

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL  
**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
 Minutes of a meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017

<b>Present</b>	Cllr Sue Reed (Chair) Cllr Jonathan Duckworth Cllr Angela Norman Cllr Robert Maitland Cllr Sally Millett  Justine Hopkins (Deputy Clerk)
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	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>Apologies</b>            There were no apologies. As this is the last meeting of the current year, Cllr Sue Reed thanked all committee members for their input and hard work over the year.</p> <p><b>Declarations of Interest &amp; Applications for Dispensations</b>            There were no declarations of interest or applications for dispensations.</p> <p><b>To consider a request to run forest school sessions in Norton Wood in June</b>            The committee recommends these sessions go ahead under the appropriate guidelines. It was agreed it was an excellent idea.</p> <p><b>Update on Norton Wood/Plan of action for 2017</b>            Norton Wood is now in the fifth year of its management plan. A new plan is needed for 2018/19 to cover a further five years, tree surveys are needed and Norton Wood has a budget for this.</p> <p>The committee recommends that a walk around all council owned land with 'Tree Maintenance' is organised in the very near future with a view to putting together a management plan and beginning tree surveys.</p> <p><b>Update on Badger Protection</b>            The committee discussed how we and other organisations enforce a ban on badger culling on our land. The committee has recommended that this proposal is added to NTC's Open Spaces Policy which is currently being drafted.</p> <p><b>To discuss paper on the Bee Friendly Town Project</b>            Cllr Sue Reed reported that we are now in our second year of the project and we are ready to judge and deliver 600 certificates to houses in Nailsworth. 200 certificates have also been taken to Horsley. Councillors are requested to help with this.</p> <p>We have £129 left from the Nature save grant and we are looking to spend this on running a course to make Bee Hotels to coincide with National Meadows Day on 1<sup>st</sup> July. This was agreed and Cllr Sue Reed will look into organising someone to run the workshop.</p> <p><b>Update on the phone box Spring Clean</b>            This was very successful and both boxes will be run as book/dvd and plant exchanges. Cllr Angela Norman is organising a bookshelf to go in the Shortwood one and it will also include a map of houses to help delivery drivers. The Deputy Clerk asked that all volunteer hours are recorded.</p>	<p><b>Clerk to inform</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Add to open spaces policy</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>SReed</b></p>

**To discuss how to mark National Meadows Day**

The committee decided to mark National Meadows Day with a Family Event including a Bug Hunt, Fancy dress for the children and a picnic at KGV Field. Cllr Sue Reed is also organising a workshop to make Bee Hotels during the day. A poster and article for Nailsworth News will be produced.

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Clerk**

**To consider request from residents of Rockness to manage a piece of land as a 'roadside verge nature reserve'**

A resident at Rockness (and her neighbours) are keen to create a nature reserve on a piece of NTC land. The resident is in touch with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and will draw up a plan to discuss at our next meeting. The committee felt this is an excellent idea and it would be beneficial to take before and after photos to help encourage others to set up similar groups in other areas.

**To consider adopting the Woodland Trust's Tree Charter**

After discussing the ten principles it was agreed that we add this to our open spaces policy and apply it to our new tree management plan. The committee agreed to recommend that NTC adopt the charter at a future meeting after the charter has been launched (November 2017).

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**To consider a report regarding flytipping garden waste**

The report was discussed and the recommendations agreed:

- To get a price for a new fence
- Clerk to draw up a flytipping letter and send to Nortonwood estate residents, informing them of SDC's brown bin garden waste scheme
- To investigate improving the verges and entrances
- Ask the groundman to dispose of the current garden waste that has been tipped

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**To receive an update on Archives**

Cllr Robert Maitland discussed the report and showed us the software 'Know your place' which shows historic maps which you can drag over the top of current ones to compare the differences. This is an on-going project.

**Forest Green Cemetery**

The report was discussed and it was agreed to contact the jogger to advise him of the legal position regarding 'permissive paths' and also the damage to the fence

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