



Minutes of Parish Meeting Held Thursday 17th March 2022 7pm at Chandlers Ridge Academy

Parish Councillors Present: Ros Davey, Russ Lynch, Morgan McClintock (Chair), Wade Tovey Adrian Walker and Martin Lyon (see min.1.3 below).

In attendance: Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk) and 7 residents.

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1.1 **To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Carol McArdle, Mike Eccles & Mieka Smiles.

1.2 **To note:**

(a) Updates to Register of Interests – The Chair noted that formal annual declarations of annual interests had been declared by all Parish Councillors. Cllr Walker made a statement confirming that, apart from a very recent initiative to establish a Neighbourhood Watch scheme his declaration was complete, despite derogatory social media comments from Cllr Rathmell. Cllr Walker then read out a statement from Cllr Eccles making similar points, and denying alleged partiality and conflict of interest. Cllr Tovey stated that his declaration is also accurate, and he refuted a series of allegations made by Cllr Rathmell.

(b) Declarations of Interest relating to specific agenda items – The Chair declared an interest in a planning application from a Liberal Democrat party colleague, and stated that he would take no part in discussion or decision on this.

1.3 **To consider an application for Co-option to the Parish Council** – Application received from Mr Lyon. The Chair reminded that all requirements had been met. Cllr Tovey proposed and Cllr Lynch seconded. **RESOLVED:** Mr Lyon was appointed as a Parish Councillor, Mr Lyon joined as a Councillor. Required paperwork was completed.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

A resident informed of an event which Nunthorpe Methodist Church was organising. This was a family fun day on Friday 3rd June from 10am to 3pm. A grant had been secured from MC community grant fund to support the event. The resident provided details of the community event. A further resident informed that the Nunthorpe Knitters had been financially supported by a resident and had knitted Ukrainian flags. These flags would be going up at the station and on the trees. Any donations were welcomed by the group.

3. NUNTHORPE DEVELOPMENT

3.1 **Current Planning Issues relating to Nunthorpe Grange**

(a) Nunthorpe Grange Development sites - To note submission of the Parish Council's response to planning application 21/1145 from Persimmon; to note a topographical survey on 11/2/22 by Taylor Wimpey; and to note minor works on 18/2/22 by Middlesbrough Council adjacent to the A1043 bypass roundabout. –Since the last meeting the Chair informed that he had drafted a statement regarding the Persimmon road application as had been requested, objecting specifically to the western extension, heading to the Taylor Wimpey site. A topographical survey had been completed by Taylor Wimpey and MC had completed some work adjacent to the proposed roundabout on the bypass. The Parish Council had been formally notified regarding both works and had advised residents on Facebook.

(b) Nunthorpe Grange Farm - To determine the Parish Council's response to correspondence from Middlesbrough Council on covenants – The Chair informed that this site was next to the area the Brethren were interested in purchasing. The property had been to auction and there had been assurance that covenants would be placed on the land to ensure only one dwelling remained on the site. The Parish Council had been concerned that the covenant could be removed in the future. The Chair had spoken with MC legal department and a lawyer had been assigned to the matter, who had provided a statement of her understanding of the law. **RESOLVED:** Councillors requested that the Chair ask for a copy of the covenant and request more information on the lawyer's understanding of the application of the law to the specific circumstances.

ACTION: Chair

3.2 **Strategic Developments – updates on “Nunthorpe Nineteen”, (NN)**

(a) N.N. 7 and N.N.8. Community Centre - To note developments in relation to the bidding process – There had been two bids entered and evaluated at the first stage with a difference of less than 5% on the scoring. The Chair reminded that a special meeting of the Parish Council had been held to discuss the Community Centre on 3rd February. As agreed at that meeting, MC had been provided with a formal reply to the NMPFAs answers to the questions from the consortium. It is understood that MC is continuing to undertake a due diligence analysis of the NMPFA bid.

(b) N.N. 18. Neighbourhood Plan - To note recent developments – The Chair advised that around a year ago the Parish Council had sent outline proposals for Neighbourhood area designation, following consultation through GNN, to Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland Councils. They had sent this through to their legal departments who eventually informed of no objections. The Chair had then been informed of the need for formal assent from a Councillor from Redcar and Cleveland Council. Cllr Morgan had informed the previous day that she would provide this support. The forms would be resubmitted. Cllr Tovey reminded that there had been responses from around 300 residents across the Greater Nunthorpe area and that support had been provided through “Locality” for the plan. He informed that a lot of work had gone into ensuring that both sides of Nunthorpe were aware of what was happening and the area proposed. It was advised that the next step would be for both Councils to issue statutory notices to inform of the Neighbourhood Plan and ask the Greater Nunthorpe community if they were supportive of it. Further work would then be required to write a detailed proposal, with Nunthorpe Vision supporting the Parish Council and Cllr Morgan.

ACTION: Chair

(c) N.N 13. Baseline Study - To note a report from the infrastructure sub group – The sub group of Nunthorpe Vision had been working through the information in the Baseline Study (to ensure understanding of where we are now in terms of traffic and services etc) and would then propose a plan to remedy deficiencies. The report is available on the website.

(d) Progress Overview - To note a report from the Nunthorpe Vision Group on progress relating to other commitments among the Nunthorpe 19, in the context of the priorities agreed by the Parish Council at the meeting held on 3/2/22 – Information was included on the website which itemised all of the 19 points. Only one commitment (NN10) was RAG rated red. The others were moving forward. An email had been received from a resident questioning what had happened with moneys provided for section 106 for open park land in Nunthorpe Grange (NN9 and NN13). The Chair stated that there had been assurances of a transparent process. Cllr Tovey stated that there had previously not been a transparent process and stated the need going forward to get involved before the legal documents were produced and before the developers took control.

(e) Minutes - To note the record of the meeting of the Nunthorpe Vision Group held on 1/11/21 – The Chair stated that there had been a recent interest in representation of the constituent groups and MC Mr Horniman had responded that this is not a critical issue because the Nunthorpe Vision Group is “a collective sounding board” and is not a voting body. It was formed to enable structured dialogue, with scheduled meetings and minutes provided, with representation from different groups to share ideas. A resident who is involved in the Nunthorpe Vision Group supported the comment and confirmed that the Nunthorpe Vision Group consisted of representatives of schools, doctors, sports groups and community groups talking together to discuss the things that effect lives in Nunthorpe.

4. ACTIVITIES for 2022-2023

4.1 Platinum Jubilee - To establish projects for celebration of the Jubilee –

(a) To allocate funding for one or more permanent projects to celebrate the Jubilee – There had been an agreement previously of up to £1000 allocated for a project.

(b) To allocate funding for events to celebrate the Jubilee – There had been agreement of £600 allocated. The Chair stated that other pots of NPC money such as funding for Nunthorpe in Bloom could be looked at to supplement specific support for events. Cllr Tovey had organised a special meeting to discuss ideas of memorials / events to ensure there were no clashes, which a number of people attended. A draft survey had been organised to go to residents. He informed that the Community Council had been successful in obtaining a £1000 grant from MC for events. There had been a number of suggestions for a memorial, and particularly for a clock at Nunthorpe Station, with the resident from the adjacent house having supported this. There was a question on the funding of a clock which would cost around £4,000. Suggestions had been also made of planting trees. Cllr Tovey had taken advice on this and smaller trees were supported in principle. A sculpture had been suggested but these were costly. There were many ideas for activities being progressed, with a

Women's Institute tea party and a possible event with bands at the Avenue field (which could be named "Platinum Picnic in the Park"). Nunthorpe in Bloom had a successful event "Blooming for the Queen's birthday" the previous year and the leaders were looking at a theme of purple and gold flowers in a number of flower beds. Cllr Tovey advised he would write up the ideas and welcomed additional items and support. There were suggestions of the Parish Council supporting street parties by way of a competition alike the one for VE day requesting photos with a prize for the best dressed road or similar. The Parish Council had received a request from a resident wishing to hold a local street party. It was noted that MC would expect the Parish Council and/or Nunthorpe Community Council to take responsibility for any activities funded by the grant from MC, and local street parties are not functions which the Parish Council or Community Council could monitor. RESOLVED: The Parish Council would support use of the MC grant for events which were open to all Nunthorpe residents and agreed that the "Platinum Picnic in the Park" should be supported as the main NPC event with information awaited from Cllr Tovey. Residents were reminded that MC had extended the date for local street party funding. Cllr Tovey suggested that the Knitters would appreciate support for bunting. There was a suggestion of a Beacon lighting which was to be held nationally at 9.15pm on Thursday 2nd June. It was agreed that visibility was an issue and there was uncertainty what could be used to support a suggestion of this being lit at the top of St Marys Church. A resident suggested that a lighting display of the Church could be used, alike Luminaire in Durham. Cllr Tovey questioned if there would be support for resident donations to fund the clock. He added that if this was not fundable then something different would need progressing. The Chair suggested that in principle, and subject to additional funding and resolution of legal and maintenance issues, the Parish Council could pay £1000 towards the clock as they had already agreed £1000 funding for a memorial. A resident stated that he would speak with Cllr Tovey on this matter outside of the meeting. He suggested that an application could be made to the Brunton Trust or the Community Council. He added that many communities were planting a tree for the Jubilee and if the Parish Council wished to support this, the Grumpy Gardeners would plant it and purchase a plaque. Cllr Lynch suggested that as the Royal Mail were changing to a barcode on stamps instead of the Queen's head, some type of item to show the original stamp could be produced. He offered to progress this. RESOLVED: £1000 to be spent on clock if sufficient additional funding could be found. RESOLVED: £600 to fund prizes, the Women's Institute/Knitters activities, with the balance towards the "Platinum Picnic in the Park".

5. To note written updates on CONTINUING PROJECTS / ACTIVITIES and to authorise Lead Councillors to take follow-up actions as indicated in their reports, as follows:

5.1 Trees, Flowers, Allotments and Waste Management – Cllr Tovey had circulated an amended report due to meeting with a second contractor at the Triangle wood.

Triangle wood - Cllr Tovey informed of the difficulties for OurGreenways volunteers operating in the wood and that The Conservation Volunteers Group had been joined to obtain reduced insurance costs for people working in the wood. The method of "adoption" of the wood being looked at would ensure that MC retained responsibility and liability. Funding gathered would be used to make the wood safe. Then the MCs indemnity cover would cover those walking in the wood. It was advised that it had been proposed that the wood was re-named (Platinum) Jubilee Wood. The Parish Council welcomed the name change. The Chair stated that there had been a previous agreement in principle on paying £1000 towards enabling the wood to open up and this was earmarked. RESOLVED: £1000 contribution towards safety precautions to enable the woods to be reopened, subject to the contributions from other organisations enabling the total to be met.

Other Trees - MC Mr Ward informed of the allocation of four replacement trees 10-12 root balled with a planted height of approx. 7 – 9 ft. Species available were Silver Birch, Black Walnut, Common Lime, Grey Alder and Field Maple. The Parish Council discussed if these were to be planted in the previous locations for which they were being replaced or placed together. The importance of ensuring these were watered was reiterated and the meeting was informed that St Marys Church were planting a tree for the Jubilee weekend. It was suggested that trees could be planted as part of a Jubilee event over the celebration period. A suggestion was made of having the trees in one place together at the Stainton Way Play Area. Cllr Tovey to progress outside of the meeting and feedback to MC.

Wildflowers – Cllr Tovey informed that MC had offered to prepare the land and match fund for the wildflowers again this year. The Chair proposed in principle a wildflower fund of £250 from the 2022/23 budget. He suggested that Nunthorpe in Bloom (as had been discussed earlier in the meeting) be given £500

again to assist in Jubilee preparations. RESOLVED: £250 Wildflower funding and £500 to be given to Nunthorpe in Bloom.

Waste – Cllr Tovey stated that there had been agreement in principle of funding a larger waste bin at the Avenue play park and a train shaped bin had been found. He informed that it was too late to have an order placed in time for the Jubilee weekend. Cllr Walker was liaising with Boro Champs and there were red bags and pickers available and a tidy up Britain campaign towards the end of April would be supported.

Allotments – Cllr Lynch stated that he had contacted MC who could not suggest anywhere for allotments following letters from residents. He suggested that this could possibly be provided in due course next to the Doctors Surgery and Community Gardens.

- 5.2 Public Rights of Way and Bridleways (including to determine the Parish Council's response to correspondence from Middlesbrough Council on the Green Link.) – Cllr McArdle had informed that the overgrowth had been dealt with. There had been discussions with MC on flooding and Cllr Walker had progressed meetings with various MC contacts to walk around the wood and bridleway areas. The Chair informed that the Parish Council had written to a MC solicitor seeking an update regarding progress towards recording the Green Link Footpath as a Public Right of Way. MC had previously been clear the Green Link is a right of way. The recent legal response to NPC confirmed this, but the lawyer was awaiting instruction. The Chair suggested that he was unsure who would be instructing and he would write again asking if the Parish Council needed to start this process. **ACTION: Chair**

- 5.3. Traffic – Poole roundabout – An issue of a road sign obscuring the view was brought forward together with the larger issue of lane marking on the main roundabout. MC Mr Horniman had informed that Council officers had looked at the matter and believed there was no problem with the roundabout, but the people who had contacted NPC regarding the matter all felt that this was a confusing roundabout. Cllr Walker commented that feedback from residents regarding the need for better marking should be considered before accidents were reported. Cllr Lynch stated that in his opinion as a professional driver he agreed that this was a very bad roundabout, with no clarity. The Chair commented that MC stated there was no need for line markings as there were no accidents reported and not a high usage. Cllr Walker reminded of the pictures that he had taken of other similar roundabouts which did have markings. MC had not given an answer on criteria for marking lanes on roundabouts. Cllr Lyon agreed that part of the problem was the perception of lines due to the gap in the tarmac on the road towards the roundabout. A resident commented on the works at Swans Corner roundabout, and Cllrs Eccles and Walker were praised for the work to ensure that information was gathered and entered on Facebook. RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to escalate the matter of markings to the Mayor. The road sign matter would be deferred at present. **ACTION: Cllr Walker**

Reduction in speed limit on Dixons Bank – Councillors discussed their concerns regarding the removal and non-replacement of speed limit signage. When questioned MC advised that signs were not required in a 30mph area. It was suggested that flashing speed signs to advise of the speed limit were progressed or speed limit markings on the road. The Clerk informed that she believed costs to be around £3500 each for flashing signs. RESOLVED: Cllr Walker to contact MC suggesting the need for the signs which the Parish Council could look to part fund to ensure residents safety. Cllr Walker was also asked to progress enforcement of the new limits. **ACTION: Cllr Walker**

An email had been received regarding horse signage within Old Nunthorpe Village. RESOLVED: Cllr Lynch to investigate the matter further. **ACTION: Cllr Lynch**

Parking on Guisborough Road and The Avenue – There had been numerous items of correspondence and posts on social media regarding the issues caused by inappropriate parking. Advice had been received that any matters needed reporting at the time as enforcement could not be progressed at a later time. It was agreed that any issues should be immediately reported to Street Wardens. A resident commented on issues faced when collecting children from schools. It was noted that there was no consideration for others. RESOLVED: GNN to remind of the need for consideration and of the contact details for the Street Wardens.

- 5.4. Crime and Anti-social Behaviour – CCTV Southern Cross junction – Cllr Walker informed that funding was awaited before this could be progressed. Residents were reminded of the need to report any incidents to ensure that matters in the area became a priority. He added that posts had been noted on social media regarding sticks and stones thrown on Stainton Way but no reports lodged. It was questioned if the Parish

Council were happy to wait to see where the CCTV ranked on Council priorities or did this want progressing more quickly at a higher level. Cllr Walker informed of a Neighbourhood Watch which he started three weeks ago now having 500 followers. A meeting is planned for 12th April at 6.45pm at the Southern Cross. The Mayor and Cllr Grainge would be attending. He stated that he wanted this to grow and have co-ordinators involved. He suggested the need for the group to be properly constituted with a bank account which would allow grants to be bid for. It was agreed that for transparency the group should be correctly constituted. RESOLVED: It was agreed that the contacts for reporting ASB be included in the next GNN edition.

6. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 20TH JANUARY 2022 AND 3RD FEBRUARY 2022 AS TRUE AND CORRECT RECORDS, AND RECEIVE INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING

6.1 **Resolved:** to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20th January 2022 and 3rd February 2022 as true and accurate records and to endorse the formal report relating to the meeting held on 3rd February 2022.

6.2 Councillors had an opportunity to question progress with any matter discussed at the previous meeting which would not arise elsewhere during the present meeting.

6.2.1 Issue at Avenue shops (min 7.1 20.1.22) – Cllr Walker confirmed that he had spoken with one of those raising concerns and completed a litter pick. Cllr Smiles had been contacted. It was noted that there appeared to be nothing further which could be done by the Parish Council.

6.2.2 Survey (min 3.2 20.1.22) - There had been agreement on sending a survey to residents on three matters – Priorities for Nunthorpe Grange, the Jubilee and the location of the Community Centre. The survey had been drafted but had not been sent due to MC/NMPFA not making the NMPFA Community Centre bid available as a public document. It was advised that an issue of GNN was shortly to be printed and it might be possible for the survey to go out with this. Cllr Tovey informed that he could amend the survey to incorporate discussions from this evening. RESOLVED: Deferred survey to be actioned when/if practicable. **ACTION: Cllr Tovey**

7. To note written REPORTS

7.1. Chair's Report – The Chair informed of local plans close to Nunthorpe undergoing consultation at present.

7.2. Clerk's Report, with correspondence report – There were no additional matters not covered on the agenda.

7.3. Ward Councillors' Reports – none received

7.4. NMPFA Minutes – none received since November minutes – It was believed that these were possibly available to view on their website and the Clerk was asked to remind the person who normally forwarded minutes that they were not being received by the Parish Council. **ACTION: Clerk**

8. PLANNING / LICENSING APPLICATIONS –

8.1 Updates

(a) Levington Wynd (20/0597) – The Chair stated that the appeal had been decided and the outcome had been that the appeal was dismissed. The planners were told to enforce on the grounds that the extension was incompatible with the streetscene.

(b) Nunthorpe Hall (21/0005/6) – decided on 9th March – The Chair informed that the appeal was dismissed due to incompatibility with the preservation location and planners were to enforce.

(c) Bromley Hill Close (20/0366) – The Chair reminded that most of tiles in the estate were grey colour and the home owner had used pink colour tiles and wood cladding. He reminded that the Parish Council had not initially objected as the NPC focus is on footprint, not quality of materials as MC is expected to establish such requirements. The Parish Council had again corresponded with the resident who was unhappy with the extension and with MC. The Chair stated he would write one more time to try to resolve the matter. **ACTION: Chair**

(d) Enforcement Issues – Cllr Walker informed that the Enforcement Officer had been off work and he was unsure if there was any further progress.

(e) Ford Close Proposals at Brass Castle Lane from Barton Willmore – The Chair reminded of the original proposal of 69 houses to be built. This had been refused, the developer had appealed, and a new proposal was now in place for 50 houses. Cllr McArdle had attended a presentation and felt that this was a better proposal. Further information was awaited.

8.2 **New Applications** Councillors discussed the applications received about which there were no concerns.

(a) 22/0171/FUL 14, Moor Park Dormer extension to rear

- (b) 22/0156/FUL 103, The Avenue, Erection of a single storey porch extension to the front, new tiled pitched roof
- (c) 22/0140/FUL11 Weaverthorpe First floor extensions to the front
- (d) 22/0139/FUL 7, Stokesley Road, Demolition of existing Single Storey Rear offshoot to allow for construction
- (e) 22/0133/PNH 4, The Endeavour Single storey extension to rear
- (f) 22/0128/FUL 4, The Endeavour, Single storey extension to rear, porch to front and install of a new side
- (g) 22/0082/FUL 7, Cotcliffe Way, Single storey extension to rear plus alterations and extensions to existing
- (h) 22/0069/FUL 25, Collingham Drive Single storey extension to rear
- (i) 22/0062/FUL 18 Mickleby Close Single storey extension to rear plus rear entrance door in garage
- (j) 22/0034/FUL Rear of 4, Old Stokesley Road Construction of a timber summerhouse

9. PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION AND ORGANISATION

9.1. Financial Report - Income/Expenditure - The Clerk advised on the following financial matters. Expenditure: Paid with prior agreement Parish Clerk wage direct debit. Additional payment required to ensure correct amount paid for the financial year as informed by Accountant, including a national rise of 1.75% backdated to 1st April 2021. To approve – Vision Academy Trust room hire £40 February, £40 March.

RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the financial report.

9.2 Standing Orders and Code of Conduct To establish a committee to make recommendations on amendments to Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct – Following a proposal from Cllr Eccles it was agreed that Cllr Eccles, Cllr Walker, the Chair and the Clerk form a group to review the Standing Orders, and to look at adopting the new Code of Conduct recently adopted by MC. **RESOLVED:** Parish Council approved this action.

ACTION: Cllr Eccles/Cllr Walker/Chair/Clerk

9.3 Communications Report – Councillors were pleased to note the increase in numbers following the website raising from 400 to 700. Cllr Eccles had been completing a lot of work on updating the website and all agreed the need for the Parish Council website and Facebook to be a “One stop shop” for residents with timely relevant information. There had been recent concerns expressed on social media that the Parish Council completed no actions but that many Parish Councillors were involved in too many groups. It was agreed that the Parish Council often appeared to not be involved when other groups took the lead, but the Parish Council was often at the centre behind activities to facilitate and allow other groups to get attention. All agreed the need to promote the actions taken by the Parish Council on behalf of residents and change the perception alongside working to support other groups.

9.4 Governance

(a) To note commencement of MBC Governance Review requested by the Parish Council, and to determine a formal response from the Parish Council – The Chair reminded that this was now being consulted on until 31st March and encouraged residents to respond. He reminded Councillors of the need to submit a corporate response. Comments were made during discussions that there had been a fight to get a Parish Council to support residents. The Chair took Parish Councillors through the questions, and answers were agreed including the need for conversations regarding undertaking more activities on behalf of MC. It was agreed that the Parish Council wished to support a new Community Centre. It was questioned if it was thought that there should be a Parish and Community Council. It was agreed that the Community Council could become a sub-committee of the Parish Council without losing what it offered to the community (in addition to the £750 funding). A resident commented that she had felt that the two groups offered something different to one another but this had changed in the past few years. She stated that Community Councils were established as a link with the wider community, and they could pass on information from MC to the community after attending meetings. It was agreed that covid had changed the Community Council meetings and that many of the same people were involved in both groups. **RESOLVED:** Chair to draft a response for circulation and submission by the Clerk. **ACTION: Chair**

(b) To defer consideration of Risk Assessment – The Chair proposed that the committee tasked with looking at standing orders look at the risk assessment alongside. This was approved.

9.5 Date, time, and items for next meeting Thursday 19th May 2022 Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30pm followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish and normal monthly meeting at 7pm.

Meeting ended 9.10pm

Signed Date