

**NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Recreation & Amenities Committee**  
**Minutes of a special meeting held on 30 November 2010**

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| Present        | Cllr S Robinson (acting chairman)<br>Cllr I D Crawley<br>Cllr J R Nicholson<br>Cllr Mrs G E Smith<br>Cllr Mrs S E Thorpe |
| Apologies:     | Cllr Mrs D L M Binns<br>Cllr N I Kay   |
| Non attendance | Cllr J A Byrne   |
| In attendance  | Sally Reay      PE teacher at Nailsworth Primary School  |

The chairman explained that the meeting had been called to clarify issues relating to the proposed MUGA and SDC withdrawal of support for the Recreation Centre. Cllr Crawley had been closely involved with these issues in past months and had produced a background paper to enable the council to clarify and formulate its policy and approach. Lengthy and detailed discussion ensued on the recommendations set out in the report. **In respect of the MUGA the council's main objective must be to protect the facility in perpetuity – the land, the court and access.** Site B emerged as the committee's preferred option but if agreement with landowners could not be achieved then site C should be pursued as long as its long term future could be satisfactorily protected. A clear view of the position and commitment of the LEA and the Gloucester Diocese must be obtained. It was noted that arrangements for booking and management required more detailed discussion. Whilst there was no objection to the section 106 money being used as matching funding to secure grants for the up dating of the School (Recreation Centre) changing facilities these approaches must not delay the start of building the MUGA.

**These points and others resulted in the following recommendations to be put to full council for adoption:**

**Recommendations**

That the Town Council seeks agreement with all the other parties, directly and indirectly through third parties as appropriate, to proceed with the following proposal:

- a) Construction of a lockable, floodlit single court (37m x 22.5m) porous macadam multi-use games area sited within the school grounds to provide for football, netball, basketball, cricket, organised training and informal supervised activities.
- b) Adjacent vehicle parking is provided within the school grounds with open access from Nymphsfield Road when the MUGA and/or the Recreation Centre is/are in use.
- c) Sited at location B adjacent to Nymphsfield Road providing direct access from the road, with the school's boundary fence set back to the new line and the land between the court and the road being laid out as a pull-in with angled parking. If this cannot be agreed by all parties, then location C, with off-street parking and access to Nymphsfield Road enshrined in a legal agreement

with the school and the landowners.

- d) Constructed through an agent, overseen by the Primary School or the Town Council.
- e) Funded from the Section 106 funds held by Stroud District Council for this purpose
- f) Maintained by the Primary School and managed by it during extended school hours (i.e. to 6pm weekdays)
- g) Owned, with its site, by the Town Council, and managed by it, or a third party, outside extended school hours (i.e. after 6pm weekdays and all day weekends).
- h) Available through booking by individuals, families, clubs and businesses, with the Youth Centre and other organisations providing open sessions for young people.
- i) That the Section 106 funds be used as matching funding to seek grant funding for improving the Nailsworth Recreation Centre by upgrading the changing rooms and the football pitch, prior to a contractual commitment being entered into for the MUGA, for a period which does not delay the implementation of the MUGA.
- j) That the site in FGRFC's ownership no longer required for the MUGA be added to the school lands as an extension of the garden area.

It was agreed that the full report as amended should be attached to the minutes.

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Date

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Chairman

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