

Nunthorpe Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday 4th May 2016

PRESENT:

Ken Tomlinson (Chair), John Harrison, Charles Morrish, Stephen Thomason, David Leyland. Gamini Wijesinghe, Jo Turner.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Angela Livingstone (NPC Clerk), Ward Cllr. Jon Rathmell, Ward Cllr. Lesley McGloin.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were submitted from Frank Robinson (holiday) and Lesley Tomlinson-Secretary Nunthorpe Community Council.

2.0 CLERKS REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Correspondence April 2016

06.04.16	Email to and reply from Middlesbrough Council re 80 Cookgate meeting
06.04.16	CLCA Membership renewal invoice from NALC
07.04.16	Email re Institute Security
07.04.16	Email from Middlesbrough Council re Blacksmiths Yard
11.04.16	Email from Middlesbrough Council B Carr re Charter
11.04.16	Email from Ward Cllr Rathmell regarding police evening 15.4.16
11.04.16	Objection to MC re planning app 37 Marton Moor Road
12.04.16	Planning Application 9 Sinderby Lane from MC
16.04.16	Lloyds Bank debit card application forms
19.04.16	Planning Application 50 High Gill Road from MC
20.04.16	Planning Application Searchlight Farm from MC
25.04.16	Email to MC Andy Turner re Polo Field hedge
25.04.16	Email from Hardwick in Partnership re grant monitoring
29.04.16	Planning Application 110 The Avenue from MC
29.04.16	Email from Driving Miss Daisy re new venture

April Emails from Hardwick in Partnership & Middlesbrough Council Planning list

2.2 Report

Numerous emails and meetings re treasure hunt.

The Clerk informed that the notice board in Nunthorpe Village has been opened and is now in use.

2.3 Email from Nunthorpe & Marton Playing Fields Association re AGM 4th May 2016 & PFA meeting 11th May 2016. Further email from the Recreation Club regarding refurbishment of CCTV x 5 units. They were hopeful that the PFA would contribute.

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5.0 PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS:

5.1 War Memorial

Cllr Harrison informed that Northumbria In Bloom judging had taken place, with the summer judging due on 14th July.

Cllr Leyland enquired if the letter discussed had been sent, the Clerk informed that she had not received approval from enough Councillors and would resend this again for approval.

Cllr Leyland informed that he would enquire the name of the reinstatement officer and ask that a site visit take place and the grass reseeded. Cllr Leyland to progress with the Clerk if a letter was required. **ACTION: Cllr Leyland/Clerk**

Ward Cllr McGloin informed that she believed that a number of residents were unhappy with the fence around the War Memorial and she had informed them to write to the Parish Council regarding moving the memorial. Cllr Tomlinson responded that the Parish Council will address this if any letters were received.

5.2 Events for Celebrations (Tour de Yorkshire)

5.2.1 Cllr Tomlinson informed that the Parish Council, Community Council and Ward Councillors had organised a number of events to celebrate the event. He informed that the Parish Council had organised a Treasure Hunt on 24th April 2016 which was well organised with approx. 60 people taking part on a cold windy day. The Ward Councillors had arranged a Fun Day on 1st May 2016 which was held at Chandlers Ridge Academy where the weather was again poor. Cllr McGloin had organised a bouncy castle and due to the adverse weather a smaller castle was brought and used inside. Cllr Tomlinson reported that there were over 100 parents and children over the course of afternoon. The event included stalls, sumo wrestling and refreshments. Cllr McGloin gave thanks to Jon for placing the bikes around the area despite a lack of support. She added disappointment that bikes and bunting has been taken.

5.2.2 Cllr Tomlinson stated that the event had been outstanding, and added that visitors came in thousands, for an uplifting and entertaining event. All agreed that all parties had worked well to organise the events. Cllr Harrison questioned what was to happen to the bikes displayed around Nunthorpe and asked when they would be removed. Ward Cllr. Rathmell informed that people were still photographing the bikes and they would be removed within the next couple of weeks. He was looking at the possibility of asking residents if they wish to adopt the bikes for a couple of months and have in their front gardens to commemorate the event. Following this the bikes will be collected and dipped and stripped by the police before being returned to use.

5.2.3 Councillors discussed the high cost of hosting the event which had been part funded at a cost of £100,000 by Middlesbrough Council. Questions were asked regarding obtaining a breakdown of the monies spent and the Ward Councillors were asked if a statement would be made. Cllr Wijesinghe informed that the event had brought a large amount of income to the area. Ward Cllr McGloin informed of large costs for events held in central Middlesbrough. A Councillor enquired if the events in Middlesbrough had been advertised as he was unaware of them.

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He was informed these were advertised on the council website, in the Evening Gazette and leaflets offered to local shops to display. The Clerk stated that she had been impressed with the positive views of Middlesbrough shown on the television coverage.

5.3 Website

Cllr Leyland asked for a copy of the grant application to be forwarded to him. The Clerk informed that following discussions with Cllr Turner she had contacted the bank to enquire if a debit card could be issued to allow for online purchasing for items associated with the grant and if a direct debit could be set up for website costs. This had been confirmed and forms had been received which the Clerk presented for the Parish Council to consider if they were happy to approve and sign. Cllr. Harrison proposed this be agreed, seconded by Cllr Morrish and agreed. Signed by Councillors for the Clerk to return forms and allow purchases relating to the grant to commence. **ACTION:Clerk/Cllr Turner**

5.4 Donation for Noticeboard

Cllr Leyland asked if the solicitors involved in the donation could be contacted regarding their offer that an extra amount may be available to fund a signed trail in the new park. He suggested that if further monies were available a further noticeboard in the parish could be requested. Cllr Tomlinson asked that Cllr Leyland look again at the list he had presented at a previous meeting which included suggestions of trees on Mallowdale and self watering pots which had not been progressed. Cllr Leyland agreed to look at this again.

ACTION: Cllr Leyland

6.0 NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT – BLACKSMITHS YARD

Ward Councillors informed they had attended a further meeting with a resident in Nunthorpe Village. They updated that a resident had spoken with the press and following an article in the Darlington & Stockton Times. Middlesbrough Council were advising they were in negotiations with residents which wasn't previously the case. Parish Councillors suggested sending a letter to Middlesbrough Council asking for factual information. Ward Councillors commented that the departments within the Council did not have the facts as the departments have not been working together. They had put arguments to the Council and gave them evidence but the questions had not been answered.

Cllr Turner arrived at the meeting.

Cllr Leyland stated his concerns regarding the lack of communication and management of the Council and proposed that a letter was sent asking for a full statement enquiring how the Council got to the current position and ongoing plans with facts and timescales. Seconded by Cllr Morrish and voted on with one abstention and one against. Cllr Tomlinson asked that the Clerk and Cllr Leyland prepare a letter. **ACTION:Clerk/Cllr Leyland**

7:0 DISCUSSION ON 80 COOKGATE:

Cllr Leyland stated his dissatisfaction that the warning of registration had not been sent despite two votes for this to happen.

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The Clerk informed that following discussions with Ward Cllr Rathmell who was obtaining information to complete the form she had been advised not to complete this action. Cllr Wijesinghe informed that at the last meeting it was agreed that a response was awaited from the MP prior to any further action. Ward Cllr Rathmell informed of similarities with the Blacksmiths Yard and 80 Cookgate. Ward Cllr McGloin reported that she awaited information from Middlesbrough Council regarding which plots of land throughout Nunthorpe were owned by them.

Cllr Thomason stated that in the meeting with the Mayor it had been made clear how disgusted the Parish Council were with the conduct of Middlesbrough Council and he was unsure if anything more productive could be achieved. Cllr Leyland stated he wanted to see minutes of the meeting with the Mayor. The Clerk informed that she had not completed typing the minutes up as the information from the meeting had been included in the summing up at the last Parish meeting. Cllr Leyland asked that these were completed and forwarded. Ward Cllr Rathmell reported that Middlesbrough Council may need to go against the decision of the Executive Sub Committee for the Blacksmiths Yard which would allow pressure to be added to reverse the decision on 80 Cookgate. He added that he had been told previously that the Council would not go against decisions made by the Executive Sub Committee.

Action: Ward Councillors/Clerk

8.0 REDCAR & CLEVELAND DEVELOPMENTS:

The Clerk and Ward Councillors informed there had been no further feedback regarding reopening Gypsy Lane. Councillors discussed the large number of developments which were receiving planning permission through Redcar & Cleveland Council, which was thought due to the lack of a Local Plan. All agreed this would be detrimental to Nunthorpe. Cllr Leyland proposed a letter was sent asking Middlesbrough Council what improvements and accommodation was being made to the infrastructure, schools, health, roads and social order. Cllr Turner asked that it be questioned what was being done in partnership with Middlesbrough Council. Cllr Tomlinson seconded this and all agreed this letter be circulated and sent.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllr Rathmell left the meeting.

9.0 PLANNING:

Review of previous applications: Applications were brought to the attention of the full NPC requiring discussion/decision.

APPLICATIONS

110 The Avenue – Part two storey extension – All agreed this was similar to the extension next door and there was no reason to comment.

Searchlight Farm – Polytunnel – 36m x 9m x 3m. Cllr Tomlinson informed he had been to site and felt this will be clearly visible from the A172. Cllr Morrish informed that he believed that the polytunnel was existing on the previous farm site and would be moved. All Councillors agreed that no comments were required.

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50 High Gill – small bay window – no comments.

9 Sinderby Lane – removal of patio doors, installation of chimney and two windows at the rear – Cllr Leyland informed that there was no permitted development on the site and there was the need to apply for any alternation. All agreed no comment was required.

Treetops Croft Drive – Tree removal – All agree this was a large property and works should not affect other residents. All agreed no comment was needed.

Cllr Turner enquired if there was any information regarding the works being completed at the property located at the top of The Avenue with all of the hedging being removed. Cllr Harrison informed that he had spoken with someone at the site and was informed that fast growing laurel was being planted with a small fence. All Councillors hoped that the visibility for traffic entering/leaving the Avenue would be improved with the works.

**With no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.25 pm
and thanked Members for their attendance.**