

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of a MEETING of Nailsworth Town Council
held at the Town Hall, Nailsworth
on Tuesday 19 July 2016

Present	Cllr Jonathan Duckworth (Town Mayor) Cllr Anne Elliott Cllr Paul Francis Cllr Norman Kay Cllr Ron Kerby Cllr Robert Maitland Cllr Sally Millett Cllr Angela Norman Cllr Sue Reed Cllr Myles Robinson Cllr Steve Robinson
Also present for part of the meeting	Mr John Kay, Dursley Parish Council Mrs Sally Thorpe
Apologies	County Cllr Dorcas Binns

2016/82 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND COUNCILLORS'DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations or dispensations.

2016/83 CONSIDERATION of PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Consultation

		COMMENT
a) S.16/1333/VAR Lake View Bungalow, Harley Wood	Removal of condition 1 from application S.06/2935/FUL. Transfer residential use of land at Spring Cottage to Cairn Cottage in Harley Wood.	We have no observations on the application itself other than to say that this should not lead to this property becoming separate from one of other of the properties referred to.
b) S.16/1162/FUL 2 Lower Newmarket Road	Construction of a two-storey side extension and a new detached garage (revised drawings received 30.06.16).	No observations
c) S.16/1342/FUL 1 Middle Tynings, Forest Green	Second dwelling on current plot	The proposed development needs to be in keeping with the size of existing properties on the surrounding streets. The site should have 2 parking spaces, one for each dwelling.

2016/84 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Ex NTC councillor Mrs Sally Thorpe expressed strong concern about the future of children's services in Nailsworth following the recent GCC review. She understood that GCC had approached Nailsworth Primary School regarding future provision of such services and reported that some users of the Children's Centre at the Arkell Community Centre had indicated to her that they had less confidence the potential quality of the services which the school might offer. Mrs Thorpe urged NTC to push for the retention of professionally staffed Children's Centre provision at the Arkell Community Centre. She added that, in her

view, the Council should give serious consideration to financially supporting the Children's Centre in order to retain appropriate provision in Nailsworth.

The Mayor explained that the Council would be considering a report on the Nailsworth Children's Centre later in the meeting.

2016/85 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 21 JUNE and 5 JULY and ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING ON 5 JULY

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2016 were approved and signed, with one correction:

2016/60 – The first sentence of minute 2016 was deleted from minute 2016/60, inserted at the end of minute 2016/59 and amended to read '**SDC's Environment Chair had congratulated Nailsworth CLT** for getting the CRTB agreed...'

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 July 2016 were approved and signed.

The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 5 July 2016 were approved and signed

2016/86 MATTERS OF URGENCY

S.16/1344 Linden House, Rockness Hill (minute 2016/77)

The Mayor displayed photographs of the application and the Clerk was asked to request that SDC planning officers look into comments made by local residents with regard to further development in the area. **ACTION: CLERK**

S.16/1023/FUL Proposed Aldi at Bath Road Trading Estate, Bath Road, Stroud

SDC had invited the Council to comment on the above planning application and the Clerk had circulated details to all councillors. The Mayor reminded members that NTC had objected to a previous supermarket application for this site.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Council's previous objections remained relevant and the Clerk was asked to forward the following objections to SDC:

We are concerned about the generation of increased traffic on the A46 to and from Nailsworth and the effect of the development on the immediate road network.

We believe that the development would lead to a net loss of employment on the site as there is existing employment on the site. This could impact on Nailsworth.

We are concerned about the potential loss of trade and therefore employment in Nailsworth. A survey of local retailers and caterers carried out in the town in 2014 indicated that a 5% drop in local trade would lead to a loss of some 42 jobs, whilst a 10% drop would lead to a loss of 125 jobs. It is estimated that 40% of the jobs lost would be full-time posts.

ACTION: CLERK

Ringfield/Tanners Piece Housing (minute 2016/55)

Cllr S Robinson reported that he was continuing to liaise with tenants and residents over the proposed redevelopment and that a public consultation would be held in due course, which he would co-ordinate. **ACTION: CLLR S ROBINSON**

Traffic Calming and Survey (minute 2015/56)

Cllr S Robinson reported that cameras had been placed to monitor traffic movements in Forest Green, the mini roundabout at the foot of Spring Hill and the A46 at Inchbrook Hill. The results were awaited.

Presentation by Inspector Andy Poole on Antisocial Behaviour (minute 2016/57)

Cllr S Robinson reported that he had been liaising with Inspector Poole regarding the continuing ASB in Nailsworth. He agreed to bring the issue of local under-age street drinking to the Inspector's attention and to check the protocol for challenging a recent judgement resulting in the lifting of a curfew on a local youth. **ACTION: CLLR S ROBINSON**

Cllr S Robinson reported that, following discussion with SDC officers, he could confirm that the previously vandalised Lawnside MUGA would be re-opened once CCTV had been installed and anti-climb paint applied. Cllr Millett thanked Cllr S Robinson for his efforts in liaising with the police and SDC on ASB issues.

Nailsworth CLT Community Right to Buy Order (minute 2016/60)

Cllr Millett reported that she had noted some confusion on social media regarding the purpose of the referendum and the CLT's proposals. The Mayor outlined the extensive public information campaign being carried out by the CLT, which would include a leaflet financed by CLT Board members which would be distributed by volunteers to every home in the parish in August. Cllr Millett undertook to post details on social media to indicate where residents could find relevant information. **ACTION: CLLR MILLETT**

2016/87 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Cllr Norman Kay reported that an amendment to SDC's sheltered housing modernisation programme could enable up to 6 more flats to be built on the garage site at Ringfield Close, and that an energy efficient 'passivhaus' design was being considered for the new build. In response to questions, District Cllrs Kay and S Robinson confirmed that they had pushed for more sheltered accommodation and for more one-bedroomed units to be provided in the Ringfield/Tanners Piece redevelopment scheme.

Cllr M Robinson expressed the hope that Nailsworth's ward cllrs would urge SDC to look at the whole Ringfield/Tanners Piece redevelopment proposal again. However, Cllrs Kay and S Robinson stated that they were convinced that the existing buildings had reached the end of their useful and cost-effective life.

The Clerk was asked to invite David Milner, SDC Project Officer for the development, to the Council meetings to be held on 2 August or 6 September. **ACTION: CLERK**

Cllr S Robinson stated that he was planning to bring a report on the new Community Infrastructure Levy to the Council meeting on 20 September. **ACTION: CLLR S ROBINSON**

2016/88 REPORT FROM TOWN MAYOR

A report from the Mayor had been circulated with the agenda and was noted.

The Mayor reported that he and Cllr S Robinson had enjoyed the challenge of their 'cameo' roles as guest instrumentalists with the orchestra at a recent charity concert at Christ Church. He had also attended the Scouts AGM and Cllr M Robinson had represented him at the annual Ruskin Mill prize-giving ceremony.

The Mayor reported on his attendance, together with Cllr Reed, at the recent GAPTC AGM and gave a summary of the various motions discussed. He undertook to circulate details of the resolutions to all councillors. He was gratified to have been one of the joint winners of a quiz on the powers of town and parish councils which had been held at the meeting.

The Mayor reported that he had met informally with Mr Ian Crawley for initial discussions on the potential for creating an Arts Centre at the Town Hall and suggested that an early meeting of the Civic Centre Working Party could be held to consider ways in which such an initiative might be incorporated in its deliberations.

2016/89 REPORT FROM DEPUTY MAYOR

A report from Cllr Reed had circulated with the agenda and was noted.

Cllr Reed reported that the GCC Asset Management team was asking town and parish councils to map local walking routes and Grade 6 highways as part of a major project destined for completion in 2026. GCC would be providing a map and local residents and walking groups could be asked to check this. Cllr Reed undertook to co-ordinate this project. The matter would be discussed by the Environment Committee in due course.

ACTION: CLLR REED

Cllr Reed reported that a quote had been received from Mr Peter Downing for his services in drawing up a Heads of Terms Agreement with Nailsworth Library for a possible NTC/ Library shared space lease arrangement. This would form part of the proposed Civic Centre project. It was agreed that the quotation would be considered at the Council meeting on 2 August.

2016/90 REPORT FROM TOWN CLERK

A report from the Clerk had been circulated with the agenda and was noted.

In discussion, it was agreed that it would be advisable to have Hazelwood Bungalow valued for insurance purposes. The Mayor undertook to pursue this. **ACTION: CLLR DUCKWORTH**

The Clerk reported that the Council's advertisement and recruitment pack for the post of Deputy Clerk was now on the NTC website. The advertisement would shortly appear in the local press.

2016/91 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr S Robinson reported that the recent AGM of Nailsworth Youth Club had been well supported. The Clerk was asked to invite the youth worker, Tracy Young, to a future Council meeting (after September) to report on the Youth Club's activities. **ACTION: CLERK**

Cllr Kay reported that the Save Nailsworth Valley Group was interested in exploring whether the Cotswold AONB could be extended to include the Newmarket Valley. He undertook to pursue this with relevant bodies and report back. **ACTION: CLLR KAY**

2016/92 RECOMMENDATIONS OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Reed presented the recommendations of the Environment Committee meeting held on 5 July 2016.

RESOLVED that Council adopt the draft Commemorative Policy and refer to it for any town improvements and management plans and that an initial list of items which people can purchase be drawn up as part of the Council's asset review.

The Clerk and Cllr Reed undertook to liaise to put the finishing touches to the Policy document before making it available to the public. **ACTION: CLERK AND CLLR REED**

In response to a question regarding the estimated costs of benches, the Clerk explained that the figures in the document were indicative only and that the bench costings included installation and maintenance.

2016/93 ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED that the list of accounts for 19 July 2016 amounting to £12,936.78 is approved for payment.

It was agreed that payment of the contractor's invoice for the installation of Christmas lights in a tree in the Mortimer Gardens be deferred pending discussions with the contractor regarding the standard of recent work. **ACTION: CLERK**

2016/94 UPDATE ON NAILSWORTH'S CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Cllr Kay presented his report, previously circulated, regarding the future of the drop-in Children's Centre provision at the Arkell Community Centre (ACC). He explained that the Nailsworth Primary School had confirmed that it had been approached to host a drop in and outreach service staffed by Family Support Worker, possibly to be funded by County Cllr Binns' total annual divisional allocation of £5,000 for children and young people.

Members were somewhat confused by this development as they understood Cllr Binns to have previously stated publically her intention that her allocation would be used to fund the retention of the professionally staffed Children's Centre provision at the ACC in 2017/18 as it currently operated.

Cllr Millett stated that she understood that there was strong support amongst users for the retention of the Children's Centre at the ACC. Members felt that further consultation with users should be carried out and were keen to have clarification from Cllr Binns on various issues such the rationale for GCC's approach to the school and the precise nature of the service being envisaged.

After discussion, the Clerk was asked to invite Cllr Binns to attend the next scheduled meeting of the Council on 2 August in order to clarify the situation regarding the Children's Centre's future location and staffing, and to respond to members' questions. If Cllr Binns was unable to attend this meeting, the Clerk was requested to arrange a special meeting for members with Cllr Binns at a mutually convenient date. **ACTION: CLERK**

Cllr Millet undertook to investigate possible sources of long term grant aid to children's services from charities such as Children in Need. **ACTION: CLLR MILLETT**

2016/95 PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE NEW SIT-ON MOWER

Cllr S Robinson presented his report, previously circulated, recommending the purchase of a new sit-on mower to replace the existing 18 year old petrol-driven push model. He explained that a sit-on mower would enable the Town Groundsman to mow the KGV play area more quickly and efficiently, leaving him more time for other duties.

Cllr Robinson had liaised with the Groundsman to source and price up three different sit-on models and had summarised their specifications in his report.

After discussion, it was unanimously **resolved** to purchase an ATCO GT 40H Twin mower from Nailsworth Garden Machinery at a cost of £2,440.00, to be funded from an underspend on the 1015/16 budget. **ACTION: CLERK**

2016/96 SUGGESTIONS FOR FRONT PAGE NEWS STORIES FOR NTC WEBSITE

The Mayor noted that the NTC website currently received around 729 hits per month. He invited councillors to send the Clerk ideas for relevant news items to feature on the

website, consisting ideally of a photograph and 2/3 paragraphs. He was also keen to receive items from members suitable for publication in local media.

**2016/97 CONSIDERATION OF HOW THE RESULT OF THE EU REFERENDUM
COULD AFFECT NAILSWORTH**

Members felt that it would be important for NTC to keep a watching brief on the impact of the UK's recent referendum vote to leave the EU. It was agreed that, in the light of the result, every opportunity should be taken to celebrate the diversity of the Nailsworth community. Members were pleased to note that Churches Together in Nailsworth were apparently considering what could be done locally to challenge racism and hate crime and that St George's Parish Church had designated 21 July as a day of prayer for unity.

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