNS:**

Cllr Leyland commented that he was unhappy with the current wording on the signs. He offered to progress and update the Parish Council. He stated that the wording should be just *Parish of Nunthorpe*. Other members were unconvinced. Report to be prepared.

Cllr Leyland proposed that the liability for the signs which were commissioned by Middlesbrough Council going back a number of years be deleted from the accounts,

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seconded by Cllr Thomason. All Parish Councillors agreed.

**ACTION:CLERK/Cllr Leyland**

**9.0 IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL:**

9.1Ward Cllr McGloin stated that she felt that the Parish Council had moved forwards, with big improvements. Cllr Leyland added that the presence of the Ward Councillors at every Parish Council meeting hasn't gone without notice and that it was in the interests of residents to work together.

All agreed that further public participation would be advantageous.

Ward Councillor Rathmell commented that the Parish Council could give an update at the Community Council which may bring more residents to the Parish Council meetings.

9.2 Cllr Thomason talked of a Parish Plan and ensuring that information of public interest was included. Ward Cllr McGloin stated that people think there are too many things going on. Cllr Thomason also enquired when and why the Community Council was formed, information was given by Ward Cllr McGloin and Councillor Leyland.

9.3 The Chair stated that the Parish Council had been strengthened with new members and the position consolidated together with outside relationships working better. He felt that now was the time to expand the effectiveness of the group.

9.4Clerk asked that Parish Councillors again update themselves with their copies of information on being an effective Parish Councillor. Some Parish Councillors believed that they did not have a copy and the Clerk was requested to obtain more copies, for which the Clerk will obtain costs and purchase. **ACTION: CLERK**

9.5 Ward Cllr Rathmell asked the Clerk to provide pictures for a photo board.

**ACTION: CLERK**

9.6 Clerk advised that she will advertise for more new Parish Councillors to enhance the Parish Council and hopes that some new appointments will be in place for the December meeting. **ACTION: CLERK**

**For agenda item January.**

**10.0 DISCUSSION ON NUNTHORPE IN BLOOM:**

Members felt that no further discussion was necessary.

**11.0 NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS (LOCAL FACILITIES/ ROAD CONGESTION/ SAFETY):**

Nothing further discussed under this item.

**12.0 ST MARYS CHURCH HALL UPDATE:**

Ward Cllr Rathmell advised that he had attended a parochial church meeting at the church hall. He advised that no handouts were available, only the briefing.

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Details given included the ideas to relocate a new build into the car park near to the wood land and to sell an area of green space to develop three plots.

A number of complaints were brought forward at the church meeting that neighbouring properties have not been advised of proposals together with residents concerns regarding parking and congestion issues. It was also queried what was in place for developer's vehicles, however it was advised that the ideas are still hypothetical. Cllr Leyland stated that any new development would need to comply with parking requirements contained in the Local Plan. The church has advised that they need to sell three plots to pay for the rebuild. The proposals included the provisions of flats above the hall for the youth workers.

Ward Cllr Rathmell responded to a question advising that Ward Councillors for the Redcar and Cleveland district of Nunthorpe were not present at the meeting. He added that a development timescale of eighteen months to two years was estimated.

**13.0 ROADWORKS REPORT UPDATE:**

Cllr Leyland stated that three different schedules had been advised over an 18 month period, Ward Cllr Rathmell agreed that this had been on ongoing subject he will try to progress further for the next meeting. All members agreed that the roads were deteriorating and becoming dangerous. Cllr Leyland stated that applying the criteria used by Middlesbrough Council the roads need attention. Ward Cllr McGloin stated that she has received three complaints this week.

**ACTION: Ward Cllr Rathmell**

**14.0 POLICING IN NUNTHORPE/PARKING IN NUNTHORPE/ SCHOOL CROSSING DISCUSSION:**

Cllr Wijesinghe attended a meeting with Ward Cllrs, Highways department and Police department. He discussed restricted resources, manpower and finances. Members discussed the constraints around speeding. The meeting was more of an update than anything productive.

Cllr Leyland queried if minutes were available from the meeting, which Ward Cllr Rathmell will request but attendees felt that it was a meeting to discuss how to improve issues and no minutes would have been taken. Cllr Tomlinson stated that a report had been given from Cllr Wijesinghe and that a polite letter could be sent if needed to ask for more information.

Ward Cllr Rathmell updated on the following:

- Resident's complaint was forwarded to the One Stop shop for a response. Ward Cllr McGloin added that she had previously received this complaint.
- constraints that police have on speeding fines for 20mph areas. Cllr Harrison stated that other areas in the country enforce the 20mph speed limit.
- Guisborough Road is not seen as a priority.
- Middlesbrough Council are considering realigning the junction at the tree again.
- Rob Farnham had advised that Arriva have complained of damaged wing mirrors against the bus shelter on Guisborough Road, new road markings had been considered, but all parties had agreed that reflective strips would be placed on the bus stop.

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- A Road/Pedestrian Safety event has been organised by him will be held at Nunthorpe Academy on 21<sup>st</sup> November to coincide with Brake, the national road safety charities Road Safety Campaign, which launches on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. The event will be supported by Cleveland Police, Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Policing Team, Cleveland Fire Brigade, Middlesbrough Council's Road Safety Team plus a number of other companies supporting the event.
- PCSO Barron who covers the Nunthorpe area has won an award.

**15.0 DISCUSSION ON BUS TRANSPORT IN NUNTHORPE:**

Ward Cllr McGloin updated on a joint meeting that she attended recently. This involved looking at the provision of a shared route. She advised that she had put plans forward for which further information is required. Other solutions were being looked at across other communities and it was discussed that Nunthorpe may somehow look at funding our own service, either with a bus company or community transport. Ward Cllr Rathmell added that it would be more cost effective and control, if we had our own bus and volunteers to run the bus.

Ward Cllr McGloin stated that Nunthorpe is the only community who had agreed to pay extra to fund a bus. Members discussed the use of smaller buses for economy and the preference of a bus for Nunthorpe not for multiple communities. Ideas were discussed of having a bus that is used for other purposes during school run hours to raise funds. Ward Cllrs to progress and Clerk to add to January agenda.

**ACTION: Ward Cllrs/Jan Agenda**

**16.0 NEWSLETTER DISCUSSION:**

Cllr Leyland felt that a newsletter should be sent out with suggested articles on Nunthorpe Park/ s106, war memorial, grey towers, he felt that any articles should go to the Clerk for processing and this should be printed within the next month.

Members had varying thoughts on a newsletter with suggestions of waiting until the New Year, sending one out in time for Christmas and informing residents what the Parish Council is trying to do for the community. Further discussions stated that there were not enough articles and that the Nunthorpe News magazine and mynunthorpe websites could be used to inform residents. Cllr Leyland agreed that he would discuss with others and progress at the December meeting. **ACTION: December Agenda**

**17.0 DISCUSSION ON 80 COOKGATE:**

Members discussed that the Planning meeting held in the Town Hall was disappointing and our views of the community, Ward and Parish Cllrs were not listened to and what was once public land is now private. A decision on the land had been made at previous meeting. The decision was made by an unaccountable committee. Parish Councillors commented on their specific issues that Middlesbrough Council do not take the local views into consideration on decisions.

Cllr Leyland added that there had been no response from the Mayor to the Parish Councils request to meet. Further ideas were discussed that a claim be lodged through a solicitor for the full land including the Parish Council lodging a claim. Ward Cllr Rathmell advised there were two legal issues, regards the land and ownership which is complex.

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Also despite numerous communications between the Ward Cllrs' and Estates Manager/ Legal Services. The Ward Councillors were not informed until beyond 5 days later through third parties that the sale had been agreed so couldn't raise the issue. All members agreed that a separate meeting after the 19<sup>th</sup> should be organised to clarify facts and decide options. Parish Councillors stated their thanks to the Ward Councillors for their work, attendance and conduct at the Planning Meeting.

**18.0 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.

**Planning Applications;**

No new applications submitted over the month.

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