



NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of Nailsworth Town Council
 held at the Town Hall, Nailsworth
on Tuesday 16 July 2019

Present	Cllr Jonathan Duckworth Cllr Paul Francis Cllr Sue Reed Cllr Mike Kelly Cllr Emma Bonner Cllr Anne Elliott Cllr Angela Norman Cllr Robert Maitland Cllr Steve Robinson Cllr Ron Kerby Cllr Sally Millett Katherine Kearns (Clerk)
Minutes	Katherine Kearns (Clerk)
Apologies	There were none
Also present	NCAT representatives; Town Twinning Association representative

Ref. No		Action															
2019/051	Verbal introductions and safety briefing Everyone introduced themselves. Cllrs Steve Robinson and Robert Maitland volunteered to help Cllr Mike Kelly and Danny in the event of an emergency.																
2019/052	Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations It was noted that although Cllr Steve Robinson has been mentioned in Concord's grant application he has no connection or financial interest and so can take part in that discussion.																
2019/053	Consideration of Planning Applications received as follows: CONSULTATION <table border="1" data-bbox="432 1377 1272 1816"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ref</th> <th>Detail</th> <th>Comment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>a)S.19/1037/HHOLD. Land Opposite 3 Egypt, Stroud Road, Nailsworth, Stroud.</td> <td>Works on a parcel of land, located off private road, close to 3 Egypt. Clearance of land and creation of a level area for parking with small retaining wall.</td> <td>No observations</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b) S.19/1152/LBC. Flat 2, Chestnut Hill House, Chestnut Hill, Nailsworth.</td> <td>Three replacement windows. Replacement of veranda doors.</td> <td>Noted</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> INFORMATION <table border="1" data-bbox="432 1845 1272 2018"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ref</th> <th>Detail</th> <th>Comment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>c) S.19/1454/TCA St Georges Church, Church Street, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire.</td> <td>Removal of ornamental cherry tree that is dying.</td> <td>NTC would like to see this tree replaced.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Ref	Detail	Comment	a)S.19/1037/HHOLD. Land Opposite 3 Egypt, Stroud Road, Nailsworth, Stroud.	Works on a parcel of land, located off private road, close to 3 Egypt. Clearance of land and creation of a level area for parking with small retaining wall.	No observations	b) S.19/1152/LBC. Flat 2, Chestnut Hill House, Chestnut Hill, Nailsworth.	Three replacement windows. Replacement of veranda doors.	Noted	Ref	Detail	Comment	c) S.19/1454/TCA St Georges Church, Church Street, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire.	Removal of ornamental cherry tree that is dying.	NTC would like to see this tree replaced.	
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<p>2019/054</p>	<p>To confirm minutes of Council meeting held on 18 June 2019, the Council and Environment Committee meetings held on 2 July 2019.</p> <p>The minutes of the Council on 18 June were approved. Proposed Cllr Mike Kelly, seconded Cllr Paul Francis and all in favour.</p> <p>The minutes of the Council on 2 July were approved. Proposed Cllr Paul Francis, seconded Cllr Emma Bonner, all in favour.</p> <p>The minutes of the Environment committee on 2 July were approved. Proposed Cllr Jonathan Duckworth, seconded Cllr Mike Kelly and all in favour.</p>	
<p>2019/055</p>	<p>Matters of Urgency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S19/2761 Laurel Cottage: There are revised drawings on the Planning Portal but Council did not wish to comment further until residents had a chance to respond. The Clerk has requested an extension till Friday 9th August. • A reminder of the Miles Marling Field site meeting at 10am Friday 19th July • It was noted there may be scope for a joint project with NTC and the Comrades Club 	
<p>2019/056</p>	<p>Reports</p> <p>a) reports from County and District Councillors No written report due to holidays. County Cllr report: Proposed closure of Wyatt House and Southfields: These two care homes are run by The Order of St John in GCC owned buildings. The decision will be made on 24th July. GCC is paying £1m for 'void' beds and both places need a lot of money spent on them. Cabinet has assured that any money from the sale will stay within the service. Cost of Highways improvements: These have almost doubled since the new contractor (Ringway) has taken over. This could be due to previous underpricing and lower quality work. Lengthsman's works are also restricted with one week instead of four. County Cllr Highways budget will be very stretched.</p> <p>District Cllr report: Tanner's Piece: successful opening of the new housing. Ringfield Close: SDC Officers have made changes to the new estate's layout following consultation and this will now progress to a planning application. Still concern from some regarding the exit from Park Road onto the A46. MUGA at Lawnside: Locking and unlocking appears to be working and young people are very understanding of the issues. District Cllr is hoping to set up a meeting with senior SDC Officers to resolve this. Rough sleeper: all agencies in town are working together to help the young man currently sleeping in the town centre.</p> <p>b) report from Town Mayor It was confirmed the Mayor met with Dave Middlemiss to complete some work for the KGV Buildings working party. Nailsworth in Bloom judging appeared to go very well. Thanks were recorded to the Nailsworth in Bloom team for their</p>	



	<p>extraordinary amount of work. The Clerk undertook to write to the team.</p> <p>c) report from Deputy Mayor Noted.</p> <p>d) report from Clerk's office Noted.</p> <p>e) reports from Members on outside bodies It was noted Nailsworth Youth Club AGM is Wednesday 17 July 7pm in the Mortimer Room</p> <p>f) reports from Working Parties There were none</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>2019/057</p>	<p>To consider Committee recommendations: It was recommended by the Environment committee to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declare a 'Climate Emergency'. • Pledge that Nailsworth will play its part in achieving the 2030 carbon neutral goal set by SDC, aligned to their Plan of Action. • Liaise with SDC to make a request to Government to establish the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible. • Sign up to the Covenant of Mayors. • Take a motion to the Market Towns Forum asking it and its Councils to declare a Climate Emergency. • Develop a plan for Nailsworth to engage with local people, businesses and other stakeholders in order to develop a plan of action, and periodically to report back to council on progress. <p>within the context of vision 6 of the Town Action Plan</p> <p>There was considerable discussion on this subject during which the following were raised;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That the implications of signing the Covenant of Mayors to be investigated in more detail - That representations must mean something and be a proportionate and meaningful response to an emergency - Developing the action plan and engaging local people is more important than declaring a climate emergency - That the declaration and other actions are not party political - Nailsworth's Town Action Plan is already in place and NTC can act strategically in concert with local businesses and organisations - GMTF have already begun discussing this matter <p>It was suggested that a facilitated public debate with the town could gather public opinion and actions as the climate emergency affects the whole town.</p> <p>After further discussion it was resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To declare a 'Climate Emergency' • To pledge that Nailsworth will play its part in achieving the 2030 carbon neutral goal set by SDC, aligned to their Plan of Action. • Liaise with SDC to make a request to Government to establish the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible, and to take action to ensure that the costs of travel reflects the true environmental cost, and lobby the Government to 	



	<p>ensure that the measurement of Carbon emissions based on UK consumption rather than production.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a plan for Nailsworth to engage with local people, businesses and other stakeholders in order to develop a plan of action, and periodically to report back to council on progress. <p>And the final point to be promoted by inviting two members of NCAT to join the Environment committee.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Steve Robinson, seconded Cllr Sue Reed all in favour. One abstained.</p>	
2019/058	<p>Accounts</p> <p>To agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed in the attached report</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Robert Maitland, seconded Cllr Sue Reed, all in favour. One abstained.</p>	
2019/059	<p>To review NTC's Risk Assessment</p> <p>The report was noted.</p>	
2019/060	<p>To consider proposals for improvements to KGV playing field funded by Section 106 from Vicarage Gardens</p> <p>There was general agreement with the proposal to fund the installation of an inclusive roundabout in the play area.</p> <p>As there would be approximately £2k unallocated it was agreed for the Mayor and Clerk to discuss how to spend the remaining funds within the restrictions of the Section 106 agreement that it be used near the Vicarage Garden development for 'recreation and play'.</p> <p>It was resolved to put forward to SDC the proposal to install an inclusive roundabout at KGV playing field using Section 106 funds from Vicarage Gardens.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Mike Kelly, seconded Cllr Steve Robinson, all in favour.</p>	JD/Clerk
2019/061	<p>To consider a grant application from Concord Coffee Group</p> <p>Support for the application was noted; Concord housing was an iconic design in its time and this is for the town to celebrate. It was recognised that Concord Coffee Group work to include non-residents of all ages in their events.</p> <p>It was resolved that £400 be granted to Concord Coffee Group to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the housing.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Steve Robinson, seconded Cllr Angela Norman, all in favour.</p>	
2019/062	<p>To consider annual support for the Town Twinning Association</p> <p>Cllr Steve Robinson declared an interest as a member of the Town Twinning Association.</p> <p>It was clarified that the application is an increase to a budget line rather than an NTC grant. It was unclear whether the application was for this year's budget; it was assumed that as the application is now, then funds are needed now.</p>	



	<p>The Town Twinning group have around 30 members and run a few fundraising events throughout the year. They have not yet approached other bodies for funding but intend to approach a local firm.</p> <p>The following points were raised in discussion;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NTC already support the Town Twinning Association with £1,000 each year - If all funds are given then there will be nothing to give other organisations throughout the year - NTC could offer free venues to the organisation - To give assurance to Town Twinning but ask that they renew their fundraising efforts - The 25th anniversary is a special event <p>It was resolved to support the Town Twinning Association with £2,000 funding in recognition of the 25th anniversary event.</p> <p>The Mayor and Clerk were tasked with recommending where the extra £1,000 should come from.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Ron Kerby, seconded Cllr Robert Maitland, all in favour.</p>	<p>JD/Clerk</p>
<p>2019/063</p>	<p>To consider a response to SDC's consultation on their street trading policy</p> <p>District Cllrs Steve Robinson and Sue Reed, as members of SDC Community Services and Licencing committee, have stated that any licencing charge should be pro rata, according to the number of market stalls and not on the frequency of the market.</p> <p>The following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A charge could suppress local enterprise, discouraging Nailsworth's Farmer's Market from expanding - it discourages local food outlets, running against a Climate Emergency declaration - This goes against the Market Town Initiative to improve market towns - The charge is disproportionate for the size of Nailsworth's Farmer's Market; Stroud and Nailsworth are not comparable - Could there be a 'peppercorn' charge? <p>The Clerk undertook to respond to SDC's consultation.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>2019/064</p>	<p>To receive a report from GWT on planned work to the Dudbridge to Stroud cycle path as a result of ERDF funding</p> <p>It was noted that this funding is only available and the work only possible because the cycle path is going to be resurfaced.</p>	

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