



## **Minutes of Parish Meeting Held Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 7pm at Chandlers Ridge Academy**

**Parish Councillors Present:** Ros Davey, Mike Eccles, Russ Lynch, Carol McArdle, Morgan McClintock (Vice Chair, chaired the meeting) and Mieka Smiles

**In attendance:** Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk), 1 resident, David Leyland (Nunthorpe Community Council).

### **1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

1.1 **To receive apologies and receive any declarations of interest & changes to the register** – Apologies were received and accepted from Adrian Walker Wade Tovey and Martin Lyon. Cllr McClintock informed he was chairing the meeting. There were declarations of interest from Cllr McArdle on item 7.2 and Cllr McClintock on item 8.1. Cllr Walker had informed of a change of interest to his annual declaration as he had been asked to join the committee of the Neighbourhood Watch Association.

### **2. PUBLIC FORUM**

A Resident present discussed the need for allotments in Nunthorpe, he had made prior contact with Cllr Smiles on the matter, this was an agenda item. Cllr Davey stated her disappointment that the large number of residents who attended the meeting at the Sports Village were again not attending the public meeting of Nunthorpe Parish Council.

### **3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY and 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2022 AS TRUE AND CORRECT RECORDS, AND RECEIVE INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 **Resolved:** to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 as true and accurate records.

3.2 Receive updates on MATTERS ARISING not placed elsewhere in the agenda – 19<sup>th</sup> May -Jubilee celebrations – Arising from Item 4.1 - The Vice Chair gave thanks to those who organised the events to celebrate. Cllr Smiles updated on the memorial clock, Northern Rail would not install the clock and Cllr Lyon was organising for Tesco to complete the work for which a permit was awaited.

### **4. NUNTHORPE DEVELOPMENT**

4.1 **Community Centre** – There had been various meetings and conversations on this matter. The Vice Chair informed that on 17 May there had been communication from MC (Middlesbrough Council) that the process would conclude within 3 months, ie. 17 August under the revised details. The Parish Council had sent a letter of response to Ian Wright following the meeting on 7 June. A letter had also been sent to the Mayor on 8 July, there had been an informal response from him to Greater Nunthorpe News, but no response to the Parish Council to date to either letter. Cllr Smiles stated that she had been unable to attend the meeting regarding the Community Centre, she stated that she hoped that Ian Wright's contribution had been helpful. The Vice Chair responded that what was helpful was that Mr Wright had confirmed that he felt there had been no improper procedure or conflict of interest. It had however been an acrimonious meeting. He reminded of the very large amount of work completed by the Parish Council and costs incurrent to be then told the process was halted. Cllr Smiles informed that Mr Wright would be responding to the letter before he stopped working for the council shortly. She understood that there was to be a further public consultation, then MC would build the community centre and then a procurement process would commence with a group of people selected to run the centre. A decision would be brought to the Executive Committee in September to decide how the community centre goes forward. The Vice Chair stated that through no fault of Nunthorpe residents the community centre was being further delayed by 18 months and the value of the funds was reducing. Mr Leyland stated his reservations and concern that over the last 8 weeks all communication seemed to have halted from MC. He reminded that Nunthorpe residents had been left without a proper community centre since the old centre burnt down, then access restricted when the school was passed to an academy trust and promises for the centre being built at David Wilson Homes site not materialising. Promises from the Mayor when he was elected had not been followed through. He stated that the two Ward councillors were not adequately representing Nunthorpe. Cllr Smiles stated that she understood Mr Leyland's frustration, she agreed

that the situation with David Wilson estate was disgraceful. She assured support and that the community centre funding would not be in place if the Mayor and herself had not pushed for this. The Vice Chair stated that despite securing the Towns Fund money the community centre had already been promised, and so Nunthorpe residents have no interest in how Middlesbrough Council organises its finances to undertake its commitments. S106 funds from the David Wilson Estate had been spent on Dixons Bank infrastructure, these funds could have been better spent. It was agreed that the informal response from the Mayor did not respond to any issues mentioned in the letter and to date there had been no progress since 17 May on the Community Centre, despite earlier promises of a planning application in November 2021. The Vice Chair stated his disappointment that a response was still awaited from a man who was leaving the council and therefore could not deal with any follow up correspondence. Cllr Smiles advised there had been a handover between officers. Cllr Eccles questioned if the public consultation would be prior to the Executive meeting in September. Cllr Smiles confirmed that this was unlikely and that an outline would probably come to the Executive meeting.

*Councillors agreed to jump forward in the agenda to Item 5.1 only to inform resident before he needed to leave*

**5. CONTINUING PROJECTS / ACTIVITIES - to note written updates, 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**

Allotments - Cllr Lynch informed that following a number of requests for allotments he had been advised of an allotments team at MC but had been unable to make contact with the department. He had spoken with an officer and suggested some areas for allotments, he had some areas in Nunthorpe Village for suggestions and needed to find residents views. The Vice Chair reminded that the Parish Council owned no land and were reliant on support from MC to supply allotments as there had been around 10 requests in the past couple of years. There had been ideas of a community garden/micro forest / allotments next to the Doctors surgery. He reminded that MC were supposed to be consulting on the housing and other areas in Nunthorpe Grange but there had been no contact. The maximum commitment of 250 homes would still leave a generous amount of space. Cllr Smiles stated that in her position she would do all she could to stop any building on Nunthorpe Grange, other than the two pieces of land already owned by private companies. The Vice Chair questioned why this necessitated all other meetings stopping and was advised by Cllr Smiles that fighting for a masterplan was not helpful. It was reminded that the land was currently designated for housing greater than 250 units under the existing plans of MC. Cllr Smiles reminded that she had secured £6,000 funding for a community garden to be placed somewhere in Nunthorpe. The Vice Chair stated that there was the need for a plan to enable anything to move forward.

Waste Management – Cllr McArdle informed of concerns with a PRoW issue and removal of some waste bins which she had been liaising with Cllr Smiles regarding. She informed that there were no waste bins on Dixons Bank and there had been suggestion on the need for four bins. She had with Cllr Walker identified three sites and suggested that Area Care agree a fourth site which had good access, possibly reinstating the bin to the rear of Wherside. A further area in need of a bin was rear the Grey Towers Village estate to replace the one removed from the bridleway. She would continue to follow up with Cllr Smiles. Cllr Eccles questioned the wording of dual bins and asked if this indicated separate sections, it was confirmed that this was a singular bin which accepted dog foul waste and normal waste. The Vice Chair informed that there had been no updated costs obtained to date for the large novelty train bin at the Avenue play area. There had been prior approval of the spend on this but if costs had increased this would be brought back to the next meeting if NCC could not make up the difference.

Triangle wood – The Vice Chair informed that Cllr Tovey continued making process with triangle wood, and he hoped MC would start work there soon. Cllr Eccles asked who was taking the lead. It was confirmed that MC owned the land and insured it and insured members of the public, Ourgreenways were taking on insurance for volunteers. The Parish Council would be contributing £1000 to MC towards making the area safe.

Wildflowers - £250 had been agreed in the budget towards wildflowers, the Vice Chair enquired if Cllr Smiles was aware of which areas were planted by whom, she confirmed that the Parish Council areas was the large circle at the bottom of Mallowdale. A number of other areas had been planted.

Village Green – The Clerk questioned if there were different arrangements for the cutting schedule for a village green and if the area would be named as this was taking some time. Cllr Smiles informed that the green was now official by law a village green and she would like to see it named and agreed to progress a sign for the area, the suggestion had been to name it Nunthorpe Parish Village Green. The Clerk was asked to add to the agenda for September.

**ACTION: Agenda**

*Return to agenda item 4.*

#### **4. NUNTHORPE DEVELOPMENT**

##### **4.2 Neighbourhood Plan**

The Vice Chair stated that Cllr Smiles had commented earlier in the meeting on her view of planning in Nunthorpe. Mr Leyland reminded of the recent correspondence from Cllr Tovey and the impact that the lack of support from MC had on the motivation of people who were involved in working for the good of residents. The Vice Chair agreed that all involved were feeling demoralised by the treatment from MC. He advised that the consultation on the area involved closed on 4 July. He had been informed of a low number of responses, and that it would be September before anything further was communicated. He enquired of Parish Councillors if there was an appetite to have greater control of what happened in Nunthorpe by having the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Eccles questioned if RCBC were no longer involved in discussions and if GNN was distributed to all households in the RCBC area affected. The Vice Chair clarified that MC were leading and they were liaising with RCBC and that Cllr Tovey had assured that GNN was distributed to all in the area. Cllr Smiles informed that the Marton West plan was of huge significance on planning applications. The Vice Chair asked who would complete the work on the plan, as all of the people involved were feeling deflated by the recent events and reminded that the Nunthorpe Grange plan formed the foundation of the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Smiles confirmed that politically she was behind the Nunthorpe Nineteen pledges and suggested that the Mayor be invited to the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr Eccles stated that he felt that the final four items on the Nunthorpe Nineteen list were unclear and should be in plain English for residents to understand. Cllr Smiles agreed with this comment and enquired if Cllr Tovey was resigning or continuing as this was an important factor when looking to complete a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr McArdle agreed that the Parish Council were disillusioned at present and that there would be much work involved. It was discussed that the application could be submitted, and resources would be provided up to £10,000 to complete the plan. The Vice Chair listed the many requirements for the plan including arranging meetings with residents, groups and other agencies, and the long-term commitment. Cllr Smiles stated that she was happy to support in any way she could. **RESOLVED:** the Parish Council would like to commit to completing this and acknowledged that there was a lot of work.

**4.3 Current Planning Issues relating to Nunthorpe Grange** - The Vice Chair advised that he had seen a copy of the restrictive covenant following discussions with Charlotte Benjamin from MC and he would forward this to the Parish Councillors.

**ACTION: Vice Chair**

**4.4 Updates on “Nunthorpe Nineteen” (NN)** – discussed earlier in the meeting.

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

**5.2 Public Rights of Way and Bridleways** – update on signage and overgrowth – This matter had been progressed and it had been advised that it was going to the Executive committee in September. Cllr Smiles informed that officers were wanting to consult with an expert on the matter before they produced a report, she was unsure if this would be ready for the September meeting. She informed that this would go to public enquiry, there

had been a meeting called but Cllr Rathmell did not attend and both Ward Councillors needed to have a unified voice in terms of a DMMO. Cllr McArdle informed that Cllr Rathmell had met with residents 2 years ago to discuss revised routes. It was agreed that the process would sit better being completed via MC.

RESOLVED: Parish Council to write to Cllr Rathmell requesting his support in progressing the matter and meeting with officers and Cllr Smiles. Cllr McArdle to compose and Clerk to send. **ACTION: Cllr McArdle/Clerk**

- 5.3 Traffic – new speed limit introduced – The Vice Chair informed that Cllr Walker had been in discussion with Steve Rigg regarding speed signs and who was responsible for putting them up. The Parish Council had informed that they may part fund this. There had been communication from a RCBC resident regarding making Guisborough Road controlled, to which the Clerk had responded and passed onto Cllr Morgan RCBC. Hedgehog signs – Cllr Smiles informed that she had requested these for the bypass. Cllr Eccles praised the signs on Stokesley Road which were in clear sight, unlike the sign warning of pedestrian access which was obscured by trees. Cllr Smiles to progress. **ACTION: Cllr Smiles**

- 5.4 Crime and Anti-social Behaviour – Cllr Walker had forwarded a report pointing out matters dealt with, including anti-social parking on Clarence Road which had been reported on Facebook, it was questioned what further action could be taken. It was reminded that residents should ring enforcement at the time of the issue or take photos. It was agreed that photos should be re-sent to Cllr Smiles to send to Police. Cllr Walker had organised to meet with the Police Commissioner, this meeting had been postponed.

**ACTION: Clerk/Cllr Smiles**

## 6. To note WRITTEN REPORTS

- 6.1. Chair's Report – There was no report from the Chair, but his written contributions have been included in other reports already considered.
- 6.2. Clerk's Report, including Correspondence Report, on website.
- 6.3. Ward Councillors' Reports – Cllr Smiles stated that the hedgehog signs were erected, she had some black paint to paint the bollard at the end of Chandlers Ridge and was looking for funding for a trim trail for children.
- 6.4. Ourgreenways Update – An update had already been discussed on Triangle wood.

## 7. PLANNING / LICENSING APPLICATIONS - to review applications received

### 7.1 Updates

Levington Wynd (20/0597) – there were no updates on any amended application.

Nunthorpe Hall (21/0005/6) – This was still in place. Cllr McArdle stated that the appeal against the decision concluded in January 2022. RESOLVED: Cllr McArdle to request update from planning officer and advise this was still in-situ. **ACTION: Cllr McArdle**

Bromley Hill Close (20/0366) – The Vice Chair informed that he had spoken with both parties and there was no further action on this.

### 7.2 New Applications - Councillors discussed the applications received.

- 7.2.1-22/0431/FUL 8, Ryehill Close, Retrospective single storey extension to rear – Cllr McArdle had declared an interest as a neighbour. Councillors discussed the application in relation to the other matter on the estate with neighbours complaining of the use of inappropriate materials and the original plan from December 2021 being acceptable, this retrospective planning application was not acceptable with rendering which did not match the stonework and large skylights. RESOLVED: To object to the materials used which did not match the integrity of the area. **ACTION: Clerk**

- 7.2.2-22/0199/FUL 2, Wyke Lane, Single storey extension to rear – It was discussed that this was an enormous extension, however there were noted to be numerous similar extensions in the estate. It was discussed that the use of flat roofs was not recommended in the MC urban design statement and planning officers would look at this.

- 7.2.3-22/0345/FUL Norlands Church Lane alterations and extension of existing dwelling, alteration of existing outbuilding – This was a huge plot of land and no impact on any neighbours as all properties were individual.

## 8. PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION AND ORGANISATION

- 8.1. **Financial Report** - Income/Expenditure - The Clerk advised on the following financial matters.

**Financial Report** Expenditure: Paid with prior agreement Parish Clerk wage direct debit, Computer Currys £449. To approve - Vision Academy Trust room hire £40, Chuhan & Singh end of year £60.00, Community Heartbeat £198, The Clerk informed of the need to re-issue cheque to Town & Parish Council (not presented last year 000254) £145.00. **RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the financial report.**

8.2 To discuss any funding request – A request for £96.00 to fund a bouncy castle had been received from the Methodist Church. The Vice Chair declared an interest as he was involved in a previous event at the Church. It was uncertain if the funds were needed for the event to be viable, but the Parish Council had not funded many events over the past couple of years. There had been no financial statement provided which the Clerk was asked to request as this was required on the grant policy. RESOLVED: Parish Councillors approved the funding. **ACTION: Clerk**

Discussion on funding defibrillator maintenance in Nunthorpe Village – Cllr Lynch informed that the Go Fund Me page had amassed sufficient funds to purchase a defibrillator, a location was still undetermined, but the annual running costs were still a concern. The Chair suggested that the same provider be used as used for the unit at The Avenue, the maintenance would be included for the first year and this matter be added as an agenda item for the next meeting. Cllr Lynch to progress the unit and a site to inform at the meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Lynch/Agenda**

To consider as approved previously if the bench in Nunthorpe Village requires any upkeep – Cllr Lynch to take a close look at the bench and if varnish was required, that was already approved. **ACTION: Cllr Lynch**  
Bank account – to agree additional signatories – It was agreed that Cllr McArdle, Cllr Lynch and Cllr Davies be added as signatories, clerk to advise of information required and Councillors to provide. **ACTION: Clerk**

8.2 **Standing Orders and Code of Conduct** update from committee to make recommendations on amendments to Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct – Cllr Eccles had after a forensic review of the NALC model forwarded draft standing orders for consideration and further amendment after any further comments were made by the full council. Mandatory items were shown in bold and amended to suit NPC shown in red. To be added as an agenda item for the September meeting. He informed that he had not made amendment to the current code of conduct which seemed common sense, the one on the MC website was 18 pages long, he advised that all councillors look at the current code of conduct, ensure they were happy with this and update. **ACTION: Agenda**

8.3 **Communications Report** – Cllr Eccles informed that he had published the report on the website. He reminded of the importance of using PC email addresses. He informed that the process of interaction between the website and Facebook had broken down. He had added a new main menu page for the Neighbourhood Plan and information on the consultation which had now closed.

#### 8.4 **Governance**

Governance Review- The Vice Chair informed that the consultation had ended in March, and he enquired on progress and a meeting had been organized. He had attended along with the Chair of Stainton and Thornton Parish Council and were shown the report. This agreed the proposals on boundaries and would be recommended to MC committee meeting shortly. He had been thrown when informed of the need to talk of the number of councillors being equal at both councils at 9, this planned for the next ten years as Stainton would have a similar number of properties as Nunthorpe. There had been some negative comments regarding representation as the seats were not filled by competitive election. The consultation on including Milan Grove in the Ward area and the number of councillors going forward was likely to start very quickly to enable the required end date to be met. It was agreed that there had only in recent years been a total of nine councillors but any less than this number would cause too great a workload for the smaller number of councillors. The Vice Chair questioned if the merging of the Parish and Community Council could be managed on a total of 9 councillors. It was agreed that with the new draft standing orders sub committees could be formed including non-parish council members.

Risk Assessment – There had been no progress.

Cllr Eccles advised that this had been his last meeting and he had already submitted his resignation to the Chair and Clerk. He informed that he was prepared to act as a volunteer to run the website, if he did this information would need to be fed to him. He would also be willing to continue the work on the standing orders. The Vice Chair stated that he was sorry to hear the news and appreciated the issues and appreciated the offer to finish the standing orders and the work on the webpage. Councillors gave thanks for the work and wished Cllr Eccles well.

**Date, time, and items for next meeting – 15 September 2022 7pm**

Signed ..... Date .....