

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of the Meeting of Nailsworth Town Council
held at the Town Hall, Nailsworth
on Tuesday 19 October 2010

Present	* Cllr S Robinson (Town Mayor) Cllr Mrs DLM Binns Cllr P Carter Cllr I D Crawley Cllr N I Kay * Cllr J R Nicholson * Cllr M P Robinson Cllr Mrs G E Smith Cllr Mrs S E Thorpe Cllr Mrs J M Way
Present for part of the meeting	County Cllr J S Waddington District Cllr Blackwell
Apologies	Cllr J A Byrne District Cllr J T Jeffreys
	* denotes absence from part of the meeting

2010/116 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

2010/117 MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 September were approved and signed, having removed Cllr Byrne's name from the list of attendees.

2010/118 REPAIRS to AVENING ROAD LANDSLIP (minute 2010/86)

Cllrs Crawley and Mrs Binns had met with a GCC officer to consider the forthcoming works. A public meeting would be held at Tetbury town hall on 28 October, which Cllr Crawley was unable to attend but any interested cllr was invited to consider attending. County Cllr Waddington added that he had a pack of slides if no cllr could go to the meeting.

2010/119 MINCHINHAMPTON & RODBOROUGH COMMONS ADV. COMMITTEE (minute 2010/90)

Cllr Mrs Way advised that she and the Mayor would meet later in the week with members of this committee to consider clearance work on the W.

2010/120 GCC FIVE-YEAR TRANSPORT PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE (minute 2010/92)

Cllr Mrs Way reported that the questionnaire had been completed as best as possible, but she felt the questions were too vague to make for any real contribution to the consultation.

2010/121 MOTION to GAPTC AGM (minute 2010/89)

Cllr Kay reported that the motion requesting a formal consultation agreement between SDC and T&PCs had been supported by 13 other parishes. The motion had been carried and Cllr Kay had offered to assist in drafting the policy.

2010/122 GREAT NAILSWORTH BAKE-OFF (minute 2010/110)

The Mayor advised that he had accepted to judge the competition, with help from the WI.

2010/123 TOWN CLOCK (minute 2010/115)

The Mayor advised that he was to be instructed in the workings of the clock, so that he could alter the time when the clocks go back next weekend as Mr Eddyshaw would be away.

2010/124 REPORT of COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Cllr Waddington confirmed that NTC should have received notification of the November **surfacing works on Old Bristol Road**.

As previously advised, the objection to the **Jubilee Road/Star Hill/Inchbrook 20mph restriction** had been resolved; the order was currently with the legal department and expected to clear within one to two weeks so that the sign covers could be removed and the scheme put into operation.

Cllr Waddington was disappointed with the lack of information provided to shopkeepers about the **Bridge Street flood prevention work**, which he had deferred until mid February to avoid interfering with pre Christmas trade, and he planned to visit the shopkeepers individually. The scheme would meanwhile be reviewed to reduce its impact on traders. The Clerk added that Mr Chris Riley GCC Highways, had reported to her yesterday on the project. The Mayor added that **gas works in George Street** were to be undertaken in January/February and Cllr Waddington reassured the meeting that the two jobs would be coordinated to minimise disruption.

Cllr Waddington drew attention to the **running waste challenge** in November designed to persuade the county to undertake more recycling. He urged Cllrs to take part and advised that they could sign up on the website. Recycling levels were improving but could do better.

GCC's main preoccupation was preparing for the forthcoming **budget cuts**, with a draft budget to be announced on 11 November which would be available on the website and covered by the local press.

The Mayor had received a letter complaining about long stay **parking on the cycle track bays**, with a permanently located horse box and apparent commuter occupation. Cllr Waddington would look into the matter.

District Cllr Blackwell thanked NTC for revisiting the possibility of installing a **mirror at the end of Park Road**. He asked if Cllrs knew of a house called **Greenaway in Shortwood**, where it had been reported that excessive building work was taking place. It was confirmed this was the last house on the left on the way to Waghill Cottages and Cllr Blackwell would investigate further.

Cllr Kay mentioned the **cars parking on the pavement** by Winterbothams in Cossack Square, which had been reported to the Neighbourhood Warden. The Clerk would mention it again when the new warden visited her next.

Cllr Mrs Thorpe requested clarification on SDC's **revised planning delegation scheme**. Cllr Nicholson advised that five or more letters of objection from residents, or objections from P&TCs would no longer mean an automatic removal from delegated powers. Cllr Crawley referred to his minutes of the Planning meeting held on 5 October, where he had made a note of the Scrutiny Panel decision as reported on the website.

Cllrs were sorry to note the death of SDC Cllr Stephen Glanville.

2010/125 TOWN MAYORs COMMUNICATIONS

23 September	Met with Sergeant Kirk Harrison and discussed how to make the public aware when Nailsworth Police Station was open, and the possibility of a telephone outside for when it was not.
30 September	Attended the GRCC/SDC Fundraising Forum in Stroud. Took part in a workshop on writing applications for project funding.
1 October	Met with County Cllr Waddington to discuss Nailsworth matters and would be

	meeting with Mr Chris Riley GCC Highways
4 October	With Cllr Mrs Thorpe, attended the Forest Green Residents Association AGM
5 October	Officiated at his first ribbon cutting ceremony with the opening of the new Phoenix Nursery at Nailsworth Primary School. The Mayor was very impressed with the Nursery basement premises and soft outdoor play area, as well as classroom refurbishments in the School.

Cllrs were invited to join a meeting on 9 November at 7pm, at which horticulturally inspired individuals and groups would be looking at ways of brightening the town in the spring.

2010/126 REPORT of DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr Mrs Thorpe had attended a Police Community Liaison meeting at the Youth Club; the police had been very active with regard to potential anti social behaviour, which had reduced across the whole district. Over 14s were being encouraged to use suitable youth facilities. A positive picture was presented of Nailsworth being a safe community in which to live. Cllr Mrs Thorpe had expressed concern about the possible closure of Nailsworth Police Station. Litter was a problem, especially in the bus station and a multi agency approach was planned. There were also serious concerns about speeding on the A46 in the Woodchester area, where speeds of up to 80mph had been recorded!

At the FGRA AGM, PCSO Steve Wadley had given a talk on the new reparation scheme for young offenders. A talk was given on the Care & Repair service which provided a wide range of help. The FGRA committee had been re-elected unopposed and continued to do a very good job. Cllr Kay had heard at an SDC meeting that the Care & Repair service was to be axed; Cllr Mrs Thorpe expected funding would be reduced but hoped it would not go altogether.

2010/127 REPORT of TOWN CLERK

The Town Hall Caretaker had submitted his resignation having moved to the other side of town, but would remain in post a while longer hoping that a replacement could be found quickly. The Clerk would advertise the post on the TH notice board and at the TIC. Given past difficulty in finding a caretaker, the Clerk suggested it might be necessary to consider changing the job description, so that a TH neighbour could be asked to check the TH doors at night, and other caretaker odd jobs could be out sourced as required. It was agreed that the chairman of Property Management and the Clerk would look at the job description, as the next meeting of the committee was not until end November.

2010/128 REPORTS from REPRESENTATIVES on OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports.

2010/129 REPORT of PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr M Robinson presented the report of the meeting held on 28 September and the minutes were approved.

Cllr M Robinson was investigating options for replacement of the TH windows, large pieces of glass sandwiched between metal framework being one. Cllr Kay was keen to join in future meetings and Cllr Mrs Smith's input as a former double glazing salesperson would be useful.

Cllr M Robinson had some information on a climbing harness for the town clock costing about £110.

Cllr Kay had contacted Mr T Godden, RBL chairman and asked him to start investigations to establish whether there were other Nailsworth born members of the armed forces who had been killed in action in conflicts since WW2.

2010/130 REPORT of FINANCE ECONOMIC & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Mayor presented the report of the meeting held on 5 October and the minutes were approved. The recommendation was supported by a report sent out with the minutes, but some were missing the second page which was copied and passed around. Cllr Crawley pointed out an error on the

cashflow chart: Cllrs were asked to remove the minus sign from the cashflow amount for December of £225k. The interest figure for the council's deposit account given under the first bullet point, item 2 of the report was corrected to 0.05%.

In response to a question from Cllr Mrs Smith, it was confirmed that the NTC loan was for cashflow purposes only, and if there was an overspend on the build, this would not end up being covered by NTC reserves. In the report, item 1 Background, paragraph 3 clarified the loan contingencies and Cllr Crawley added that NTC could borrow £150k over 50 years without calling on NTC funds.

RESOLVED Cllr Mrs Thorpe proposed, seconded by Cllr Nicholson that the Town Council agree to loan the Arkell Community Charitable Trust Fund £100k from its reserves, and up to £100k be borrowed from the Public Works Loans Board as working capital with no interest charges, to enable the development of the Arkell Centre to proceed.

The motion was carried.

The Clerk had spoken to the Auditor who had accepted that NTC's financial controls did cover the check on legality of payments. The matter was resolved and the file would be notated accordingly.

2010/131 REPORT of RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllr Kay presented the report of the meeting held on 12 October and the minutes were approved, with the addition of apologies from Cllr Mrs Smith.

A more permanent solution was needed to prevent scooters from accessing the KGV field via the gate by the vicarage, although the main gate allowed entry to all. Cllrs Kay, M Robinson and Mrs Smith would investigate.

A special meeting of the committee would be held on 30 November at 7pm to look specifically at the MUGA project/ future of Nailsworth Recreation Centre. Cllr Crawley had drafted a discussion paper which he would circulate.

Cllr Carter drew attention to the Farmers' Market this Saturday and the Clerk was asked to request Mr David Austin to remove the cherry picker which had appeared without warning.

2010/132 REPORT OF COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Cllr Crawley presented the report of the meeting held on 11 October, minutes for which were circulated tonight.

Nailsworth Society reports would be included if space allowed. Notification of the distribution of the Arkell bequest monies would be left to the Trustees. The 'future' of Shortwood Church (to close on 30 October) would be explored (rather than its demolition).

2010/133 REPORT of ARKELL COMMUNITY CENTRE WORKING PARTY

Cllr Mrs Thorpe advised that the role of the working party was coming to an end. NTC was now sole trustee of the Arkell CC charitable trust fund and Cllr Mrs Thorpe was investigating how to separate its activities from council work. An application had been made to the Charity Commission for registration online by the council's solicitor, which takes a couple of weeks if the case is straightforward, but Cllr Mrs Thorpe thought it likely there would be some questions. She was attending a Village Hall Network training session tomorrow about trusteeship. A separate bank account was being set up at Lloyds Bank.

The temporary hall was removed today, witnessed by a small audience and an enthusiastic representative from the Door Project which intended to use it to run training workshops for young people. The building work was on schedule to start on 8 November. News was awaited on whether funding would be forthcoming for a development worker.

2010/134 REPORT of PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Carter presented the reports of the meetings held on 19 August, 7 and 23 September (adding Cllr M Robinson to the attendees) and Cllr Crawley presented the report of the meeting held on 5 October, amended to remove the first item under 'Matters Raised'.

RESOLVED	that the comments made by the Planning Committee at its meetings held on 19 August, 7 and 23 September and 5 October 2010 be approved.
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2010/135 ACCOUNTS

PROPOSED	that the list of accounts for 19 October 2010 amounting to £14,601.42 be approved for payment.
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2010/136 Revision of Action Plan for Nailsworth and application for SDC Community Planning Grant

Following the training evening, Cllr Crawley had talked to individual Cllrs, and was asking council to agree that his report should be considered at a future FE&GP meeting as a basis for consultation for actions which residents thought NTC should be prioritising in 2011-16. He proposed that various methods of consultation be undertaken before the end of this council term, so that the new council could decide if it wanted to adopt a new Plan.

There was an opportunity for T&PCs to obtain £500-£900 of SDC funding to develop a new action plan or take forward projects within an existing one, which Cllr Crawley proposed to apply for; this was approved.

Cllr Kay felt that residents should be greatly involved in any revision of the Action Plan, as when it was originally put together under the chairmanship of Sue Reed. The Clerk reminded the meeting that a consultant had then been employed at considerable expense to canvas public opinion. Cllrs agreed that questions needed to be taken to the public, rather than relying on the same limited group of people who were willing to come forward and participate in open meetings. Cllr Nicholson added that when the Town Appraisal was undertaken, local representatives distributed and collected questionnaires in different parts of the town, which had resulted in a labour intensive but excellent 50-60% response rate.

2010/137 SDC – land at Newmarket Road; release of restrictive covenants

SDC's letter referred to a strip of land alongside the Miry Stream which had been retained at the bottom of the gardens of the new houses on Lower Newmarket Road, to allow for creation of a riverside walk at some time in the future. SDC now proposed to pass on the responsibility to NTC, or lift the covenant so that the boundary of each property incorporated its section of stream. Discussion ensued as to the limitations of the potential 'walk' which went nowhere, with the responsibility to maintain the bank and consequences of riparian ownership. Although Cllr Kay was reluctant to let this go, the general opinion was that it would be more trouble than it was worth and not in the interest of the town to take on this potential financial risk.

PROPOSED Cllr M Robinson proposed, seconded by Cllr Carter that NTC should decline SDC's offer to take on the strip of land along the Miry Brook below Lower Newmarket houses. The motion was carried.

2010/138 St John's Ambulance – open evening 11 November

Cllrs were invited to an open evening at Staverton on 11 November.

2010/139 Royal British Legion – Remembrance Parade & Service 14 November

CLLrs were invited to attend the annual parade, leaving the bus station at 10.35, and the Clerk was asked to respond that about five cllrs would attend, plus Cllr M Robinson who was in St George’s choir. It was up to the RBL to sort out policing, traffic control etc. although Cllr Kay recommended that the Mayor reinforce the request.

2010/140 SDC – advance notice of parish & town meeting on 7 December

SDC leader Mr David Hagg’s annual Christmas meeting was an opportunity to network, with a planning forum beforehand from 4.30pm; an agenda would follow nearer the time and a couple of representatives were invited.

2010/141 SDC – Old Bristol Road resurfacing

The work would take place between 22 November and 3 December.

2010/142 SDC – temporary road closures for Chriskindl Evening 26 November

The usual closures were noted to allow for the fairground rides, market stalls and Christmas parade.

2010/142 PCC – All Saints Shortwood final service

CLLrs were invited to attend the final service on 31 October at 3pm, followed by refreshments at Shortwood FC.

..... Chairman

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