

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
 Minutes of a meeting held on 10th January 2017

Present	Cllr Sue Reed (Chair) Cllr Jonathan Duckworth Cllr Angela Norman Cllr Robert Maitland Cllr Sally Millett Justine Hopkins (Deputy Clerk)
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<p>APOLOGIES Received from Cllr Norman Kay</p> <p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS There were no declarations of interest or applications for dispensations</p> <p>TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING ON 1st NOVEMBER (already approved at Full Council on 20th December 2016)</p> <p>TO PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR ADOPTION OF PHONE BOXES FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS The Clerk produced a leaflet and Cllr Sue Reed reported that she has leaflet dropped to 40 houses around the Watledge Phone Box with a very positive response. The response was from individuals willing to set up a group to run it. It was decided this is the best way to publicise the project and that there does not need to be a public meeting. The Deputy Clerk has already started the adoption process with BT.</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to print 40 more leaflets • Cllr Jonathan Duckworth to create a list of addresses around the Shortwood area • Cllr Sue Reed, Cllr Angela Norman & Cllr Robert Maitland to leaflet drop to these addresses • Clerk to write an article for Nailsworth News with a link to the leaflet on the website (deadline 15th January) <p>TO CONSIDER ACTIONS ON THE BEE FRIENDLY TOWN PROJECT FROM THE THREE-YEAR PLAN Cllr Sally Millett has written an article for Nailsworth News explaining how our garden competition in the Spring of 2016 resulted in awards to 400 houses who had created outstanding results of scent and colour.</p> <p>In 2017 we will work with Magnificent Meadows to develop a further Bee Line (pathway) to include Horsley and Woodchester.</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Duckworth reported that the new mapping software can be used to map the site of the bee awards.</p> <p>The Magnificent Meadows group are clearing an area at Bunting Hill on 11th January.</p>	<p>Clerk JD</p> <p>SR/AN & RM</p> <p>Clerk</p>

ACTION:

- Article in Nailsworth News as above
- Map the Bee Line as above (2017 garden competition)
- Bee Weekend planned for the last day of the Nailsworth Festival (29th May)
- Connect with Stroud Nature
- National Meadows Day in July
- Create a Bee Line Map of the Meadows to put up in local areas (Ruskin Mill, Arkell Centre)

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FEEDBACK REGARDING TREE MAINTENANCE SDC CONSIDERING FUTURE PLANS FOR NORTONWOOD

The Clerk and Cllr Sally Millett attended a seminar at SDC about the new tree maintenance framework. Cllr Sally Millett reported that they were very impressed by the SDC tender process which included contingency plans for emergencies. If we join we will no longer need to get 3 quotes for any work as their framework agreement has already tested the market.

Cllr Sue Reed reported that the Ash die back situation may not be as bad as we thought.

Recommendation: To recommend to Full Council that NTC join SDC’s new Tree Contract and use Tree Maintenance and Midland Forestry for future tree work. All agreed.

**Recomm-
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TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON A ROUGH SLEEPER ON BUNTING HILL OPEN SPACE

A resident has been sleeping rough in a shelter on Bunting Hill since the summer. Despite following the correct procedures, including a notice to quit, he is still there.

The Clerk and Cllr Sue Reed visited a solicitor on Monday 9th Jan with a view to taking civil proceedings to evict the person from an open space.

A report will follow and the solicitor is producing costs (approx. £2-3k) covering the following:

- Court to issue proceeding
- Sheriff’s office to evict
- County Court Costs
- Solicitors fee at £250/hour
- Barrister fee at £350/hour

Cllr Robert Maitland asked how we go about safeguarding our land in the future or if the person moves to other council owned land? Cllr Sue Reed reported that this will need looking into. Cllr Jonathan Duckworth suggested that the Court Order should be permanent and refer to all council land.

**SR/
Clerk**

The Clerk is in discussion with the insurers regarding our Legal Expenses Cover but this will take 8-10 days to clarify if we are covered.

Recommendation: To approve spending NTC’s budget to remove the rough sleeper from NTC land. All agreed.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RATIFICATION BY FULL COUNCIL

- **To recommend to Full Council that NTC join SDC's new Tree Contract and use Tree Maintenance and Midland Forestry for future tree work.**
- **To approve spending NTC's budget to remove the rough sleeper from NTC land.**