

Ward Councillor Report to Nunthorpe Parish Council - July 2023

1. COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

1.1. Council Meetings

There have been two short Council meetings. At both meetings there were no substantive proposals to discuss.

1.2. Planning Committee

I was appointed to the Planning Committee and have attended one formal meeting in addition to a training session. On Nunthorpe applications about which I have already made my views known - such as Equipment at The Avenue Park, Persimmon's plans for Nunthorpe Grange, and "Housing South West of Grey Towers Farm", I will be making statements during the relevant meetings, rather than voting.

1.3 Other Committees

I am now a Member of the **Oversight & Scrutiny Board**, which hasn't met yet. Similarly, there have been no meetings of the **NMPFA Management Committee** on which I represent the Council from a Nunthorpe perspective (with Dorothy Davison having a similar role in relation to Marton.)

2. NUNTHORPE DEVELOPMENTS

2.1. Public Rights of Way in Nunthorpe Village

I was briefed with Mieka Smiles on proposals to significantly amend a PRoW. My report, with recommendations, has been submitted to the Parish Council.

2.2. Bus Timetables

I have been working with Council Officers to amend proposals from Arriva to make significant changes to bus timetables, with particular concern about the cessation of all connectivity with Nunthorpe Village. I was invited by Middlesbrough Council to provide a detailed impact assessment for presentation to the Tees Valley Combined Authority and Arriva, which appears to have been well received, although an amended timetable has not yet been published, resulting in continued concern for bus passengers.

2.3. Grey Towers Village

I have been liaising with a number of residents of Grey Towers Village about the unfinished state of the public areas, and have arranged a meeting with Middlesbrough Council to clarify responsibilities for resolution.

2.4. Speeding

As agreed at the Parish Council, I have been making the case to Council Officers for an agreed prioritisation of traffic projects in Nunthorpe. Along with many residents, I opposed plans for speed cushions on Clevegate, which resulted in replacement of speed cushions with flashing warning lights. Also in line with the Parish Council decision, I asked for a review of Middlesbrough Council's plans to make alterations to the junction at the Brunton Arms.

2.5 Parking

I have been working with our PCSO on a system to facilitate police action when a resident takes a photograph of a car which has been parked illegally, often posing safety concerns for pedestrians.

2.6. Fire at the Avenue Park

I liaised between residents, the PCSO and relevant Council Officers about potential measures to prevent recurrence of an incident among the trees near The Resolution

3. INDIVIDUAL CASE-WORK

3.1. Barking

I have received numerous complaints about persistent dog-barking, which has disturbed the sleep of residents over a considerable area of Nunthorpe. As the Council's system for responding seems daunting, I have been supporting residents.

3.2. Area Care

Concerns passed on to Area Care included grass-cutting, tree-pruning, overgrown hedges, protruding tree roots, weeds, tree-watering, and dilapidated bins.