

Nunthorpe Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday 2nd December 2015

PRESENT:

Ken Tomlinson (Chair), John Harrison, Charles Morrish, David Leyland, Stephen Thomason, Frank Robinson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ward Cllr. Jon Rathmell, Ward Cllr. Lesley McGloin, Lesley Tomlinson, Secretary Nunthorpe Community Council, Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk).

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Gamini Wijesinghe (family matters), Jo Turner (due to work commitments Cllr Turner will be absent from meetings until January 2016).

PC Mushens who expected to attend tonight's meeting sent his apologies.

2.0 CO-OPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Cllr Tomlinson welcomed Frank Robinson and stated that he hopes that he enjoys his time as a Parish Councillor. The Clerk confirmed that Mr Robinson had sent confirmation of eligibility to become a Parish Councillor and that all relevant information had been forwarded including the Code of Conduct and the Standing Orders. Cllr Tomlinson proposed that Mr Robinson become a Parish Council, which was seconded by Cllr Morrish and agreed by all. Mr Robinson signed the declaration of acceptance of office and returned his register of interests form.

3.0 CLERKS REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE:

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

5.11.15 Letter from Clarke Telecom re Base Station – Riverside Park Road

7.11.15 Email from PFA committee mins

8.11.15 Email from Bob re Grey Towers Bridlepath abuse

10.11.15 Emails to and from Ward Cllr Rathmell re Electric bike for PCSO Barron

10.11.15 Email to and from Hardwick in Partnership for advice re liabilities

10.11.15 PROW Grey Towers area meeting proposals

10.11.15 Correspondence from David & John re Nunthorpe in Bloom/War Memorial entry cost 2016 £60 agreed with CC

13.11.15 Email to Major Budd re 80 Cookgate

13.11.15 Email from S Williams MC re meeting re public right of way issues Grey Towers 18.11

14.11.15 Email to and from A Turner re Polo Hedge cutting and awaiting response from Appletons Surveyors to enable cutting to commence

18.11.15 Email from David Young re thanks, Remembrance Sunday donations

19.11.15 Emails to and from Galliford Try and Mbro Council re Christmas light erection

19.11.15 Email from & reply to Laura Baines requesting help finding a room to hire

19.11.15 Email from Frank Robinson confirming interest in becoming a Parish Councillor

24.1.15 Email from Hardwick in Partnership re Transparency Fund Application deadline 14.12.2015, 14.1.2016 & 15.2.2016

24.11.15 Email to and from Thorp Parker Newtons re Mr & Mrs Scrafton donation

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- 24.11.15 Email to update Mr P Scrope re above
- 24.11.15 Emails to Hardwick in Partnership re Good Councillor Guide copies
- 25.11.15 Email from MC re FOI request 80 Cookgate stating public interest test
- 26.11.15 Email from R Duce (D Budd) re 80 Cookgate planning app. Offering meeting with the Ward Cllrs.
- 27.11.15 Email re Blacksmiths Yard sale mtg of exec sub committee 16th December

NALC newsletters

Report

Emails from Ward Councillors regarding the fireworks event and road safety event. Cllr Tomlinson stated that he would like to propose his thanks to the Ward Councillors for their work carried out organising both events, he added that both events were excellent.

All members agreed that they hoped that the fireworks event is establish as a community event for future years.

Ward Cllr Rathmell informed that Cleveland Police had indicated that they would be willing to run a further road safety event in the summer.

Clerk informed that there was no response from R&C Council re Gypsy Lane reopening request. Clerk to progress. **ACTION:CLERK**

Ward Councillor McGloin stated that she was still unable to access attachments via her Middlesbrough Council email and requested that emails are sent to her alternative address. **ACTION:CLERK**

4.0 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Cllr. Thomason proposed that the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 4th November 2015 were a true and correct record, seconded by Cllr. Harrison. Members voted and agreed. Chairman signed the minutes. Clerk to forward to Middlesbrough Council and Mynunthorpe websites. **ACTION:CLERK**

5.0 UPDATE ON PREVIOUS MATTERS:

Nothing discussed.

6.0 FINANCIAL REPORT /GRANT REQUESTS/BUDGET:

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

6.1 <u>Expenditure since last meeting:</u>		Cheque no
Community Council Firework event	£225.00	001046
Parish Clerk Nov Wages	£281.43	001047
Room Hire November	£ 13.00	001048

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Galliford Try Christmas Lights
6.2 Budget

£110.64 001049

Cllr Harrison reported that he believed that Middlesbrough Council had very little reserves and that a 2% council tax rise was suggested. He added that Stockton and Redcar & Cleveland council's had suggested no planned increase.

Clerk advised that a precept amount needed to be agreed at the January meeting. Cllr Leyland suggested he would like a further discussion prior to the meeting. Cllr Tomlinson agreed to meet after Cllr Leyland has put some further information together. Cllr Tomlinson asked that any further comments and proposals are sent to the clerk prior to the January meeting.

ACTION: ALL COUNCILLORS

7.0: PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS:

7.1.1 Notice boards – Clerk advised that she is still awaiting a response from the solicitors who are dealing with the estate of Mr & Mrs Scrafton. Cllr Leyland reported that he had met with Middlesbrough Council regarding the estimate for erection, for which a letter of instruction has been written ready to be sent as confirmation of order. Councillors discussed the intended header on the boards and all agreed that this should read PARISH OF NUNTHORPE as it is intended for use by the Community Council and other groups within Nunthorpe.

7.1.2 Fireworks event – Ward Cllr McGloin informed that over 300 people had attended the event and the police also attended as part of the community. She was unsure what monies were taken from the sale of raffle tickets and food, but stated that proceeds would pay towards the Carol Event at the Avenue shops. Cllr Tomlinson enquired if the Playing Fields Association (PFA) were happy with event. Ward Cllr McGloin stated that the chair of the Recreation club was unhappy and stated that the PFA committee did not want to host the event, which was felt to be incorrect as they had been the people who had agreed for the event to take place. He had asked for food to be served outside and was concerned about mud and food on the carpets which had recently been cleaned. Ward Cllr McGloin stated that she had been unhappy with the hygiene of the kitchen and she ensured that all rubbish and glasses were cleared following the event. Cllr Tomlinson suggested that as part of the management committee of the club both he and Ward Cllr McGloin bring this forward at the next meeting together with the suggestion of this becoming an annual event.

ACTION: Ward Cllr McGloin/Cllr Tomlinson

7.3 Litter Bins – Ward Cllrs informed that following further discussions Middlesbrough Council had only made offers of no dog fouling signs, and stated that any bins would need purchasing by the Parish Council. They had informed dog wardens to monitor the area. Cllr Tomlinson asked the Ward Councillors to keep trying to get somewhere with the unitary authority on this. Lesley informed dog wardens to monitor the area.

ACTION: Ward Cllrs

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7.4 Public Telephone box - Mallowdale/Nunthorpe Village –

Ward Cllr Rathmell advised that he had checked the contracts sent by British Telecom. For removal it was a 30 day process and needs to go through planning. If the boxes are to be adapted the cost is approx. £1,500.

BT would maintain, clean and pay for lighting for 7 years, following that period the lighting cost would equate to £3.02 per year and the process would require the Parish Council or perhaps the Community Council to take ownership. Councillors discussed that the Parish Council would not wish to make any payment and that in other authorities the unitary authority had funded defibrillators. Ward Cllr Rathmell to forward information prior to the January meeting to enable a decision to be made.

ACTION: Ward Cllr Rathmell

7.5 War Memorial

– Councillors were advised that at a recent Community Council meeting an offer of payment towards the entry fee for Northumbria in Bloom was made of £60 which all Councillors agreed. It was queried that there was to be no spring judging in 2016. Ward Cllr McGloin advised that Middlesbrough Council would not complete any spring planting next year along with a lot of other councils' throughout the country. She added that the Nunthorpe in Bloom group will hold a local spring competition. Cllr Harrison asked that the date for this and the summer judging be made available as soon as it is agreed. Cllr Leyland confirmed that he is still in discussions with the developer regarding the ground levels around the new homes/ War Memorial and once the roofs are on the properties he will be discussing what can be done to further improve the War Memorial area, which he hopes the developer will fund.

ACTION: Cllr Leyland

7.6 Nunthorpe Park

– Cllr Thomason enquired if the park was likely to be up and running before the end of 2016. Ward Cllr McGloin reported that she believes that nothing would happen till after the New Year and will probably be after February 2016. She informed that there was a delay due to a dispute over the land. Members discussed that Middlesbrough Council had made numerous promises of meetings and dates for further information from September onwards, Ward Cllr McGloin informed that she had spoken with Charlton Gibben; he had apologised and both he and Paul Clarke advised that the master plan would be presented in the New Year. Ward Cllr McGloin responded that a public meeting would be held if nothing was forthcoming. Cllr Thomason proposed that if nothing is presented by February a letter is sent by the Parish Council. 2 no. Councillors abstained, agreed by others. Ward Cllr Rathmell stated that would re enter the details on the facebook page again. The last time it was included it received 205 views.

ACTION: Ward Councillors

8.0 WELCOME TO NUNTHORPE ROAD SIGNS:

Cllr Leyland showed members a picture and brought forward proposals of an amendment to the signs. At the moment the signs have two plaques, one has the wording Welcome to Nunthorpe and the other shows Nunthorpe Parish Council. He suggested new wording of just Parish of Nunthorpe. Ward Cllr Rathmell stated that there are only two Parish Councils within Middlesbrough, to which the Clerk added we should use the wording Nunthorpe Parish Council and be proud of it. Cllr Robinson felt that only one plaque would look better. Cllr Morrish added concerns of damage to the stonework and costs involved. All members agreed that Cllr Leyland obtain costings.

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The chair asked that prices and proposals are brought to the January meeting without any commitment to go ahead. Cllr Leyland agreed to progress this and stated that the Community Council would be consulted prior to a final decision.

Ward Cllr McGloin commented that a history board within Nunthorpe would be nice, to which she was informed that the Parish Council had previously proposed this, Cllr Leyland to bring details to the next meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Leyland**

9.0 PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY- NUNTHORPE VILLAGE:

Cllr Tomlinson stated that two areas are being looked at which are the Blacksmiths Yard and the Poole Lake access.

9.1 Blacksmiths Yard

Cllr Morrish stated that it is believed that the householders have a right of way through mention in their deeds which date back to approx. 1930. This is being pursued through Middlesbrough Council. Cllr Leyland added that he believes that 5 no. developers are putting forward bids for the site. He informed that the right of way was shown on the original sales document; this is no longer shown and needs resolving before the 16th December when the Executive subcommittee meet to make a decision. He proposed that a letter is sent asking if access which currently exists is included in the sale particulars. Cllr Leyland to write letter and involve Ward Cllr Rathmell and the Clerk. He asked that it be an Agenda item at next meeting. Ward Cllr Rathmell advised that Tim Wake is the correct contact; he had held a discussion with Paul Clarke who advised to meet with the Estate Dept which has been organised. He added that it had been stated that if an alternative route could be offered that would be accepted but no other route is possible. **ACTION Cllr Leyland/Ward Cllr Rathmell/Clerk/Agenda**

9.2 Bridleway/Poole Lake Access

Ward Cllr McGloin advised of a meeting on site with Paul Clarke and a meeting at the town hall which was attended by Cllr Morrish, David Wilson Homes and the Fishing Syndicate. At the meeting Mr Williams of Middlesbrough Council suggested tarmacing the bridleway. Members discussed that the area of bridleway is currently owned by three parties DW Homes, Grey Towers Management and Fordy Farm. It was suggested that the Parish Council adopt the bridleway. Mr Williams had provided the Fishing Syndicate with a key to access the site through a gate and had stated that they could access the site. He had previously in May 2015 stated to Ward Cllr Rathmell that if any resident put forward a challenge that the access will be closed on the grounds of Health and Safety. Ward Cllr Rathmell had contacted David Wilson Homes' Chief Executive who had organised desist notices. He informed members that he suggests a meeting of all parties to obtain permission rights to the lake for residents. He added that previously the Bridleway has been used well, he asked that if anyone sees cars going across to report it and report any crime. The Police advised of an increase in crime levels in the area.

Cllr Leyland proposed that a clear statement under statute is requested informing where the bridlepath is, he added that clarity is needed. Ward Cllr Rathmell advised he has asked for copy, and will forward an email with the contact details.

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ACTION: Cllr Leyland/Ward Cllr Rathmell/Clerk

10.0 NUNTHORPE IN BLOOM UPDATE:

Covered earlier in the meeting.

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

Cllr Tomlinson suggested that a working group is formed again to look at implications on new housing etc. Ward Cllr McGloin informed members that she had been advised at a recent meeting looking at local roads/paths that all monies will be ploughed into central Middlesbrough.

Members discussed the congestion and speeding across Nunthorpe, and agreed that there has been ample opportunity for Middlesbrough Council to address issues raised. The Community Council has added the issue to the newsletter. Ward Cllr Rathmell informed that the police are reassessing all of the routes; they have sent vehicles and, have fined people for speeding. They are attending schools to raise awareness both inside school and with parking. Middlesbrough Council were meant to help target parking outside of schools, despite being booked to attend sites they cancelled twice.

Cllr Leyland informed that conditions were added to the David Wilson Homes site when 151 homes are built, however the first phase ends at 140 houses.

Members discussed traffic calming for Guisborough Road following numerous recent accidents; however members were reminded that residents had been found to be against this in a previous public meeting. Ward Cllr McGloin advised that Mr Farnham of Middlesbrough Council stated they will investigate the road level/camber at The Tree Junction. A member queried if public feeling was alike the Parish and Ward Councillors thoughts on the road issues. Ward Cllr Rathmell informed that reports on social media showed that residents were not happy, and have offered to deliver leaflets etc for further progression of this matter. This issue will be highlighted at the next Community Council meeting.

Cllr Leyland stated that he would like to be part of a working group to look at this and will bring forward details. It was suggested that Cllr Robinson be involved together with Cllr Wijesinghe who has recently been involved. Cllr Leyland to organise group meeting and will work with the clerk.

Cllr Harrison stated that there had been a meeting to discuss the Park and Ride and asked if the Ward Councillors could obtain information on this.

ACTION Cllr Leyland/Clerk/Ward Cllrs.

12.0 ROADWORKS REPORT UPDATE:

Ward Cllr Rathmell stated that priorities had changed due to budgeting. Cllr Leyland stated his dissatisfaction.

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13.0 POLICING IN NUNTHORPE/PARKING IN NUNTHORPE/ SCHOOL CROSSING DISCUSSION:

There were no matters to discuss under this subject.

14.0 NEWSLETTER DISCUSSION:

Cllr Tomlinson asked that this is added to the agenda after Cllr Turner returns.

15.0 DISCUSSION ON 80 COOKGATE:

Is it felt that an extra meeting would be useful. Members discussed that the response from the Mayors secretary which did not address our letter and was not fit for purpose. Middlesbrough Council are ignoring the Parish Council. Ward Cllr Rathmell asked that a meeting is held after the 9th of this month when he has a meeting with legal services. Members asked that he provides a report from the meeting. Cllrs asked Clerk to progress the Freedom of Information request which has exceeded the timescale and to chase a meeting with the Mayor, stating timescales and advising that a full discussion is needed. Also to organise a public extraordinary meeting.

ACTION:Ward Cllr Rathmell/Clerk

16.0 PLANNING:

Review of previous applications: No applications had been forwarded by Middlesbrough Council, however following a check of the Council website the Clerk had noted a new application for change of use of a building at 100 The Avenue to a veterinary practice. Cllrs Leyland and Tomlinson to discuss and make any response if required via the clerk.

ACTION Cllrs' Leyland / Tomlinson / Clerk

Members were reminded of the Carol evening at the Avenue shops on 17th December.

Items for the next agenda

Adoption of flower bed

Northern Rail Signal box - within next 2-3 years there are reports that it will be redundant, with all signalling completed from York, with lights instead of barriers. Ward Cllr McGloin informed that she had heard 4 months ago that nothing would be changing.

**With no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.15
and thanked Members for their attendance.**