

**NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL  
RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE**  
Minutes of a meeting held on 11 October 2011

Present		Cllr N I Kay (chairman) Cllr J L Duckworth Cllr Mrs A Elliott Cllr Mrs S M Reed Cllr S Robinson * Cllr Mrs S S Thorpe
Apologies		Cllr M M Rahman
	*	denotes absence from part of the meeting

### **Reduction in notice period for Motorcross Events**

The Clerk had received confirmation that the notice period would remain at 28 days.

### **KGV playing field & Extension Field**

Maverick would install the **new half pipe** before the end of October. Although a square rail had been installed before at the request of the young people, they were now asking that the replacement be round. The Mayor handed over £70 collected by the skateboarders towards the cost of the **anti-slip paint**, which Andy Wilkins was ready to apply as soon as Specialist Woodwork had finished the rivet repairs. The Clerk would let the Mayor know. A **second rubbish bin** towards the trees was requested if there was any spare money at the end of the refurbishment, as the rubbish situation was dire, despite Mr Mansell's efforts to keep the area clean. A **replacement safety sign** had been ordered and the **practice football posts** had been painted.

**The tennis courts** had been treated for moss last year with the recommendation that this be done annually. The quote of £300 for redoing the job was approved. The Clerk added that the courts were very well used and provided income of around £3k p.a.

### **Nailstock 2012**

Cllr Kay had received an email from Chris Gregory asking for permission to use KGV for Nailstock 2012 from Wednesday 25 to Monday 30 April, complying with all the management and safety controls which had been instigated for the aborted 2011 event. Thursday evening was to be a VIP invitation only event, Friday an open evening, Saturday a family day, Sunday 12noon-10.30pm for local bands.

It was noted that the number of days had increased and concern was expressed about the impact on local residents. Thorough consultation with local residents would be of major importance. There was concern also for the effect on pre-arranged fixtures for the football teams which used the pitch at weekends. It was agreed to defer discussion to the next meeting and in the meantime, Cllr Kay would ask Mr Gregory for a much greater amount of detail. The idea of a VIP evening was questioned as the ethos was 'a local event for local people'.

Cllr Duckworth had been asked by a resident if anything further was planned for the **extension field**. It was confirmed that the terms of the 180 year lease were for use as 'recreational space'. The site had been imposed on NTC as part of the new FGR-FC stadium build, had been incorrectly built with inadequate drainage, and the existing changing rooms were too far away for it to be used for league football.

### **Provision of a MUGA**

There had been no progress since the last meeting, and members were waiting for Gareth Vine GCC to explore the land swap idea with the Diocese.

### **Mortimer Gardens & Town Gardening**

The Mayor would be writing to the gardening organisations/individuals to thank them for managing the town's various flowerbeds.

### **Market Street Garden**

Work had started on the new garden and a site meeting would take place tomorrow at 2pm, to which all members were invited. The Clerk explained that it had been agreed that NTC would fund the top railings along the A46 at a cost of £1850, but somewhere in the cost cutting process, 110cm high railings to back the lower retaining wall around the seating area had been missed. These railings were essential for the safety of users of the garden. The design in the original plan would cost £2100 (manufacture and installation). Two further design options had been obtained costing £1700 and £2000 respectively. Members preferred the middle design of the first option and it was agreed to go ahead on this basis unless a problem was subsequently identified at the site meeting.

The Clerk had been contacted by Western Power Distribution which was seeking a site (4mx4m) for a new sub station to reinforce existing and future power requirements in the locality. WPD wondered whether a substation cabin could be discretely located on the Market Street site. The Clerk was asked to respond that this location was totally unsuitable.

The Clerk added that conduits for the electrical connections could be laid in advance, although wayleaves would be required from Department of Transport and GCC, both of which owned parts of the land, before the electrics could actually be connected.

### **Miles Marling Field**

Cllr Mrs Reed had visited the field recently and was pleased to see that it was busy and well used. FGRA consultations with residents about a proposed basket ball area, and a detailed proposal were in hand.

### **Children's Play Areas**

The **inspection** carried out by the insurers in the last few days had questioned the condition of the upright posts in the treasure trail equipment, which might need replacing. The detailed report was awaited but the Clerk regretted the stringent requirements of both the insurers and ROSPA inspectors, who seemed to reject any wear and tear of equipment and demanded replacement of any that was not perfect.

Cllr Mrs Thorpe raised again the matter of **preventing dog fouling in play areas**. The KGV play area was fenced off, with a sign on the gate. Warning signs and poop scoop bins were in place across the fields; also at Shortwood Green and the MM field, which were open spaces with rights of way and could not be fenced off. Cllr Kay offered to make enquiries via GAPTC of other councils to see how they tackled this problem and Cllr Mrs Elliott offered to ask about Victory Park at Cainscross. Cllr Duckworth advised that he had witnessed a scheme whereby deposits were spray painted, which tended to lead to a better pickup rate, at least for a while.

### **Youth provision**

The Mayor was very disappointed that Nailsworth Youth Club had only been awarded £2500 from a maximum £5k from the SDC youth grant fund. Members of the Club had made a successful presentation to the panel explaining the £5k asked for, and the Mayor's attempts subsequently to seek an explanation from SDC officers and ward Cllrs had led to no response other than from Cllr Carter and Cllr Mrs Dorcas Binns (vice chair of the management committee). It might be possible to claim the other half from the second round of awards in January. £895 out of a possible £1000 had been awarded for activities.

### **Nailsworth Games 2012**

Minutes of the first meeting of the working party had been circulated previously and Cllr Kay drew attention to the decision to use the school rather than KGV field for the main events. The dates

suggested for an 'old fashioned village sports day' were the **weekend of 13-15 July from 2-5pm**, based on past experience. Cllr Kay was keen to reinstate the original name of Nailsworth Olympics, as other communities had done, though 2012 might be a special case. There had been no response yet on the torchbearer's route on 23 May.

Cllr Mrs Reed mentioned that an organisation she knew had to apply to use the name and suggested permission might need to be sought. Cllr Duckworth consulted his Ipad and confirmed that all names associated with the Olympics were protected. Cllr Kay would write to the Olympic body.

### Budget items for next year

	revenue	designated	
Games	3,300		
Queens Diamond Jubilee	3,300		
play equipment		10,000	
tennis court maintenance		1,000	
youth worker redundancy fund		500	1 week's pay p.a. after 1 <sup>st</sup> yr
<i>Library extra hours</i>	<i>3,300</i>		<i>Environment Committee should be asked to include in its budget proposals</i>

Cllr Mrs Thorpe questioned whether the budget should include a build up of funds to improve or replace play equipment. The Clerk responded that this had always been the case in the past, but advance funding had more recently been cut to reduce the overall budget figures.

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