

## NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES of a SPECIAL MEETING of Nailsworth Town Council held at the Town Hall, Nailsworth on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Present	Cllr Jonathan Duckworth (Town Mayor) Cllr Sally Millett Cllr Anne Elliott Cllr Ron Kerby Cllr Steve Robinson Cllr Robert Maitland Cllr Angela Norman Cllr Sue Reed Cllr Myles Robinson
Minutes	Katherine Kearns (Clerk)
Apologies	Cllr Mike Kelly
Not present	Cllr Paul Francis

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2017/230	<p><b>Verbal Introductions</b></p> <p>Everyone introduced themselves.</p> <p>Members of the public present: Vince Southcott (headteacher, Nailsworth Primary School) and Gill Saville (Chair of Governors); Rev Stuart Radford (representing Christchurch)</p>	
2017/231	<p><b>Declarations of Interest &amp; Applications for Dispensations</b></p> <p>There were none declared at the start of the meeting.</p>	
2017/232	<p><b>To consider a decision on the Section 106 money from Redrow Housing (Forest Green)</b></p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Duckworth explained the Special Meeting was being held to allow proper consideration of this large and complex item. He reminded cllrs that this decision has come about due to the chosen contractor going bust, and the second contractor's price coming in considerably over budget. In addition, as ten years has passed, this has changed the circumstances of the Section 106 agreement.</p> <p>Prior to the meeting a comprehensive set of papers were sent to cllrs and members of the public who had enquired about the item to be discussed. The papers were also available from the website</p> <p>The three options for discussion were outlined:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A full-sized MUGA on the school grounds with NTC holding a lease and management for NTC by the school</li> <li>2. A community park in NTC owned Miles Marling Field</li> <li>3. A joint solution: a lower specification MUGA built on the school with no future responsibility from NTC in terms</li> </ol>	

	<p>of a lease or management, plus a community park on Miles Marling scaled to fit the budget.</p> <p>Questions, statements and clarifications were invited on all options, including input from members of the public present.</p> <p>Questions/Comments relating to Option 1: It was clarified that £11k offered by the school for Option 1 wasn't shown in the papers for the meeting as when the papers were written the school had shown preference to option 3 and indicated they would use the money for that. NTC can consider this £11k is still there, if option 1 is preferred. NPS confirmed.</p> <p>Questions/Comments relating to Option 2: It was noted the Miles Marling Field design brief refers to a MUGA being built at the school. One cllr had written to all cllrs stating his only preferred option (option 1). Cllrs may have views and to canvass opinion, but this crossed the line towards 'predetermination'. The Council's decision is open to challenge as unlawful if a 'predetermined' cllr takes part in voting on their preferred option.</p> <p>It was clarified that any plans for Miles Marling Field will go to public consultation. The project can be tailored to fit requirements and groundworks will be included in the final price. It was noted that it will take a lot of resources to make Miles Marling Field into a community park, but phasing the work will allow it to develop.</p> <p>Questions/Comments relating to Option3: It was noted that NTC has spent c £15k so far on option 1. The amount of community use of option 3 was queried.</p> <p>It was stated that it's important to consider future costs and liabilities for projects. Market research for option 1 was unclear, no evidence of future use and conflicts of interest in past decisions were evident and no research was carried out into NTC's future costs and liabilities until very recently. The decision-making process in the past lacked clarity.</p> <p>The dynamics of the community have changed and a list of community facilities to be built was drawn up in 2005, <del>along</del> with followed by* a town vision statement and design statement. The town's needs have changed and option 3 appears to fit better.</p> <p>There was a discussion about floodlighting for a lower specification MUGA, to allow more community use in the winter. The school thought the cost of floodlighting would be about £10k. There was a suggestion that the school could approach the County Cllr for funding for floodlighting.</p>	
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	<p>It was clarified that option 1 MUGA has very heavy duty fencing and fixed floodlighting. Option 3's lower specification MUGA is still suitable for PSALMS' use. The school confirmed they work very closely with PSALMS and would continue to do so. They confirmed their support for the joint solution, for the good of the Forest Green community.</p> <p>The discussion concluded, and the Mayor called for proposals.</p> <p>Cllr Myles Robinson proposed option 1. Cllr Steve Robinson declared a conflict of interest in option 1 and so could not back it. There was no other support for the proposal.</p> <p>There was no proposer for option 2.</p> <p>Cllr Sue Reed proposed option 3 (lower specification MUGA and Miles Marling Field) and it was seconded by Cllr Anne Elliott. The proposal was carried unanimously. Cllr Steve Robinson abstained and Cllr Myles Robinson was disqualified from voting.</p> <p>It was noted that further consultation was needed on Miles Marling Field. Further discussions about floodlighting for the lower specification MUGA at the school, to come at a later meeting. It was agreed the Clerk would work on a timeline for completing the Miles Marling Field project, to be presented to the next March Full Council meeting.</p> <p>Thanks were offered to the Council by Vince Southcott.</p> <p>Thanks were recorded by the Mayor to cllrs, the school and staff.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
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\*Amendment approved at meeting 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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