

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of a MEETING of Nailsworth Town Council
held at the Town Hall, Nailsworth
on Tuesday 18 October 2016

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

2016/134 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND COUNCILLORS' DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Norman Kay, in his capacity as a District Cllr, declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 15 (proposal to set up an Asset Transfer Working Party). The Mayor indicated that the item had been placed last on the agenda as there was a conflict of interest and NTC should protect the District Cllrs from being compromised over this item. The District Cllrs would therefore be able to leave the meeting before the item was taken.

2016/135 CONSIDERATION of PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED CONSULTATION

		COMMENT
a) S.16/2121/HHOLD Limecroft, Box,	Erection of detached garage and removal of horse chestnut tree.	We would ask the applicant to plant a replacement horse chestnut tree
b) S.16/2126/LBC 4 Old Bristol Road	Variation to approved application S.13/2253/LBC, to add rooflight over landing, raise landing ceiling, and dry line exposed stone walls in living room in lieu of limelight plaster as previously approved	No observations
c) S.16/2122/FUL Top Floor Flat, 3 Cossack Square	Convert the top floor flat into guest bedroom	We support this application but wonder if a change of use permission is required.

d) S.16/2173/HHOLD Brookside, Brewery Lane	2 storey front extension to provide new entrance and stairs	No observations
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INFORMATION

e) S.16/2119/TCA The Meads, Watledge Road	Fell 2 Lawson Cypress trees to provide more light to neighbours	Noted
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2016/136 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER AND 4 OCTOBER 2016 AND THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 OCTOBER 2016.

The minutes of the Council meetings held on 20 September and 4 October and of the Recreation Committee meeting held on 4 October were approved.

2016/137 MATTERS OF URGENCY

The minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 12 October 2016 were approved and the agreed actions noted. The Clerk had arranged to meet with the Diocese Estates manager that week and the Mayor was in the process of arranging to meet with SDC Planning. The Mayor read out a draft letter to Ecotricity expressing NTC's hopes regarding the New Lawn planning application. The letter was approved.

Aldi supermarket application, Bath Road Trading Estate (minute 2016/114)

The Mayor reported that the Aldi supermarket application was due to be considered at the next SDC Development Control Committee (DCC) meeting and that he hoped to attend the meeting, although NTC had no automatic right to speak on the application as the site was in Rodborough parish. He undertook to approach Rodborough Parish Council to suggest that NTC contribute to its submission to the DCC if it made one. Cllr Kay indicated his intention to comment on the application in his capacity of District Cllr. **ACTION: MAYOR**

Future of Nailsworth Children's Centre (minute 2016/115)

County Cllr Binns had forwarded Cllr McLain's statement on the future and location of Children's Centre provision in Nailsworth to the Clerk. This had been circulated to all councillors. Cllr Steve Robinson reported that he and Cllr Sally Millett would examine the statement in detail and report to the next general Council meeting.

ACTION: CLLRS STEVE ROBINSON AND SALLY MILLETT

2016/138 REPORT FROM TOWN MAYOR

A report from the Mayor on his recent activities had been circulated and was noted. The Mayor circulated a card received from Pete Reed thanking NTC for organising his Olympic medal celebratory event.

2016/139 REPORT FROM DEPUTY MAYOR

A report from the Deputy Mayor on her recent activities had been circulated and was noted.

2016/140 REPORT FROM TOWN CLERK

A report from the Town Clerk updating members on various matters had been circulated and was noted.

2016/141 REPORT FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

A report from Cllr Sally Millett had been circulated summarising a recent meeting facilitated by NTC to consider ways of making Nailsworth a 'Dementia Friendly Town'. An awareness event would take place at the Mortimer Room on Saturday 3 December from 2 – 5 pm and Cllr Millett hoped that cllrs would attend. The report was noted. Members applauded the initiative and it was agreed that the Mortimer Room be made available free of charge for the event.

2016/142 ACCOUNTS

The accounts from 13.09.16 to 18.10.16 totalling £37,787.11 were approved unanimously. In response to a question, the Clerk confirmed that the sum for broadband and line rental charges related to the setting up of a new telephone system in the office and the establishment of a new line in Hazelwood Bungalow, the latter to be taken over by the Town Groundsman.

2016/143 FIRE SERVICE PRESENTATION BY MR KEV ADCOCK

The Clerk reported that Mr Adcock had been promoted to a different post. She undertook to enquire whether another representative of the Fire Service would be available to attend a future Council meeting. **ACTION CLERK**

2016/144 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Following a recommendation from the Council's external auditors, the Financial Regulations Working Party had met on several occasions since January 2016 to update and review NTC's current regulations. A report with recommendations from the Working Party had been circulated to all councillors, together with a report from the Clerk. Members' attention was drawn in particular to the recommendation that the formal tender limit for contracts be increased from £15,000 to £50,000 to reflect the increase in prices since the current regulations were adopted in 2007.

The revised Financial Regulations, as recommended by the Working Party, were proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Cllr Norman Kay to unanimous support, together with a commitment to review them in October 2017. The Clerk explained that Sections 19a and 19c of the Council's Standing Orders would need to be amended to reflect the agreed changes, as detailed in the report. In accordance with Standing Orders, these amendments would be considered at the next general full Council meeting.

2016/145 CONSULTATION ON GOVERNMENT CAPPING PROPOSALS FOR TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

Members considered a report from the Mayor and Clerk on government proposals to cap precepts for town and parish councils. The proposals currently related to councils with incomes in excess of £500,000 and annual precepts of over £75,000. The Clerk confirmed that NTC'S income currently fell below the specified income threshold. However, councillors were mindful of the impact of potential shortfalls in council tax funding and the downgrading of the provision of statutory services/facilities by principal authorities, noting that the capping of town and parish councils could restrict their ability to respond flexibly to the needs of their communities and take on services and facilities that district/county councils could no longer fund.

After discussion, it was agreed unanimously that the Mayor and the Clerk would liaise to write to Neil Carmichael MP expressing NTC's concerns about the implications of the capping proposals. **ACTION MAYOR and CLERK.**

2016/146 PROPOSAL TO SET UP A KGV BUILDINGS WORKING PARTY

The Clerk had circulated a report detailing Nailsworth Scouts' draft proposal to replace NTC's pavilion on the KGV field with a new scout hut and recommending that a Working Party be set up to examine the proposal and make recommendations to Council.

It was agreed unanimously to **set up a KGV Buildings Working Party**, consisting of the Mayor and Cllrs Ron Kerby, Steve Robinson and Myles Robinson, to examine the implications, costs and the legal agreements required and to make recommendations accordingly. It was further agreed that the existing Groundsman's Store project group would be merged with the new Working Party.

2016/147 REPORT FROM NAILSWORTH YOUTH CLUB

The Nailsworth youth worker, Tracy Young, had submitted a written report on the recent and current activities of the Youth Club. Cllr Steve Robinson explained that Tracy had hoped to attend the meeting to present her report but had been unavoidably detained at the Youth Club. The report was noted and members extended warm thanks to Tracy for her valuable and effective work with local youth.

2016/148 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S GRANT FOR SMILEY SID SPEED INDICATORS

The Mayor presented a report, previously circulated, giving details of an offer of grant aid from the PCC's Fund for the provision of two 'Smiley SID' speed indicators for the town.

It was agreed unanimously to accept the grant for 90% of the £10,000 sum applied for, with NTC funding the £1,000 remaining capital cost and the annual ongoing power and maintenance cost of the devices to a maximum of £1,000 per annum.

2016/149 PARISH ONLINE MAPPING SYSTEM

The Mayor gave a practical demonstration of an online mapping system which was currently on free trial to NTC. Members were impressed with the scope and functionality of the system and felt it would greatly assist the Council in its day to day work. It was unanimously agreed that NTC should take out an annual subscription to the service at a cost of £213+VAT for Year 1 and £188 + VAT per annum for subsequent years.

2016/150 PROPOSAL TO SET UP ASSET TRANSFER WORKING PARTY

The Clerk gave her advice, indicating that according to the Code of Conduct there was a conflict of interest for District Cllrs, and explained the basis for this. Discussion ensued as to whether those NTC councillors who were also District Councillors would withdraw from the meeting for this item. Cllr Norman Kay indicated that he would stay, but not take part or vote. The Mayor asked the District Councillors if they were going to leave the meeting and they declined. The Clerk

undertook to forward advice received from GAPTC on this matter to the councillors concerned. Under the circumstances, the Mayor announced that consideration of the item would be deferred pending advice from SDC as to correct procedure in regard of this matter.

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Town Mayor

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