



**2009/141 TENDERING PROCESS FOR FGCH (minute 2009/127)**

Cllr Carter questioned when the tendering process would take place, to which the Mayor responded that the matter would be discussed at the time a decision needed to be made and all decisions would be taken by full council based on recommendations put forward by the FGCH working party. The Mayor clarified the standing orders regarding tendering.

Cllrs Mrs Binns requested copies of minutes from all the working party's meetings and a full schedule of expenses to date. The Clerk advised that a working party was not required to produce official minutes as such groups were excluded from the committee structure. Discussion notes were produced which could of course be circulated but were not a legal record in the way that committee minutes were. The working party could not authorise any expenditure and each expense had been ratified by full council and was recorded in the lists of accounts.

Discussion ensued as to the architect's responsibilities. It was confirmed that each stage of the process was authorised separately as it came up, and it was logical that the original architect should proceed with preparing tender documents for his design. Some cllrs thought the minutes indicated that Mr Buchanan had already been appointed project manager for the build, which was not the case. He had been asked to provide a quotation for undertaking this role.

**2009/142 REPORT OF COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

In response to the questions at last month's meeting regarding Glendower, **District Cllr Blackwell** advised that SDC hoped not to have to institute repairs pending the successful outcome of continuing negotiations with the owner. However should the need arise the District Valuer would be asked to value the property.

Cllr Blackwell continued to work on his car parking survey.

Cllr Crawley understood that SDC was intending to serve a repairs notice on Glendower, and thought it was normal practice that part of this step was that the council recognised that it would be ready to undertake the necessary repairs. Cllr Blackwell would investigate further and report back.

**District Cllr Jeffreys** added that there was a long history and many problems associated with Glendower and he would join in the effort to clarify the SDC situation.

**2009/143 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor had met with Cllr Wheeler and County Cllr Waddington to discuss the proposed GCC parking plans which included the introduction of residents parking. The ensuing report indicated that the scheme would roll out from next January and implied that consultations had been undertaken to identify suitable areas for parking restrictions. Cllrs were concerned that NTC had not been consulted and that GCC was pressing ahead with an ill thought out scheme, without considering alternative parking for non residential vehicles. Clarification was needed on plans for small urban areas where the report seemed to suggest residents parking might be implemented, at the same time stating that small isolated proposals would not be considered.

**2009/144 REPORT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Cllr Robinson had joined a very well attended meeting on 13 November at FGCH to consider antisocial behaviour in the Beechwood Close to Lawnside area. It had been decided that Mr Phil Sullivan, Crime & Disorder Partnership, would organise a multi agency group meeting to discuss solutions. The School had employed a Parentline Plus worker and Cllr Crawley stressed the importance of identifying and targeting families requiring support.

Cllr Carter commented that it was disappointing that all town cllrs had not been personally invited to the meeting, but the mayor felt it had been up to individuals to go if they had wanted to and Cllr Crawley offered his notes to anyone interested.

Mr Tony Burton had arranged a date in January for the Mayor and Mayoress of Newport to visit Nailsworth to receive the WH Davies clock from the Deputy Mayor in the council chamber, to be followed by a lunch. Mr Burton was liaising with Cllr Robinson as the Mayor had indicated he would not be available.

#### **2009/145 REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

SDC was working on a draft map detailing the services it provided, which would be circulated to all residents in due course. NTC was invited to take an advertising space around the edge of the map (at a cost of £250-£700) which the Clerk felt was not appropriate as NTC did not offer any direct services to residents. Cllr Crawley commented that information on T&PCs with contact details should be included by SDC as part of the map, and thought it wrong that parishes should be asked to take out paying advertisements. It was agreed not to take advertising.

#### **2009/146 REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

There were no reports.

#### **2009/147 REPORT OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr Nicholson presented the report of the meeting of the committee held on 2 November and the minutes were approved with the addition of Cllr Wheeler's apologies.

Cllr Nicholson drew attention to the recommendation that NTC **voluntarily register council owned land** in order to guard against claims of adverse possession in the future. It was agreed to proceed.

Cllr Mrs Way advised that the **energy audit on NTC managed buildings** took place on Monday and the report was awaited.

**10:10 climate change campaign** – Cllr Crawley felt residents, businesses and organisations in Nailsworth should be encouraged to follow NTC's example and would like to see a programme of NTC proposed actions to reduce CO<sup>2</sup> emissions. Cllr Nicholson hoped to come back to council with recommendations although the Clerk pointed out that at the recent inspection many aspects of the town hall lighting and heating systems had been found wanting and introducing improvements was likely to be a long and expensive process. With regard to the public, a home energy survey checklist would be included in the January edition of the Fountain as a first step. There were currently otherwise no plans to drive the initiative forward, which Cllr Crawley urged the committee to consider and was invited to attend the next meeting.

Cllr Mrs Thorpe added that the energy check was being mentioned in Nailsworth News and the initiative would certainly be publicised once NTC had signed up to it.

<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>Cllr Nicholson proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Thorpe that NTC sign up to the 10:10 Climate Change Campaign and adopt the pledge. The motion was carried unanimously.</b>
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Cllr Mrs Way had attended a Biodiversity Conference, which she had found rather technical but interesting. Registration of council owned land would provide an opportunity to monitor and record biodiversity issues.

#### **2009/148 REPORT OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

The Mayor presented the report of the meeting of the committee held on 11 November and the minutes were approved.

**2009/149 REPORT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Cllr Wheeler presented the report of the meetings held on 22 October and 3 November.

The report prepared by Cllr Crawley to consider Old Market Regeneration was circulated

<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>that the comments of the Planning Committee made at its meetings held on 22 October and 3 November 2009 be approved</b>
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**2009/150 REPORT OF FOREST GREEN COMMUNITY HALL WORKING PARTY**

Cllr Mrs Thorpe advised that the Rural Development Agency was considering the expression of interest and a meeting would take place this week to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the application for a grant of £150k. A big plus point was that the project had already secured £300k from the Bequest and had a well developed Business Plan. The meeting had also looked at the revision and expansion of the Business Plan which would be led by Cllr Crawley. Work continued on preparing costings for running the building and on the best renewables to be included. A critical point had been reached for grant applications and the working party was hopeful of some success, with more news expected over the next few months.

Cllr Mrs Thorpe confirmed that the building cost of £470k remained the same as in 2007 and was not expected to change significantly. An email had been circulated confirming that NTC was now the official owner of the site. There was some discussion over the architect's fees and it was confirmed that the council had accepted his design so he was logically continuing the process by preparing the specifications for going out to tender. His work was being authorised in stages, in isolation to each other so the overall expenditure was not considered to be cumulative.

Cllr Carter expressed the concern of some cllrs about the perceived lack of transparency and felt standing orders were being circumvented, which accusation the mayor refuted. Cllr Mrs Thorpe added that Mr Buchanan had been asked to quote for project managing the build as the most qualified candidate, but NTC could then decide to seek further quotes if it so wished. Building the new hall would of course go out to tender.

The Mayor reminded the meeting that council had decided by majority vote to go ahead with building a new FGCH and steps would be taken to overcome any technicalities that might arise. If it was eventually deemed appropriate, cllrs would be invited to consider setting aside SO 60a under the terms of SO 60e.

**2009/151 ACCOUNTS**

Item 238 – in response to a query from Cllr Crawley, the Clerk clarified the location and repair required to a covered pipe in Shortwood. GCC had contributed to the job as a blockage under the road had also had to be cleared.

<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>that the list of accounts for 17 November 2009 amounting to £15,372.47 be approved for payment.</b>
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**2009/152 GRCC – seminar on Community Land Trusts – 27 November**

Cllrs were invited to attend the seminar from 10am to 1pm and Cllr Crawley thought he might be able to go.

**2009/153 GMTF – technical assistance scheme for members**

The document had been emailed to cllrs with the offer of technical assistance on various topics.

**2009/154 GPFA – AGM 1 December**

The AGM would take place in Tewkesbury starting at 3pm.

**2009/155 Annual Community Safety Panel meeting – 18 November**

Cllr Crawley would be attending the meeting.

**2009/156 Campaign against incinerators in Gloucestershire**

A protest group had been formed to fight against proposals to build incineration plants in the county. No final decision had yet been taken by GCC but 14 sites were apparently under consideration. All councils had been asked for their written support to the protest and a model letter had been sent. Cllr Nicholson was keen to support the protest but others wished to consider the matter further before making an official response, which was requested by 30 November.

**2009/157 Mrs Deirdre Lister – concerns over the new FGCH**

The Mayor had spoken to Mrs Lister on the phone regarding her letter which had been circulated by email to cllrs. He suggested Mrs Lister could come and speak to cllrs or attend a meeting of Property Management, but it was felt there was insufficient time in a committee meeting to address this matter as well as all the other business the committee needed to consider. Cllr Mrs Thorpe was concerned about the amount of time cllrs were being expected to put in to meet individually with every objector as well as managing the project, and thought a response by letter would be appropriate. Cllr Nicholson felt Mrs Lister’s application deserved personal attention and offered to arrange a meeting with her to relieve Cllrs Crawley and Mrs Thorpe who were greatly occupied with leading the project. It was agreed that given the size of the project, NTC had a responsibility to respond to each and every question from residents.

**PROPOSED Cllr Nicholson proposed, seconded by Cllr Robinson that Mrs Lister be invited to attend a special meeting to discuss her concerns with those cllrs who were able to attend. The motion was carried.**

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