

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
 Minutes of a meeting held on 16th January 2018

Present	Cllr Sally Millett (Chair) Cllr Sue Reed Cllr Mike Kelly Cllr Robert Maitland * Cllr Jonathan Duckworth
Minutes	Justine Hopkins (Deputy Clerk)
Visitor	Richard Lupo

Apologies & Verbal Introductions	Action
<p>Everyone introduced themselves and Cllr Sally Millett welcomed our visitor Richard Lupo. There were apologies from Cllr Angela Norman.</p>	
<p>Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations There were no declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensations</p>	
<p>To receive a presentation from Richard Lupo about a 'Happiness Index' for Nailsworth Richard introduced his idea of a wellbeing measurement which links to environmental protection and boosts businesses. The proposal is to develop a wellbeing figure by surveying local people on how happy they are with certain aspects of their life. This single wellbeing figure is then publicised and action taken using a simple assessment tool and gap analysis. The individuals 'gaps' are then passed on to businesses who can improve well being and reduce the environmental impact. Then the statistics are updated and the process starts again until we achieve 100%, people are more secure and have higher well being, businesses grow, you have a more productive work force, a marketing advantage and a carbon reduction. NTC can help in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NTC Endorsement (supported project) • Regular data to feed in ie. crime data • Publicity • Nailsworth News • Ideas for funding • Surveys <p>The scheme would align with council & LEP aims, be exportable and we should end up with a thriving district. Cllr Robert Maitland asked what we can do when our influences are limited? Richard said we can point to resources, promote volunteering, reduce transport, look at electric vehicles to reduce carbon emissions, and encourage social interaction. Cllr Sally Millett formally thanked Richard for his time and also invited him to attend the Town Meeting on 28th April.</p>	
<p>To consider an updated Environment Policy There was a discussion and it was felt that due to our limited resources we could not commit to all the objectives. We will look at a shortened statement. Cllr Sue Reed, Cllr Jonathan Duckworth and the Deputy Clerk will revisit and bring to the next meeting.</p>	SReed/JD/ Deputy Clerk

<p>To consider adopting the Woodland Trust's Tree Charter The committee decided to adopt the ten principles of the Tree Charter and to celebrate this by planting three small native trees in KGV Field play area. Cllr Sally Millett explained that the Forest Green Residents Association may also plant some trees at Myles Marling. It was decided to do a piece for the website encouraging individuals to sign the tree charter and revisit after six months.</p>	Clerk
<p>To receive a report of Trenching work in Shortwood All Saints closed churchyard The report was received and noted that the clerk is dealing with the issue.</p>	
<p>To note a new specification for Shortwood All Saints closed churchyard and extra maintenance This was agreed as an excellent plan.</p>	
<p>To receive an update on Leyhill Prison workdays The report was received and other locations discussed. Cllr Mike Kelly will e-mail the clerk regarding Upper Bath Road.</p> <p>It would be useful to know what work can be done other than scrub clearance. Deputy Clerk to ask the groundsman to find out.</p>	Deputy Clerk
<p>To consider an e-mail from Tony Richardson regarding what environmental factors are built into the Newmarket Valley Development NTC have already raised this with the developer. The Deputy Clerk has since looked into the objections. In August 2015 we drew attention to the Nailsworth Design Statement where we recommended the Newmarket Valley should be preserved in a natural state. Our next objection on 24/5/17 considered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation • Design & Layout • Construction Method Statement • Drainage, environmental mitigation, lighting • Management Company • Affordable housing management • Impact on the local area, S106/CIL 	
<p>To consider a new PC for the TIC It was agreed to recommend to replace the TIC PC at a cost of upto £600.</p>	Recommend to full council
<p>Verbal update from Gloucestershire Rural Tourism Workshop by Cllr Sally Millett This was an excellent meeting on funding available to develop tourism and cycle paths. The Clerk will be looking at this further.</p>	Clerk
<p>Deputy Clerk to run through Action List</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Lights-Agreed to ask Cllr Ron Kerby to look at the lights/process for putting them up and taking them down in time to put this into practice for Christmas 2018. • Mural at Bus Station-Agreed to ask the Groundsman to take down the plaster as it has water damage behind it and to get a quote for a plasterer. When the wall has been re plastered and is dry there may be a possibility of a new mural being created. <p>..... Chair</p> <p>..... Date</p>	