

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of a Special Meeting of Nailsworth Town Council
held at the Town Hall, Nailsworth
on Tuesday 28th November 2017

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| Present | Cllr Jonathan Duckworth (Town Mayor) Cllr Sue Reed Cllr Angela Norman Cllr Sally Millett Cllr Anne Elliott Cllr Myles Robinson * arrived during 2017/148 Cllr Ron Kerby Cllr Mike Kelly Cllr Steve Robinson Cllr Robert Maitland Katherine Kearns (Clerk) |
| Minutes | Justine Hopkins (Deputy Clerk) |
| Apologies | Cllr Paul Francis |

| Ref. No | | Action |
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| 2017/146 | <p>Verbal Introductions Everyone introduced themselves. There were no members of the public present.</p> | |
| 2017/147 | <p>Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations Cllr Sally Millett declared an interest in the Youth Club as she is on the management committee. Cllr Anne Elliott is a CAB trustee. Cllr Steve Robinson is Chair of the Youth Club. There was some discussion about conflicts of interest.</p> | |
| 2017/148 | <p>Consideration of Annual Budget 2018/2019 The council was invited to consider the Annual Budget, council were reminded that any new items for the budget must be costed and agreed before they go in the budget.</p> <p>The queries raised prior to the meeting regarding Hazelwood Bungalow, contingency budget and any sudden expenditure have been answered by the clerk and councillors are happy with the responses.</p> <p>The CAB, Credit Union and Homestart are funded each year. The CAB have not been charged room hire in the past. Cllr Sally Millett believes this was part of the original agreement. Cllr Angela Norman said we fund three similar services but there is a disparity of funding.</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Duckworth said we must commit to reviewing all our expense lines and funding for town services over the next year, but not at this meeting.</p> <p>Council resolves to review budget headings, identify which items are discretionary, review them over the next</p> | |

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| | <p>nine months looking at performance and value for money in time for next year's budgeting process.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Robert Maitland, Seconded Ron Kerby and approved unanimously.</p> <p>*Cllr Myles Robinson joined the meeting</p> <p>Cllr Mike Kelly thanked the clerk and deputy clerk for the work that has gone into preparing the budget.</p> <p>Cllr Steve Robinson reported that he has had a request for street lighting at Chestnut Hill. The clerk reported that even though street lighting is not our responsibility we could only consider items for next year's budget that have already been looked into, costed and agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Angela Norman asked about the staffing of the TIC and it was explained that the manager is self-employed and invoices NTC.</p> <p>Cllr Myles Robinson asked if £200 was enough for the Tourism budget seeing as we may need to reprint the Town Guide. Cllr Sue Reed explained that the Environment committee are involved with a new group looking at all the publications and the needs of the town and tourists with regard to maps and publications.</p> <p>Cllr Steve Robinson expressed his concern that we are not increasing the precept in line with inflation of 1%. Cllr Jonathan Duckworth explained that we are looking at what we have already committed to spend and are not happy to add on any extra as we need to justify what we are spending. The budget has been made up by looking at what Council has committed to spend.</p> <p>The Clerk said we need to think ahead about what we will be doing this time next year. There was a brief discussion about Reserves and it was recommended that Reserves are clearly labelled as to their purpose. There are some funds available that require allocation. We have made significant savings this year on supplies and utilities.</p> <p>The budget was then proposed by Cllr Robert Maitland and seconded by Cllr Ron Kerby and agreed unanimously.</p> | |
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