



Nunthorpe Parish Council

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORT

**Presented on
Wednesday 8
May 2019**

I would like to welcome you to Nunthorpe Parish Council Annual Meeting for 2018 – 2019.

Firstly, I would like to thank you as Parish Councillors for your time, knowledge and commitment throughout the past year. Thanks also go to our out-going Ward Councillors Lesley McGloin and Jon Rathmell who have attended

our meetings and produced a monthly report of their work on behalf of Nunthorpe. I would like to welcome the re-election of Jon Rathmell and the election of Mieka Smiles as Ward Councillors for Nunthorpe. The Parish Council wishes to work with Jon and Mieka in order to maintain and enhance Nunthorpe for the benefit of the residents. I would like to thank Jo Turner for her work on our website and Bob Mullen for his unending knowledge and advice. I would also thank Angela Livingstone, our Parish Clerk, who keeps us informed and undertakes our administrative work so well.

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

We are the most local level of government, and we work closely with Middlesbrough Council.

We are volunteers who are elected to serve the Middlesbrough residents of Nunthorpe.

We are the first point of contact for anyone concerned with a local issue.

We meet on a monthly basis to discuss council business and hear from local residents.

The Parish Council has strongly objected, through letters, emails and written reports to several Middlesbrough Council supported developments planned for Nunthorpe. We have also met Mayor Dave Budd and engaged with several MC Officers to put our case forward; I have briefly outlined below the main issues:

(i) The on-going Grey Towers Farm development – the Parish Council strongly opposed this development and in the interest of residents the PC continues to monitor progress. Over 98% of Nunthorpe residents stated their objection to the development in an organised petition at the time.

(ii) The Dixons Bank / Stainton Way Highway Improvement Scheme - the Parish Council organised a public meeting where Nunthorpe residents were able to question the Mayor about these proposals. This recently started project has little local support and MC's own Consultants are not enthusiastic that it will make a significant improvement to the "Marton Crawl".

The Parish Council's proposal was that the scheme should be put on hold until the results of a comprehensive study of traffic conditions in South Middlesbrough becomes available.

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

Our Parish Council aims to improve the quality of life for all who live in Nunthorpe.

We are actively involved with

- ▶ Planning issues (we are statutory consultees)
- ▶ Managing open areas, green spaces and trees
- ▶ Community events
- ▶ Supporting local organisations and charities through grants

We have vacancies on the Parish Council. Are you interested in joining in? Please get in touch with the Parish Clerk, details below.



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(iii) Nunthorpe Grange housing development – MC has given approval for the building of 250 houses on the designated Nunthorpe Grange site, the land which lies between Guisborough Road and the bypass, against the strong objections of the Parish Council. This development will result in a further significant loss of crucial green space in Nunthorpe – once developed it is lost forever. The initial plans for the development have been described as, “simplistic and uninteresting”.

Nunthorpe Parish Council is aware that a significant number of trees, both TPO trees and those on private land, have been removed in recent months. In order to minimise this loss we have reviewed and enhanced our, “tree policy”, and we now wish to implement it with the co-operation of Middlesbrough Council.

The Parish Council has taken an active part in commenting on the draft Middlesbrough Local Plan 2019 and we have asked for a hearing when the Planning Inspector reviews the proposals, in Middlesbrough, in the Autumn. The Parish Council is particularly concerned with the number of houses planned, with a focus on South Middlesbrough, as it appears to be considerably in excess of national requirements.

GRANT FUNDING

The Parish Council has funded improvement work on the War Memorial, a very significant local asset, which forms an important part of Nunthorpe’s Remembrance Sunday services.

NPC has once again supported a number of Nunthorpe groups with grants; these include, the “Bloom Group” and Brenda Thompson and Nunthorpe knitters. In addition the Parish Council supported the Community Council in several social events; Nunthorpe Rocks, Summer Fun Day, Halloween, Firework Display and an Easter Fun Event. The Parish Council Summer Silverwood Band event, held in June, was again successful and well attended.

Other areas of Parish Council interest can be seen in the Minutes of our monthly meetings:

- Doctors Surgery
- Community Centre
- The Avenue play park
- Parking on grass verges
- Speeding on Nunthorpe roads

MEMBERSHIP

I have to, sadly, report, that Charles Morrish has left the Parish Council due to ill health; Charles played a leading role on both Nunthorpe and Middlesbrough Council affairs, we wish him the best for the future. Frank Robinson resigned from the Parish Council during this year and we would like to thank him for his valuable contribution to Nunthorpe during the years he served as a Councillor. Mieka Smiles has also resigned from the Parish Council but will retain her interest through her new role as Nunthorpe Ward Councillor. I am pleased to report that Adrian Walker will join the Parish Council at our May meeting.

Ken Tomlinson