



NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Nailsworth Town Council
held at the Town Hall, Old Bristol Road, Nailsworth GL6 0JF
on Tuesday 15th November 2022

Present:

Cllr Mike Kelly (Chair)
Cllr Shelley Rider
Cllr Steve Robinson
Cllr Patsy Freeman
Cllr Paul Francis
Cllr Ros Mulhall
Cllr Natalie Bennett
Cllr Robert Maitland
Cllr Colleen Rothwell
Cllr Angela Norman
Cllr Jonathan Duckworth

Minutes:

Clerk

Apologies:

There were none.

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Verbal Introductions and safety briefing

Those present identified themselves. The fire evacuation routes were described for all those present.

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Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations

There were none.

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Consideration of Planning Applications received as follows:

CONSULTATION –

- a) S.22/2338/LBC 4 Merton Cottages, Shortwood Road, Nailsworth, Stroud.
Application: Listed Building Application Erection of two storey side/rear extension and renovation works. (Resubmission of S.22/0504/LBC)
Comment: NTC supports this application which will improve the appearance of the cottage.
- b) S.22/2337/HHOLD 4 Merton Cottages, Shortwood Road, Nailsworth, Stroud.
Application: Householder Application. Erection of two storey side/rear extension and renovation works. (Resubmission of S.22/0500/HHOLD)
Comment: NTC supports this application which will improve the appearance of the cottage.
- c) S.22/2354/HHOLD Stonewold, Watledge Road, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: Householder Application. Erection of extension and additional storey (redesigned following S.22/0139/HHOLD)
Comment: No observations.



PREVIOUSLY TRACKED APPLICATIONS

- d) S.22/2013/FUL. Morrisons, George Street, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: Full. Addition of external garden centre enclosure. Application permitted. NTC: No observations
- e) S.22/1829/FUL Location: Land Adjacent Ondine, Newmarket Road, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire. Application: Full Planning. Description: Construction of two new dwellings. Application: refused. NTC have concerns that the high-level roof terrace on Unit 2 could potentially be problematic in terms of noise. NTC would like to see sympathetic planting to the boundary area between Unit 2 and the brook.
- f) S.22/1631/HHOLD. Prencott, Harley Wood, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: Householder. Alterations and extension to existing dwelling. Application refused. NTC comment: NTC strongly object to this application. NTC feels the nature, scale and massing of this proposal is inappropriate and contrary to Policy HC8. The design is completely out of character for this hamlet, is disrespectful to the location and will be jarring and intrusive (and is thus contrary to Policy CP14, especially CP14 5, 6, 7, 9, 13). The balcony plans are intrusive, both from a visual perspective and from a noise perspective; noise will carry for a great distance from this location. If the Officer is minded to approve it, NTC would like the application called into the Development Control Committee.
- g) S.22/1408/FUL Land At 16, West Tynings, Forest Green, Nailsworth. Application: Full. New single dwelling with landscaping. (Resubmission of S.18/1962/FUL). Application permitted. NTC: NTC feels that this is a well-considered application which acknowledges the importance of maintaining and enhancing hedging on Dark Lane. It is essential that the Green and rural character of the lane is maintained; it is an important pedestrian and cycle route from Forest Green to the town centre. If this this application is granted, then NTC would like to request that a condition is added to prevent any future access from Dark Lane; access should be via West Tynings and not on to Dark Lane.
- h) S.22/2141/HHOLD Hillside, Pike Lane, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: Householder Construction of new loft conversion and renovation works. Application granted. NTC: No observations

APPEALS

- i) APP/C1625/W/22/3298295 16 The Old Crown, Market Street, Gloucestershire, Nailsworth, GL6 0BX Decision: granted. S.22/0301/VAR. Application: VAR Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) of S.20/2064/FUL – change structure to single ply roofing, rather than glazing panels. NTC Comment: No observations

It was noted that enforcement action will be taken on S.21/0731/FUL Land West of The Weighbridge Inn if no action is taken by the landowner this week.

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To confirm minutes of the Full Council meeting, and Environment Committee meeting held on 1st November 2022

Full Council 1st November:

All agreed

Environment Committee 1st November:

All agreed

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To consider Environment Committee (1st November meeting) recommendations:

It was **agreed** to set up a Tourism Development working party consisting of Councillors (to put forward NTC's perspective), members of the public, and traders. The terms of reference as follows;

- To initially establish a working group consisting of members who represent a cross section of the town.



- To coordinate the advisory group with the tourism specialist.
- To ensure the longevity of the tourism brief work by establishing ways to use the created content in future.
- To develop a more cohesive and strategic approach to support the visitor economy
- Membership to be agreed by council. Currently Cllrs Robert Maitland and Angela Norman.

All agreed.

It was **agreed** to carry out the winter tree work as identified by NTC's contractor at a cost of £5,148.

All agreed.

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Matters of Urgency: *important items that have arisen since the meeting summons (agenda) and cannot wait to be addressed with a written report at a future meeting, due to inflexible deadlines*

Information was exchanged about Warm Hub offers in Nailsworth. The NTC office will produce and print leaflets about what is on offer.

Cllr Jonathan Duckworth agreed to run the town centre Christmas window competition.

There was a discussion about reintroducing councillor surgeries and running them every month from Spring, possibly on the same day as the Saturday market.

Cllrs were reminded that to make inroads into several large NTC projects, working parties will need to move swiftly. The three working parties are;

Town Centre Regeneration working party; this includes Market Street improvements and has £15,000 grant funding to be spent by March 2023. Cllrs Robert Maitland and Steve Robinson joined this working party, with Cllr Mike Kelly as chair.

Civic Centre working party; this is chaired by Cllr Jonathan Duckworth.

Tourism Development working party; Cllrs Robert Maitland and Angela Norman are on this working party which is expected to be very active.

The Clerk undertook to send round details of all three working parties to cllrs and ask to confirm membership.

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Accounts

To agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed in the attached reports

Cllrs Steve Robinson and Angela Norman agreed to authorise the online payments on Thursday afternoon.

2022/136

To agree to adopt the Civility and Respect pledge for local councils

An interim report from De Montfort University has found evidence of bullying in over half of town and parish councils. This is towards other cllrs and officers. There has been no action from the Department of Levelling Up and the Local Government Association to strengthen action against badly behaved elected representatives.

Town and parish councils nationally are being asked to adopt the Civility and Respect Pledge to keep this important subject at the front of people's minds.



Council discussed how this was a good baseline to start with and were interested in what courses may be available from GAPTC and others to improve and promote this. The Personnel Committee will work on this.

It was **agreed** to adopt the Civility and Respect Pledge.

All agreed

2022/137

To consider comments on the Cotswold National Landscape Management Plan

It was agreed not to make comments on the plan.

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Financial summary:

- a) Income and Expenditure report**
- b) Budget comparison report**
- c) Main bank account reconciliation report**
- d) Premier bank account reconciliation report**

There was a query about the difference in 'General Administration' from 2021-22 and 2022-23. The Clerk undertook to circulate information on how this collection of budget headings is broken down and the reason for the difference.

2022/139

To receive a report on the Annual Budget process

There were no further comments and the Clerk confirmed that work is being done on the draft Annual Budget which will be sent round to all prior to next week's Budget meeting.

2022/140

To review NTC's Risk Assessment

This was noted

2022/141

Report from Town Mayor

The Mayor gave details of a joint Library/TIC Christmas event on Wednesday 7th December in the Library at noon. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be meeting with TIC volunteers to communicate about Warm Hubs and TIC matter.

2022/142

Report from County Councillor

Gigaclear is restarting work on fibre broadband in the area. A question has been raised with Gigaclear as to why they won't be working in the Tynings/Lawnside area. Gigaclear say the work is market led.

Consultation on constituency boundaries is live again. Nailsworth will stay in the Stroud constituency.

There has been a meeting with the heads of the NHS in Gloucestershire. Work is being done to examine the flow of patients from ambulances through the hospital and out into care or home.

Nailsworth Primary School head teacher Liz Geller is leaving and the position will be taken by Deputy Head.

2022/143

To receive an update on NTC office activities



There has been offensive graffiti on trees in Norton Wood and this was reported to the Police and Neighbourhood Warden. Further graffiti along a privately owned footpath and the back of properties at Norton Ridge will also be reported.

Beechwood Close play area; this play area is due to be transferred from Redrow Housing to NTC according to a Section 106 agreement from 2005. Negotiations have begun and further information will come to the Recreation & Amenities Committee.

GCC Property Services have confirmed that worked to the library ceiling won't be scheduled until after the new financial year (1st April). The Clerk will arrange to meet GCC's project manager in the New Year.

2022/144

To receive a report on Neighbourhood Policing

The Police were thanked for this very welcome report.

There was a discussion about the data provided;

Previously, not all crimes were being recorded.

83% of all Police enquiries are non-crime nationally e.g. mental health issues. 1/3 of police officers have served less than five years.

There is a large difference between data from the National Crime Survey and recorded crime.

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To note the national pay agreement for 2022-2023

This was noted.

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