

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

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

Ref. No		Action															
2016/251	Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations There were no declarations of interest or applications for dispensations																
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	<p>Environment committee: proposed Cllr Sue Reed, seconded Cllr Angela Norman and agreed unanimously</p> <p>Personnel committee: proposed Cllr Jonathan Duckworth, seconded Cllr Ron Kerby and agreed unanimously</p>	
2016/255	<p>Matters of Urgency</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NTC wished to record their thanks to the branch staff of Lloyds Bank as the bank closes on 29th March. 2. Chamber of Trade has a new committee and the Chair is Luke Pettitt of Black8Bikes. They meet again next week and aim to meet monthly. 3. Future of the Farmer's Market: Chamber of Trade met last week and voted for Pete Blackwell to run the market as a volunteer. 	
2016/256	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT</p> <p>There was no report from the County Councillor</p>	
2016/257	<p>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT</p> <p>Stroud Sub Rooms consultation:</p> <p>District Cllr Steve Robinson asked for feedback on the future of Stroud Sub Rooms as SDC cannot continue to subsidise the Sub Rooms by £400k p.a. The venue is unique to the district and while the café will be closing at the end of March, SDC are working on a move to different management or closure. Cllrs expressed their wish to see the Sub Rooms continue and said it would be a shame to lose it and the events it hosts.</p> <p>Tanner's Piece consultation:</p> <p>SDC will look again at the design of the third floor of the new building. Another consultation is planned and SDC will be in touch with NTC to arrange a venue.</p> <p>Town lighting:</p> <p>Following a complaint about lack of lighting at the back of the Co-op, lights will be fitted. The Co-op will have these fitted to their power supply and will pay for the electric used.</p> <p>Border in Co-op car park:</p> <p>This border now has a sleeper edge.</p> <p>Boundary Commission Changes Reminder:</p> <p>Second consultation on moving Nailsworth into the Cotswold constituency closes on 27th March www.bce2018.org.uk</p>	
2016/258	<p>TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT</p> <p>The report previously circulated was noted.</p>	
2016/259	<p>DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT</p> <p>The report previously circulated was noted.</p>	

2016/260	<p>TOWN CLERK'S REPORT</p> <p>The report previously circulated was noted. Cllr Jonathan Duckworth added that the NTC election will feature in Nailsworth News. If there are no candidates, then NTC will co-opt a new member. If there's only one candidate then they are elected unopposed.</p>	
2016/261	<p>REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES</p> <p>There were no reports from representatives of outside bodies</p>	
2016/262	<p>ACCOUNTS</p> <p>a) to agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed in the attached report</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Robert Maitland, seconded Cllr Steve Robinson and agreed unanimously</p>	
2016/263	<p>TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM INSPECTOR BRIAN CLIFFORD ON ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN THE TOWN</p> <p><i>This item was moved to earlier in the meeting</i></p> <p>Inspector Brian Clifford and Mike Hammond SDC Service Manager for Communities & Facilities (covering Neighbourhood Warden service) introduced themselves.</p> <p>Inspector Brian Clifford (Inspector Andy Poole's replacement) summed up the current clear problem with ASB and low level crime. The same individuals are causing problems in Stroud and there's an opportunity to tackle this before the next half term.</p> <p>Operation Loggia continues with more patrols and high visibility policing. The Police are addressing the problems in three ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigative: ensuring that cases are packaged according to the offenders and seen as a collection of offences, taken more seriously by the courts. 2. Safeguarding: a team of two officers looking at how to curb the behaviour of vulnerable children. 3. Restorative justice and impact on the community: being looked at by PC Pete Lay. <p>Inspector Clifford said Criminal Behaviour Orders will be used which has had a positive impact in other areas. The Police are being helped by Mike Hammond SDC and working with Neighbourhood Wardens and others. Some things can't be shared as they are sensitive but the Police are not taking a 'softly, softly' approach and will continue with high profile policing in the run up to the Easter holidays.</p> <p>Questions from NTC:</p> <p><i>Why does there appear to be no support from CPS?</i></p> <p>Inspector Clifford said that in part the response hasn't been joined up and that's now being addressed. The CPS is cautious about how they deal with under 14s as they recognise how much people can change as they grow up. The team need to capture how these crimes are affecting the community.</p> <p><i>Are the Police allowed to advise CPS of previous behaviour?</i></p>	

	<p>Inspector Clifford said this is where the youth justice panel comes in and where the Police are starting to respond more.</p> <p><i>Problems can be recorded back to 2015 with the attitude from a small group that they are untouchable.</i></p> <p>Inspector Clifford said this group is being targeted using a combination of methods. This is a cyclical behaviour, as a new group grows up, but also accepts that action needs to be quicker and agencies need to be better at communicating.</p> <p><i>What is the red and yellow card system?</i></p> <p>Stroud is covered by 'city safe' scheme. A yellow card is a letter warning of being banned from businesses that are part of the scheme. A red card is the banning order. Inspector Clifford said Nailsworth traders could join the scheme, linked by a website to identify offenders. This also applies to children of 12yrs. Mike Hammond said it has a radio system linked to CCTV operators.</p> <p>Inspector Clifford said some people are reluctant to give statements which hinders prosecution and urged people to use Crimestoppers. Cllr Jonathan Duckworth said he will emphasize this in April's Nailsworth News.</p> <p><i>Is it possible to have more Police on the streets?</i></p> <p>Inspector Clifford said where he can he will, but has to be realistic about competition with other areas. Cllr Jonathan Duckworth is working with Special Constable Steve Lindsey on a victim impact film to take to the offenders' families.</p> <p><i>How can we work together better in the future?</i></p> <p>Inspector Clifford said NTC is in a unique position to hear what's going on in the community. Keep talking to each other. Mike Hammond said there'll be two mobile CCTV cameras in the area plus a third one in use. The library building now has CCTV.</p> <p>Cllr Steve Robinson noted a recent positive change in behaviour. Tracy (Youth Worker) is out with agencies next week and organising rounders on KGV field. Funding for outreach workers for a year, two nights per week is agreed.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr Jonathan Duckworth to pass on details and contact for the city safe scheme (Rich Burge GCC) to the Chamber of Trade. Cllr Steve Robinson will circulate to all.</p>	<p>JD/Steve R</p>
<p>2016/264</p>	<p>UPDATE ON CHILDREN'S CENTRE PROVISION IN FOREST GREEN</p> <p><i>This item was moved to earlier in the meeting</i></p> <p>Cllr Sue Reed reported on a multiagency meeting that day to draw up a long-term plan, helped by Max Comfort of GRCC. A locality plan will be drawn up by the end of the summer term but provision is needed now. All agencies agreed the Arkell Centre has two excellent groups supporting families. Cllr Angela</p>	

	<p>Norman said six agencies discussing this showed it equates in seriousness to the same approach to the town's current ASB.</p> <p>The multiagency meeting recommended that Homestart apply for a project grant from NTC to cover the next couple of months, as previously done with Stroud Town Council. Wendy Gray (GCC) also supports this approach.</p> <p>Alex Corgier, Scheme Manager for Homestart explained more about the scheme. Homestart supports all kinds of families but the main thing is to train local people to support them. Using the community to support the community. Families are more accepting of Homestart over some professionals and Homestart has strong safeguarding, polices, supervision and training to support the work. They also bring in outside funding.</p> <p>Alex said the interim project will fund the Wednesday group at the Arkell Centre which helped very vulnerable groups. Cllr Sue Reed said PATA may offer a transition grant to match fund a NTC grant. The total cost is expected to be £500-£750.</p> <p>Nailsworth has the highest number of children at risk in Stroud district and the Arkell Centre deals with 12-15 families.</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Duckworth said the group will need to look at what services were being provided and what will be provided. NTC will need to check the grant budget but can consider this on 4th April if the grant application is in by Tuesday 28th March. The application will need to state it's for a project, not wages and will need confirmation of match funding.</p> <p>ACTION: grant application to be emailed to Homestart</p> <p>The multiagency group will meet on 25th April 4pm.</p>	Clerk
2016/265	<p>GRANT APPLICATIONS</p> <p>A grant application from Allsorts had been received. Cllrs were supportive of the application. Proposed Cllr Ron Kerby, seconded Cllr Robert Maitland and agreed unanimously</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to inform applicant of the decision</p>	Clerk
2016/266	<p>TO CONSIDER STORAGE OF FARMER'S MARKET STALLS AT SIDE OF GARAGE</p> <p>There was some discussion over whether there is a conflict of interest between the Groundsman's work and his work for the Farmer's Market. The Clerk confirmed she had spoken to the Groundsman and he's clear that any work for the Farmer's Market must not interfere with NTC duties and that NTC equipment must not be used for purposes other than for NTC work.</p> <p>It was observed that the storeroom doors may need repairing with more valuable equipment being stored and it was</p>	

	<p>suggested extra costs for improvements should be charged to the Market. The Clerk said the storeroom can be rented out through a normal hire agreement with no legal tenure. Any future charges for use of the Mortimer Garden will be discussed by the Recreation & Amenities Committee.</p> <p>It was agreed the storeroom can be used by the Farmer's Market at a charge of £30 per month.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Steve Robinson seconded Cllr Paul Francis with eight for the proposal and one abstention.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to inform Chamber of Trade</p>	Clerk
2016/267	<p>REPORT FROM FLOOD RISK WORKING PARTY</p> <p>Cllr Sue Reed reported that following a productive meeting the WP was now waiting for Peter Siret (GCC) to report back.</p> <p>Following a question about natural flood attenuation, Cllr Sue Reed said the deterioration of the Victorian dewponds on the W meant they were not effective in curbing flooding.</p>	
2016/268	<p>TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO CHANGE THE PLANTING AT THE CLOCKTOWER</p> <p>There was some discussion about the sustainability of planting annual begonias vs permanent perennial planting. The planting is currently bee friendly and begonias are not, needing watering through the summer, using more resources to grow and not producing nectar. Cllr Sue Reed felt NTC should be a role model for bee friendly planting.</p> <p>Cllr Steve Robinson argued the summer display in the bed was poor and Rotary Club are willing to look after and plant a highly colourful display. He said there were other parts of the town that catered for bee friendly plants. Cllr Ron Kerby added it would take responsibility away from NTC to maintain the bed.</p> <p>Cllr Sally Millett suggested a compromise; to tidy up the bed and see what gaps are available to plant between. Cllr Jonathan Duckworth suggested Cllr Steve Robinson, Thorold Cox and the Clerk meet again to discuss this and that option 1 (tidy up the bed) be acted on with further action in the autumn.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Ron Kerby, seconded Cllr Sue Reed and agreed unanimously.</p>	Steve R/Clerk

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