

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of a MEETING of Nailsworth Town Council
held at the Town Hall, Nailsworth
on Tuesday 20 December 2016

Present	Cllr Jonathan Duckworth (Town Mayor) Cllr Anne Elliott Cllr Paul Francis Cllr Norman Kay Cllr Ron Kerby Cllr Sally Millett Cllr Myles Robinson Cllr Steve Robinson
Also present for part of the meeting	County Cllr Dorcas Binns
Apologies	Cllr Angela Norman Cllr Robert Maitland Cllr Sue Reed

2016/175 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND COUNCILLORS' DISPENSATIONS

Cllrs Jonathan Duckworth and Steve Robinson declared an interest in matters concerning Nailsworth Community Land Trust, due to be discussed in Item 6 – Matters of Urgency. Cllr Steve Robinson declared an interest in Item 9 (Neighbourhood Warden Service).

2016/176 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions from the public.

2016/177 CONSIDERATION of PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED CONSULTATION

		COMMENT
a) S.16/2693/HHOLD Pentecot, Dark Lane	Loft conversion (raising roof level)	No observations
b) S.16/2608/HHOLD The Limes, Star Hill	Timber Studio building	We are happy to go with the officers' advice on this front garden development

INFORMATION

		COMMENT
a) S.16/2734/DISCON Crown Inn Valley Road, Inchbrook	Discharge of conditions 3(materials), 5 (land contamination), 7 (foul drainage) 8 (surface water drainage) and 10 (CMS) of permission S.16/1211/FUL	Noted
b) S.16/2766/TCA Barley Hill, Watledge Road	T1: Sycamore - strip off Ivy. T2: Sycamore -remove the 2 rubbing branches over the out buildings and remove/stabilise any branches weakened by squirrel damage to their upper surfaces	Noted

2016/178 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER AND 6 DECEMBER 2016 and RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2016

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 15 November and 6 December and of the Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting of 6 December were approved.

2016/179 MATTERS OF URGENCY

Layout of Council Chamber

The Mayor referred to email correspondence between members regarding the layout of seating in the Chamber. He reminded cllrs that the layout had been altered some months ago as an experiment, as the previous arrangement had been viewed as inadequate, and that the intention had been to review the new arrangements after an appropriate period. Members agreed to review the current layout on Tuesday 7 February in the interval between the Council and Recreation and Amenities Committee meetings and members were requested forward any suggestions to the Clerk or the Mayor in advance of this. **ACTION: ALL CLLRS**

Motion by Cllr Norman Kay on possible purchase of affordable homes

The Mayor explained that Cllr Norman Kay's report on his motion had arrived too late to be included with the agenda papers and was therefore being considered at this point. Cllr Kay presented his report, which was circulated at the meeting, and recommended that Council investigate the viability of purchasing the five affordable homes to be provided by Newland Homes as part of its permission for development at Pike Lane, ideally as part of a projected Community Land Trust for the people of Nailsworth. He hoped that this would enable the properties to be restricted to local people and exempted from Right to Buy legislation. Cllr Kay reported that Horsley Parish Council was pursuing a similar project in relation to the Nupend Farm development in that parish.

After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Kay would investigate the matter further and report to Council in 2-3 months' time. **ACTION: CLLR NORMAN KAY**

Future of Children's Centre provision in Nailsworth

The Mayor reported that a request from Cllr Sue Reed for the Council to discuss the GCC report of 15 March 2016 on the future of Children's Centre provision in Nailsworth had not been included on the agenda, as NTC had previously discussed this document and set up a Working Party on 6 December which would study it in detail and report to Council on 17 January 2017. It was understood that GCC had awarded the new contract for children's services in the county but that full details were not yet available. County Cllr Dorcas Binns confirmed that she was happy to work with the Working Party and that her divisional allocation of £5,000 for children and young persons had been committed to support for children's services in the parish.

In response to a question from Cllr Norman Kay, the Clerk confirmed that it was in order for motions to Council to be rejected from agendas if they were not received within the laid down timescale or were not appropriate. She advised that town and parish councils had no specific powers to allocate funding to health or education and that the Working Party would be taking this into consideration when making its recommendations.

2016/180 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Cllr Dorcas Binns was pleased to report that GCC had allocated sufficient funds in its capital programme to restore the Nailsworth to Horsley Road to two-way traffic, with work due to commence in April 2017. In response to questions, she reported that the details of the proposed Traffic Order for Star Hill were being finalised and that GCC had budgeted to undertake a full resurfacing of the A46 from the Shell Garage to Barton End in the coming financial year. Cllr Binns undertook to investigate the apparently limited and slow response from GCC's contractors to non-working street lights in the parish.

2016/181 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Steve Robinson presented his report which had been previously circulated and was noted. Cllr Robinson shared information from a meeting of the Stroud Community Safety Partnership which included details of a new free mobile phone app which could be activated by those threatened with domestic and other forms of violence. The Clerk undertook to circulate these details to members. **ACTION: CLERK**

2016/182 REPORT FROM TOWN MAYOR

The Mayor presented a report on his recent activities, which was noted. He added that he had been pleased to deliver a reading at the Town Carol Service on 16 December. The collection at this service raised around £220 for the Emmaus charity.

2016/183 REPORT FROM DEPUTY MAYOR

A report from the Deputy Mayor had been previously circulated and was noted. The Mayor endorsed her positive comments on the recent Nailsworth Noel celebration and expressed the hope that this would become an annual event and that the date for 2017 would be decided as soon as possible.

2016/184 REPORT FROM TOWN CLERK

A report from the Town Clerk updating members on various matters had been circulated and was noted. The Clerk advised members that any papers to be submitted to the Council and Environment Committee meetings on 10 January should be received by Tuesday 3 January, when the office would re-open after the Christmas break.

2016/185 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Mayor reported that local traders were planning to meet in the New Year with a view to re-establishing Nailsworth Chamber of Trade and Commerce.

2016/186 ACCOUNTS

The accounts from 28.11.16 to 20.12.16 totalling **£21,080.71** were approved unanimously.

The Clerk reported that Youth Club cheque held over from last month had now been paid over by NTC and that NYC had restated their accounts for 2015/16 on the Charity Commission website. The Youth Club had made a commitment to restate its accounts for the past three years to reflect NTC's contribution to their costs.

2016/187 CONSIDERATION OF CONTRIBUTION TO NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN SERVICE

Cllr Steve Robinson withdrew from the meeting and left the room throughout the discussion of this item.

An information report on the contributions made by town and parish councils to the SDC Neighbourhood Warden service had been previously circulated. It was noted that NTC's current contribution was £1000 and not £2000 as stated in the report. Members paid tribute to the excellent work undertaken by the Neighbourhood Warden service in the parish, particularly with young people. Cllr Myles Robinson, seconded by Cllr Ron Kerby, proposed that NTC contribute £2000 to the Neighbourhood Warden service for the coming year. This was **approved** with 5 votes in favour, none against and two abstentions. **ACTION: CLERK**

2016/188 BT 'ADOPT A KIOSK' SCHEME

Cllr Steve Robinson re-joined the meeting at this point.

The Clerk reported that she had ascertained from BT that, if the Council decided to purchase redundant phone boxes from BT under the scheme, the boxes could be re-sold if local groups did not wish to adopt them for community use. Cllr Sally Millett proposed, seconded by Cllr Ron Kerby, that the Council contact BT to progress the purchase of the specified phone boxes from BT, at a cost of £1 per box, and then carry out a consultation with the community in early 2017 as to possible regarding possible adoptions and uses for the boxes. This was **agreed** unanimously.

ACTION: CLERK

2016/189 CONSIDERATION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

Three applications for NTC grants had been received. It was noted that one of these, from the Nailsworth Noel organisers, could now be withdrawn as the applicants planned to re-apply in due course with a more specific request for funding.

After discussion, it was agreed unanimously that **Rockness Community Orchard's application for £117** to cover its costs for Public Liability Insurance and registration with Companies House from June 2017 to June 2018 be **approved**, and that consideration be given in future to the possibility of an ongoing payment to the group to obviate the necessity of its applying through the NTC grants system in subsequent years.

It was **agreed** unanimously to approve **Nailsworth Festival's application for £2,000** to support its free Festival Saturday activities and cover sums such as licences for road closures etc. for next year's Festival, to be held between 20-28 May 2017. In discussion, concern was expressed that this sum formed a large proportion of the Council's current grants budget of £5,000 and it was suggested that consideration be given to alternative ways that NTC might contribute to Festival funding in future. The Clerk suggested that an advantage of the Council's revised grant application process was its inclusion of a monitoring policy.

ACTION: CLERK

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Town Mayor

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