



NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Full Council
held at 6.30pm in Nailsworth Town Hall
on Tuesday 19th October 2021

Present:

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

Minutes:

Clerk

Apologies:

Cllr Robert Maitland

Before the meeting a statement was read out;

The recent cruel and senseless attack on Sir David Amess took the life of one of the country's most long-serving, distinguished, respected and loved MPs. He had a profound sense of duty and had an outstanding record of passing laws to help the most vulnerable members of our society. We send our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, colleagues and all who knew him.

A minute's silence was observed.

2021/113

Verbal Introductions and safety briefing

The people in the room introduced themselves.

Those present were reminded of covid-19 safety rules for the building. In the event of a fire, the Clerk will assist Cllr Mike Kelly and his Guide Dog to safety.

2021/114

Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations

There were none.

2021/115

Consideration of Planning Applications received as follows:

CONSULTATION

- a) S.21/2321/LBC. Calder Cottage, Spring Hill, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: LBA. Refurbishment of the existing dwelling to make habitable & improve access.
Comment: See below
- b) S.21/2320/HHOLD. Calder Cottage, Spring Hill, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: HHOLD. Refurbishment of the existing dwelling to make habitable & improve access.
Comment: While NTC supports the improvement of this building, the Design and Heritage statement doesn't include the interior of the house which may include features of interest. The application includes the demolition of the Listed curtilage building; the historic chapel built in 1898, and this is not supported by NTC. The



groundworks needed to create new parking spaces will significantly change the appearance of this part of the Conservation Area.

- c) S.21/2391/LBC. Egypt Mill, Stroud Road, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: LBA. Internal alterations to ground, first and second floor of hotel, bar and restaurant & external alterations

Comment: See below.

- d) S.21/2390/FUL. Egypt Mill, Stroud Road, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: Full. Internal alterations to ground, first and second floor of hotel, bar and restaurant & external alterations

Comment: Support. While NTC is disappointed the applicant chose not to consult with them beforehand, this application sounds like it will improve the appearance of the building.

- e) S.21/2414/FUL Land At, The Maltings, Tetbury Lane, Nailsworth. Application: Full Planning. Resubmission of a previously lapsed application (reference S.17/1640/FUL). New apartment building to include three two-bed apartments

Comment: Support with the proviso that adequate parking for all new dwellings is provided on site. NTC has concerns about difficult access from Tetbury Lane onto Bath Road. NTC also wish to note their preference that construction of the new apartment block be conditional on repair/remediation work being done on The Maltings, to ensure it doesn't fall into unrecoverable disrepair.

TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA

- f) S.21/2340/TPO. 35 Whitecroft, Forest Green, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: TPO T1 Ash Tree - Ash dieback, Remove. T2 Cyprus – Remove

Comment: Noted

PREVIOUSLY TRACKED APPLICATIONS

S.21/2160/TCA. Axpill House, Cossack Square, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: TCA. T1 Ash: Remove. Application: granted. NTC: no observations

2021/116

To confirm minutes of the Full Council meeting and Recreation & Amenities Committee held on 5th October 2021

Full Council meeting held on 5th October 2021:
These were noted. All agreed.

Recreation & Amenities Committee held on 5th October 2021:
These were noted. All agreed.

2021/117

To consider Recreation & Amenities Committee recommendations:

It was **recommended** to continue to offer 'Free Tennis Fridays' from 2022 Easter school holidays and through the Summer school holidays.

All agreed.

2021/118

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*

There were none.

2021/119

Accounts

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



These were agreed.

In response to a question, the Clerk undertook to send round the schedule of PWLB loan repayments for the TIC to all.

2021/120

To welcome the Mayor of Perry, USA to Nailsworth as part of the ongoing Friendship Agreement with our two towns.

Greetings were extended to Rick Hauser, Mayor of Perry, USA, who is visiting. The Deputy Mayor described how the Friendship Agreement came about and was signed by Perry and Nailsworth in November 2019. Friendship continued through lockdown with an exchange of videos and good wishes.

Mayor Rick Hauser described the similarities between our two towns and parallels between our communities, scale and mill history. He expressed a wish to connect through arts organisations and through Rotary Club.

2021/121

To consider membership of the Personnel Committee

It was recommended to appoint five cllrs to the Personnel Committee with Cllr Mike Kelly as mayor being an automatic member of the committee. It was confirmed that the committee meets on an ad hoc basis, according to the needs of the council.

The following cllrs were nominated to the Personnel Committee;

Cllr Jonathan Duckworth

Cllr Colleen Rothwell

Cllr Angela Norman

Cllr Shelley Rider

Cllr Ros Mulhall

Cllr Patsy Freeman

Action: The Clerk was tasked with setting up a meeting of the Personnel committee.

2021/122

To receive a report on the Market Street Summer project and the next steps

The team have been overwhelmed at the success of the events and thanks were extended to Cllrs Mike Kelly, Steve Robinson and the Deputy Clerk. Anecdotally, the events, targeted towards families, seemed to attract a younger demographic.

A follow up meeting with the Market Street traders is planned soon. It is hoped that next year Market Street traders will work with the Chamber of Trade rather than purchasing additional equipment and requiring extra storage space in town. NTC's successful Build Back Better Fund grant will pay for road closures and hire of market stalls for six months.

The next steps for the Market Street accessibility project are to run a consultation exercise on further improvements, potentially in Spring alongside the Town Meeting.

2021/123

To consider a response to SDC's consultation on their Sustainable Economic Development Strategy

After a discussion, it was **agreed** that Cllrs Jonathan Duckworth, Shelley Rider and Robert Maitland look at the strategy and come up with a response for the deadline of 15th November.

2021/124

To consider purchasing a portable projector for NTC meetings due to covid-19

It was confirmed the recommendation is for a new fixed screen for the Mortimer Room and a portable screen for use in other buildings.



It was **agreed** a budget of £2,000 for the purchase of a portable projector and two screens and for the choice of equipment to be delegated to a cllr and the clerk.

All agreed.

2021/125

To ratify work to repair drains at Hazelwood Bungalow following a drain survey

It was confirmed this work has been carried out with full consultation and consent of the tenant.

It was **agreed** to ratify the cost of £625.50 plus VAT to repair the drains and fit a rat gate.

All agreed.

NB. The work is now completed and a post installation CCTV survey has been carried out.

2021/126

To consider putting the responsibility for the Town Archives under the Environment committee and receive a report from the Town Archive volunteers

This is an area of council assets which has never had a 'home' and so decision making has been difficult. A recent meeting with cllrs, staff and one of the Archive volunteers highlighted points which need addressing.

It was discussed why the Environment Committee is suggested as a best fit for the Town Archive. It was noted that the Recreation & Amenities Committee is largely responsible for property whereas the Environment Committee is responsible for services and projects. There are commonalities with Tourism Promotion and TIC.

It was **agreed** to put the responsibility for discussing the Town Archives under the Environment Committee.

All agreed.

2021/127

To consider a grant request from Playcircle for £732

The grant application was discussed and the following comments were made.

It was confirmed that Playcircle haven't used KGV woodland for their sessions since November 2020, and concern was expressed that a tarpaulin funded by another grant wasn't being used. There was further discussion about the value of the sessions offered, the families it caters for and their locality. It was noted that extra staff time had had to be spent cleaning the hall after a Playcircle session.

It was agreed for Cllrs Natalie Bennett, Angela Norman and Patsy Freeman to arrange to visit a Playcircle session to get more background and for the decision to be deferred to the next meeting.

Reports for information (no decisions required):

2021/128

Financial summary and bank reconciliations

It was noted that there has been a large increase in electricity costs for the Mortimer Garden. The Clerk noted that we're keeping a close eye on the changes in utility supply costs and more information will be coming to the council in the future.

2021/129

To review NTC's Covid-19 Risk Assessment



This was noted.

2021/130

Reports from councillors

a) Report from Town Mayor

Noted. In response to a question, the Library of Things concept was outlined.

b) Report from Deputy Mayor

Noted

c) Reports from County and District Councillors

The recent work by Gigaclear in Shortwood was discussed. The work will need to be redone and efforts are being made to coordinate this, to cause less disruption to residents than previously.

The Director of Infrastructure at GCC has been contacted as this is part of the Fastershire contract for the South West.

d) To receive an update on NTC activities and support during Covid-19

Noted

2021/131

To receive a report from The Junction Youth Club on their activities over the past year

This item was brought forward for questions and comments to be made to Tracy Young, Youth Worker. Thanks were given to Tracy Young, Youth Worker, for a detailed report. The youth club has been very busy and membership has had to be capped for the moment with new members being admitted again in the New Year.

The Summer activities coordination facilitated by NTC was a great success. It highlighted how challenging some sessions can be and how sessions with local organisations and familiar faces work well. The Arkell Pantry and Freezer of Love projects are coming to an end but continuing with coffee morning and the Arkell Pantry in November. The project is moving away from giving food out, and delving more into the reasons for people needing help, and signposting to further help, and empowering people.

Thanks were extended to NTC for all supporting the youth club.

2021/132

To note the results of GRCC's Housing Needs Survey

Noted.

There were no comments on the Survey to pass on the Community Land Trust (CLT). The CLT can use the Survey as background information for future housing schemes, but was disappointed not be able to proceed with a second garage site in Lawnside.

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