

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL  
**RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE**  
 Minutes of a meeting held on 14 December 2010

Present	*	Cllr N I Kay (Chairman) Cllr J R Nicholson Cllr S Robinson Cllr Mrs G E Smith Cllr Mrs S Thorpe
also present for part of the meeting		Chris Gregory – NailStock Andy Wilkins and Joe Davis – skateboarding consultant Stuart Dunn – fitness coach
non attendance		Cllr Mrs DLM Binns Cllr J A Byrne
	*	denotes absence from part of the meeting

**SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 30 NOVEMBER**

The minutes of the special meeting were approved and signed, with the addition of Cllr Mrs Thorpe to the list of attendees.

**REGISTRATION OF LAND AT NYMPFIELD ROAD AND WALKLEY WOOD**

The Clerk had started the process and was waiting for the solicitors to find the mislaid deed for the land at Walkley Wood, although there were copies. GCC and SDC had been unhelpful but the Clerk had finally obtained a map.

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE LINK**

Discussion ensued as to whether it would be beneficial to belong to this new organisation. Members felt involvement in it or something similar was a way of keeping track of what was happening, but identifying which would be the most useful was difficult without joining first. Cllr Mrs Thorpe offered to investigate further.

**LIFEBELT AT NEWMARKET POND**

It was agreed it would be difficult to maintain a working lifebelt at this isolated location on private land, and could lay the council open to liability if the lifebelt was damaged or missing. The idea was abandoned.

**MARKET STREET GARDEN**

Cllr Nicholson reported that he had met with Cllr Byrne on site to consider revised plans, which could contain the cost of the scheme within £30k – any further reduction (ie to the £20000 proposed by the Finance Committee) would require a new design altogether which may have repercussions for the bequest grant. Members made no recommendation leaving the matter to be debated at the budget meeting on 11 January.

**NAILSTOCK 2011 : FRIDAY 29 APRIL TO SUNDAY 2 MAY**

Mr Gregory advised that the event had been put back by one week because of the Badminton Horse Trials which brought it into conflict with the royal wedding on Friday 29 April, although it was hoped to incorporate this into the programme by possibly providing a large screen for which the organisers were seeking a licence from the BBC. The music would start Friday evening and continue over Saturday and Sunday. Management plans were being made to comply strictly with SDC's licensing agreement (to be altered slightly to cover the event continuing into May), in consultation with the police. Performers

would be local, from post codes GL5 and 6, providing family entertainment, and schools were being invited to participate.

Cllrs were anxious to avoid a Glastonbury-type festival, and suggested the organisers could establish themes for each day and then invite participation, but Mr Gregory said he could not set themes until he knew what type of acts were being proposed. Visitors from outside the area would be welcome but there would be no camping allowed, rather encouragement to use local B&Bs. However, Mr Gregory pointed out that the organisers would have no control over private landowners offering camping facilities. The police were providing considerable assistance on site and Mr Gregory expected that there would be some charge for their time. The organisers were confident that internal security was already sorted. The skateboard ramps would be closed for the duration of the festival, but not the playground or tennis courts. It was noted that the football season often carried on beyond the end of April depending on weather, but league matches were generally finished.

Mr Gregory was asked how the organisers would control numbers as the licence stipulated 4999 on site at any one time. He advised that tickets would go on sale asap, with three-day tickets (adult: £15 max) to be sold first, then topped up with day tickets if space allowed. If the event made a profit, it was the organisers' intention to put some money back into the community. Cllrs were welcome to attend any of the weekly meetings held from 8-9pm at the Social Club, and Cllrs would be allowed to enter the site at will during the event for monitoring purposes.

**RESOLVED Nailstock organisers were given permission to use the KGV field at no charge from Wednesday 27 April at 8am until Monday 3 May at 8pm 2011, subject to the police's and SDC's continuing satisfactory approval for the project, and on the understanding that the field would be fully restored after the event.**

The motion was carried.

\* Cllr Nicholson left the meeting

### SKATEBOARD PARK AT KGV

The Clerk had met with the representative from Record who had recommended the company Urban Recreation which had also included a quotation for concrete ramps. Mr Wilkins had identified a suitable design for the new half pipe, which he thought would cost in the region of £17.5k + vat (the budget was £25k for equipment, base and installation). He would obtain 3 quotes for the widest ramp within budget and a local builder to be commissioned to build the concrete base.



### **KGV FIELD AND EXTENSION FIELD – USE OF**

Permission had been given to Mr Dunn for use of KGV for his fitness sessions, but he had now asked if he could do 4 free taster sessions first to gauge response. The Clerk had circulated this request to Cllrs but had only had one response for and one against. Mr Dunn advised that his (cardio vascular, basic fitness using outdoor and fresh air) classes would be open to any level and any age, with activities geared to the level of each group, at a cost of £4 per session. Mr Dunn's request to use the field initially free of charge was approved and he was asked to email the Clerk with dates and times. The hire charge would then start as from the 5<sup>th</sup> week if Mr Dunn decided to proceed.

### **MORTIMER GARDENS AND TOWN GARDENING**

Following the damage caused by Central Networks during work to repair electricity supply to adjacent properties, the Clerk confirmed that the company had agreed to re-position the new wooden fence attached to NTC posts and had donated £50 towards the cost of new plants.

### **MILES MARLING FIELD**

Residents with help from the Neighbourhood Warden would paint the youth shelter with paint funded by NTC. Cllrs S Robinson and Mrs Thorpe were consulting residents about the suggestion to install skateboard ramps.

### **KGV FIELD AND EXTENSION FIELD**

The Mayor asked if Acorn School made arrangements or paid to use KGV as its playing field. The Clerk said not, but neither did other groups such as the Town Hall Nursery, Brownies, Scouts etc, who used the field at different times. A problem would only arise if any of these groups conflicted with fee-paying users.

The quotation for grass cutting in 2011 from T W Hawkins of £1757 (including MM field) was approved (an increase of approx £50), plus £80 per cut for the extension field.

Cllrs M Robinson, Kay and Mr Mansell had inspected the gate by the vicarage, which was regularly lifted off to allow access by motorised bikes. Various solutions were considered: that the gate could

- (a) be fitted with non-removable hinges and a new post, and fencing tidied up
- (b) be re-erected each time it was spotted down
- (c) be removed altogether, since bikes could in any case enter the field by the main gate.

Members were concerned in particular about bikes exiting the field by this gate onto a dangerous road, and which might lead to liability for NTC in the case of an accident. It was decided to go for option (a) at a cost approx £100/£150.

### **CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS**

Members were to canvass users before deciding if the KGV play area needed refurbishment.

### **YOUTH PROVISION**

The Mayor was meeting with Tracy Clarke director of Young Gloucestershire tomorrow to discuss the cost of its payroll service. The Mayor and Cllr Kay had attended the Big Society Offer at Hucclecote. Mark Hawthorne had visited the youth club and had been taken around the FG area, but Cllrs were convinced the decision had already been taken to withdraw funding, and 'consultation' surveys put out were an empty gesture.

The Mayor thought that Karen Toole SDC was not aware of the £50k grant fund, to which voluntary youth organisations could apply. The FE&GP Committee had recommended putting aside funds for employing a youth worker and the budget would be decided in January, following the public meeting to be held on 20 December.

**NAILSWORTH RECREATION CENTRE / SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**

The topics had been discussed at length at the special meeting on 30 November.

Cllr Kay advised that he was meeting tomorrow with Cllr Crawley, District Cllr Miss Macmillan and Catherine Farrell to start work on the business plan which was required to claim SDC's £10k for Nailsworth Recreation Centre/Nailsworth Sports Partnership. A meeting with SDC and the School would take place on Friday to look at ideas for the Recreation Centre and MUGA.

Cllr Mrs Thorpe pointed out that NTC would not finalise its view on the MUGA until the main council meeting next week, and Cllrs Kay and Crawley should bear this in mind during their discussions with other stakeholders.

The Mayor asked Cllr Kay to ensure that he, deputy mayor and Cllrs previously involved in this project, such as Cllr Nicholson, were kept informed of meetings and included in discussions. The Clerk suggested Cllr Crawley should be temporarily attached to the Recreation & Amenities Committee as he was leading the discussions to enable him to report directly on developments.

Cllr Kay read out a note to the Committee from Cllr Crawley seeking funding for the Recreation Centre, which implied that the plan was to implement a staffless, keypad operated access system for hirers with a series of security measures, at a cost of £10,300, to shut off the sports areas from the rest of the school. SDC had promised £2000 and he recommended that NTC contribute £1500, the balance to be achieved from grants. It was hoped these changes would be completed by the end of March.

It was agreed to recommend that £1000 be found from this year's budget for this purpose. The Clerk was unable to advise where funds might be found for this additional expenditure but a figure could be included in next year's budget (although the actual work could be done earlier if council wished it so).

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