

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of a MEETING of Nailsworth Town Council
held at the Town Hall, Nailsworth
on Tuesday 21st February 2017

Present	Cllr Jonathan Duckworth (Town Mayor) Cllr Sue Reed Cllr Paul Francis Cllr Robert Maitland Cllr Sally Millett Cllr Angela Norman Cllr Myles Robinson Cllr Steve Robinson Cllr Anne Elliott
Apologies	Cllr Norman Kay Cllr Ron Kerby

Ref. No		Action																		
2016/223	Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations Cllr Sue Reed and Cllr Paul Francis declared an interest in the Ruskin Mill grant application and offered to withdraw from the meeting for this discussion.																			
2016/224	Public Questions There were no public questions.																			
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	<p>Cllr Angela Norman expressed concern about a potential clash between the Horsley diversion and any disruption from Pike Lane building works, especially as Newland Homes were unable to describe their transport plans. Cllr Dorcas Binns undertook to talk to the project managers about coordinating with the Pike Lane works.</p> <p>In response to a question from Cllr Steve Robinson, Cllr Binns confirmed the start date will be 31st July 2017 and that work must start then because of works elsewhere. The work is going out to tender next week but the date is not negotiable.</p> <p>Cllr Angela Norman asked that in the event the work exceeds 15 weeks, will there be a penalty clause? Cllr Binns said this is an internally managed project and there have been a lot of investigations to prepare for this work so an overrun is not anticipated.</p> <p>Cllr Binns informed the council that the Nupend Farm (Horsley) planning application has been passed.</p>	
2016/229	<p>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT</p> <p>District Cllr Steve Robinson said the Stroud Sub Rooms consultation meeting last week was very well attended with lots of feedback.</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Duckworth noted that District Cllr Norman Kay emailed a report to all NTC cllrs today. It is requested that reports are sent in advance for council meetings where possible. The NTC 'all' address is not available to a District cllr and papers should be sent to the Clerk. The NTC 'all' account is for NTC cllrs and officers.</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Duckworth confirmed that council allows verbal reports from District and County cllrs attending, but it's better for Council to have had the opportunity to read papers ahead of the meeting.</p> <p>In response to a question from Cllr Sally Millett on whether there was money to improve the cycle path, District Cllr Steve Robinson said that the path is GCC owned however SDC are responding to need. There is £300,000 'seed money' which SDC hope will bring in more money to improve cycle paths, including a stretch from Dursley, a cycle lane on the A38 and improvements to make the canal tow path more cycle friendly.</p> <p>Cllr Myles Robinson commented that he felt more cyclists use the A46 than the cycle path now and the cycle path concept has been overtaken by dog walkers and walkers.</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Duckworth commented that using the cycle path leaves shoes, clothes and cycles in a poor state which encourages cyclists to use A46. The cycle path cannot be considered a commuting route in its current state.</p>	
2016/230	<p>TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT</p>	

	<p>ASB all agency meeting: Cllr Jonathan Duckworth said that in response to an all agency ASB meeting he attended recently, NTC needs a template of who to call together when this sort of thing happens. ACTION: Cllr Steve Robinson and Cllr Jonathan Duckworth to discuss how best to do this.</p> <p>Cllr Sally Millett expressed concern that a 'police presence' in the town amounts to driving around, not getting out of the car, which gives a chance for perpetrators to hide until the police are gone. This also misses the chance for young people to pass on any information to the police they might have.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr Jonathan Duckworth to arrange another public meeting about ASB.</p> <p>Cllr Steve Robinson said that after an incident of vandalism and ASB earlier this month with the known group of trouble makers, some perpetrators were caught by the police. Cllr Steve Robinson urged the police to come down hard on them.</p> <p>Great War Centenary Remembrance project: This project is coming to an end and some unused funding will be returned to HLF (c. £1200). Cllr Jonathan Duckworth showed a report compiled for the HLF which will be brought to Full Council next month. In addition to the completed planned events, the project team has also now created two heritage walks based on the blue plaques installed around the town on soldiers' houses and these will be linked to the WWI website, with leaflets of the walks printed.</p> <p>Town Crier award: The Town Crier Tony Evans has asked the chair and vice chair of the Ancient and Honourable Guild of Town Criers to attend. The aim is for both Jenny and Tony Evans to come and if the market and Mortimer Garden is very busy the presentation will be at the bus station. The Fairtrade group will have teas and coffees in the Mortimer Room afterwards.</p> <p>County Council election: Cllr Jonathan Duckworth reported that one respected and valued member of the A46 group has stood down due to recent press coverage about the Park Road junction. Cllr Jonathan Duckworth said the work of the council shouldn't be down to just a few people, it is right to ask people to assist us. We hope the group member will return after the elections. Cllr Jonathan Duckworth said that NTC has always said they are apolitical and Cllr Norman Kay took the trouble to write to the papers in 2015 and state exactly that. Council activities including working parties and other activities NTC is associated with eg CLT are not political. The County election is coming up but this is not a Town Council election. He asked that members are careful in the lead up to the</p>	<p>Steve R/JD</p> <p>JD</p>
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	<p>election that decisions of an apolitical council are not used politically.</p> <p>Cllr Sally Millett suggested the Mayor makes this comment in his Nailsworth News column.</p>	
2016/231	<p>DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT</p> <p>Cllr Sue Reed said that following funding granted to SDC for a development worker for Forest Green, the officer (Emma Keating-Clark) will be contacting the community soon to develop this role and find the right person for the post.</p>	
2016/232	<p>TOWN CLERK'S REPORT</p> <p>Cllr Steve Robinson also attended the GRCC funding event and found it very beneficial.</p> <p>Police & Crime Commissioners meetings:</p> <p>County Cllr Dorcas Binns confirmed the Police Commissioner is planning to withdraw an amount of money from road safety.</p> <p>ACTION: put road safety cuts forward to GAPTC</p>	Clerk
2016/233	<p>REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES</p> <p>CLT:</p> <p>Cllr Steve Robinson confirmed that everything is slowly moving forward.</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Duckworth explained that the CLT has written to both Newland Homes and Ecotricity to ask for involvement in their developments, but this doesn't affect the original Lawnside project.</p> <p>Chamber of Trade meeting 22nd February 2017:</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Duckworth will report back after the meeting.</p>	
2016/234	<p>PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MINUTES 8th NOVEMBER 2016 AND 8th FEBRUARY 2017</p> <p>The minutes of 8th November 2016 were agreed. Proposed Cllr Sally Millett, seconded Cllr Anne Elliott</p> <p>The minutes of 8th February 2017 were agreed. Proposed Cllr Anne Elliott, seconded Cllr Angela Norman</p>	
2016/235	<p>TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE</p> <p>The recommendations of the Personnel Committee were considered.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>a) that following a successful probation period the appointment of Justine Hopkins as the Deputy Clerk is confirmed. Proposed Cllr Anne Elliott, seconded Cllr Sue Reed</p> <p>b) that the figures for salaries in the agreed Annual Budget 2017/18 (Minute 2016/207) are accepted Proposed Cllr Anne Elliott, seconded Cllr Robert Maitland</p>	

2016/236	<p>TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE</p> <p>The recommendations of the Recreation & Amenities Committee were considered.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>a) that the Council install a picnic table at the Skate Ramp Proposed Cllr Myles Robinson, seconded Cllr Paul Francis and agreed unanimously</p> <p>b) that rates of hire for council facilities be increased by 3% from 1st April Proposed Cllr Myles Robinson, seconded Cllr Paul Francis and agreed unanimously</p> <p>c) that we accept the design brief for KGV Extension Field Proposed Cllr Myles Robinson, seconded Cllr Sally Millett and agreed unanimously</p> <p>d) that any commercial users of the car park at KGV are charged £50 plus full supervision with insurance cover at NTC discretion Proposed Cllr Myles Robinson, seconded Cllr Paul Francis and agreed unanimously</p> <p>e) that the faulty light on the Clocktower is replaced and the others repaired at a cost of £1004.50 Proposed Cllr Myles Robinson, seconded Cllr Paul Francis and agreed unanimously</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
2016/237	<p>ACCOUNTS</p> <p>a) to agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed in the attached report Payment 11449: Damage to war memorial: following a question from Cllr Myles Robinson on who is paying for the damage, the Clerk undertook to bring a paper to council about this.</p> <p>Payment 11463: GCC traffic survey. Cllr Steve Robinson noted there is one further survey to complete.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to email Andrew Middlecote.</p> <p>Payment 11436: SP Electricals, final Christmas light on Clocktower removed that day.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Anne Elliott, seconded Cllr Robert Maitland and agreed unanimously</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
2016/238	<p>GRANT APPLICATIONS</p> <p>A grant application from Ruskin Mill College had been received. <i>*this item was moved to the end of the meeting to allow Cllrs Sue Reed and Paul Francis to leave the room</i></p> <p>Cllr Steve Robinson queried whether NTC could fund this if it's educational. The Clerk confirmed this was providing equipment and not a service.</p> <p>After some discussion council resolved to reject the grant application as it did not fit the grant criteria. Proposed Cllr Anne Elliott, seconded Cllr Angela Norman and agreed unanimously</p>	

	Action: Clerk to inform applicant of the decision	Clerk
2016/239	<p>REPORT FROM CHILDREN'S CENTRE WORKING PARTY Cllr Sue Reed said the Working Party has had discussion with several organisations and this has been a complex process.</p> <p>Four options are suggested. Option 1 for a parent support advisor for 3 years. This person will be made available to network with the Arkell Centre and any provision there as it develops. Funding is £5k from the school and £5k from GCC per annum over 3 years.</p> <p>Option 2: consists of Barnardos providing a service, with grant funding being sought by the Arkell Centre Trustees.</p> <p>Option 3: Homestart to consult with the school about a possible service at the Arkell Centre.</p> <p>Option 4: PATA to provide training programmes at the Arkell Centre.</p> <p>The Working Party listened to council's previous debate and recommend two options: that council supports option 1 with the school building capacity through their work and option 3, that Homestart begin a dialogue with the school on provision. In the future, to ask PATA to pursue option 4. The Working Party believe this is a win-win for the community.</p> <p>Option 3: costs would be £5320 for the service and c.£2000 for room hire. Cllr Jonathan Duckworth explained NTC could legally fund room hire under S137 payments. He said that grant funding should be sought.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to confirm legal basis for funding option 3</p> <p>NTC can agree these options in principle to allow the school's discussions to go ahead. In response to a question from Cllr Anne Elliott, Cllr Sue Reed said the school's offer was still being discussed and more detail was not available at the moment, but on this basis she would like NTC to agree to option 1.</p> <p>Cllr Sally Millett said that the combination of both options should be supported to offer more care to parents.</p> <p>Cllr Angela Norman wished to endorse the support of these options and end parents' anxieties about future provision. She felt these recommendations offered even better provision than the town has at the moment, opening up more opportunities for parents.</p> <p>Cllr Robert Maitland expressed his thanks to the Working Party for all the hard work and big improvement to the offer. He noted that</p>	Clerk

	<p>option 3 must include discussions with the new SDC development worker.</p> <p>Following a question from Cllr Myles Robinson, County Cllr Dorcas Binns reiterated her pledge of £5k towards this provision and hoped that whoever gets elected in May would take on this pledge. She congratulated the Working Party on the tremendous work done and hoped for a seamless transition to a new contract. Cllr Sally Millett noted that the offer had been made in Spring last year.</p> <p>Cllr Myles Robinson observed that with Cllr Binns in post until the election, it may be possible for her to commit her funding in April. Cllr Binns undertook to check if this would be possible and the two prospective candidates present were asked if they would support this spending in future if elected. Emma Simms confirmed she would, Cllr Steve Robinson was concerned that other areas of the division, which includes 6 primary schools and many youth groups, would miss out so he could not commit to spending all the money on Nailsworth's Children's Centre.</p> <p>Cllr Sue Reed said that the new service would build up volunteer capacity and would work towards self-sufficiency.</p> <p>Option 1: was proposed by Cllr Paul Francis, seconded by Cllr Angela Norman and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Option 3: Cllr Jonathan Duckworth proposed that GCC be included in the discussions. Cllr Anne Elliott confirmed that option 3 is dialogue between Homestart and the school, and to understand there might be a cost to NTC of c.£2000 for room hire. She asked that details of what was on offer at the school will be made available to inform further discussion. Cllr Sue Reed confirmed that now this has been agreed then discussion will continue with the school and there will be feedback on what is on offer.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Sue Reed, seconded by Cllr Angela Norman and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Duckworth thanked the Working Party for their work.</p>	
2016/240	<p>REPORT ON NAILSWORTH MARKET</p> <p>Discussion ensued on the future of Nailsworth Market and its current state.</p> <p>Cllrs expressed concern about loss of control of ownership of the market stalls and the type of market in the future. Cllrs agreed that the market adds to the town and it would be a shame to lose it.</p> <p>The Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) proposal brings less money into the town for events such as Nailsworth Noel, but also removes an overhead in management and equipment replacement. Money from the sale of the stalls could be ringfenced against purchase of</p>	

	<p>new stalls should the LLP fail. The LLP commits to renting the stalls to existing events eg Horsley fete with 10% of the rent for NTC. Cllr Steve Robinson queried whether there's enough room in the old police station store for the stalls.</p> <p>Cllr Robert Maitland said it would be sad to see the market go and the agreement between NTC and the LLP will need to be thought through carefully so it gives what the town wants and doesn't disadvantage the other local businesses. Cllr Paul Francis noted that people comment the market is the same each month and it will be good to bring different things in and liven it up a bit.</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Duckworth said we are at the end of a long-standing life of the market and it has been held together by volunteers. With Nailsworth Noel last year raising a large amount of funding, not so much funding is needed from the market. Rob Holditch (LLP) has some good ideas and the market is at the stage where it may fold if this doesn't happen.</p> <p>Further discussion ensued about the level of rent for the Mortimer Garden and Cllr Anne Elliott suggested this was reviewed annually, while recognising that it would be a commercial enterprise. Cllr Jonathan Duckworth suggested that initially the market itself is reviewed every quarter. He felt Rob Holditch has looked into all angles and has a lot of enthusiasm for the market in the town.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that parameters and conditions could be written into a hire agreement for the market. The Clerk confirmed if the market is dealt with under a hire agreement there would be no legal costs.</p> <p>Option 2 to enter an agreement with a new operator (the LLP) was proposed by Cllr Myles Robinson, seconded by Cllr Paul Francis and agreed unanimously.</p>	
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