

2011/05 APPOINTMENT of REPRESENTATIVES on OUTSIDE BODIES

Representatives on outside bodies were appointed as per the attached sheet.

2011/06 SCHEDULE of MEETINGS for FORTHCOMING YEAR

The Mayor suggested that all meetings henceforth start at 7pm and aim to finish by 9pm. It was also agreed that Environment Committee meetings would be altered from 1st Monday to 2nd Tuesday of alternate months. An amended schedule is attached.

2011/07 MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2011 were approved and signed.

2011/08 CHURCH STREET PARKING (minute 2011/267)

The Mayor confirmed that the letters to GCC and SDC had duly been amended and despatched.

2011/09 SIGN at INCHBROOK BENDS (minute 2011/269)

The Mayor asked County Cllr Waddington to investigate why the 'Slow Down' sign at Inchbrook was still not working despite its failure having been reported to Chris Riley GCC. It was noted the sign had not been working now for several months.

2011/10 MUGA at Forest Green (minute 2011/278)

The Clerk reminded the meeting that NTC's position was to obtain freehold ownership of any MUGA site agreed, and reported that there had been no response from Nailsworth Primary School to the Council's letter stating its position which had been sent on 23 March.

2011/11 VILLAGE AGENT (minute 2011/282)

Cllr Mrs Thorpe confirmed that she was due to meet Aileen Bendall, Nailsworth's newly appointed village agent, next week and explained that the village agent provided support for the over 50's and disadvantaged, advising on available services. Ms Bendall would be invited to make a report to NTC, once she had settled in.

2011/12 VACANCIES on STROUD STANDARDS BOARD (minute 2011/283)

Former Cllr Crawley's candidature being no longer valid and in the absence of any other proposals, the meeting approved Cllr Kay's suggestion that NTC support the nominations for Barry Pierce and Caroline White.

2011/13 YOUTH PROVISION (minute 2011/284)

There was no news on the SDC £50k youth grant but the Mayor had heard from another source that a meeting would be held to consider this on 13 June in Cheltenham, to which meeting he hoped NTC would be invited.

2011/14 POWER CUTS (minute 2011/285)

Former Cllr Crawley had asked for this to be put on the agenda, but since his departure from the council, the item had been put into abeyance. The Mayor would ask Mr Crawley what he had in mind.

2011/15 REPORT of COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Cllr Waddington reported that the six week statutory consultation on **changes to subsidised bus services** was launched last week. Discussions with the operators and community transport would also take place, with revised services to be phased in from September/October.

GCC had received notice of a request for a **judicial review of the decision to make library cuts**, on very similar grounds to those for Somerset, and Cllr Waddington anticipated that the two cases would be dealt with together.

Cllr Waddington confirmed that **Nailsworth Hill** would be resurfaced at the bottom end with patching further up, following completion of the George Street gas works. **Nymphsfield Road** resurfacing had been put back to late August probably, with temporary patching meantime. He hoped that resurfacing for the other half of **Old Market** would be done at the same time, with **Bath Road** to be done in September.

The new **GCC Cabinet** would be announced tomorrow, with numbers reduced to 8 members, and Cllr Waddington himself would be retiring.

Cllr Carter queried the delay in **landslip repairs on Avening Road** "due to technical difficulties", of which Cllr Waddington was not aware. He would investigate.

Cllr Mrs Thorpe sought clarification on the **revision of bus services**, to which Cllr Waddington responded that main commercial services (90% of the provision) were not affected. Details of the proposed changes (which the Clerk would circulate to Cllrs) could be discussed at an information evening in Stroud on 26 May, and a road show at Morrisons in Nailsworth on 27 May between 10am and noon. Cllr Mrs Thorpe was keen that NTC make official representation before the end of the consultation period.

In response to Cllr Mrs Thorpe's query about the **reduction in cabinet members**, Cllr Waddington outlined how services would be amalgamated and split between new cabinet members in a different way.

District Cllr Mrs Farrell was congratulated on her election and welcomed to her first NTC meeting.

2011/16 TOWN MAYORs COMMUNICATIONS

23 April	ran a surgery at the Farmers' Market and was pleased to enjoy a general chat with residents and receive no complaints.
4 May	recorded an interview at Radio Gloucestershire on his life in Nailsworth and youth work, as part of a series on people in Gloucestershire.
12 May	met with Wales & West Utilities which is putting in the new gas main in George Street. The job was postponed to avoid the pre Christmas retail period, but has to be done despite the inconvenience.

2011/17 REPORT of DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr Mrs Thorpe had nothing to report.

2011/18 REPORT of TOWN CLERK

The Clerk reported receipt of further publications, which were available to Cllrs on request: CPRE Fieldwork; Glos Playing Fields Association newsletter; CPRE Countryside Voice.

The Clerk's suggestion to purchase a few copies of a **new Cllrs' Handbook** was approved. A variety of **training courses** were available which might be of interest to new Cllrs in particular, and the Mayor suggested running an **in-house training session** as was done last time there were a large number of new cllrs; the Clerk would ask former Cllr John Nicholson if he would be prepared to deliver this.

2011/19 REPORT of PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Carter presented the reports of the meetings held on 21 April and 3 May.

RESOLVED	that the comments made by the Planning Committee at its meetings held on 21 April and 3 May 2011 be approved.
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2011/20 REPORT from PUBLIC BUILDINGS & ASSETS WORKING PARTY

A written report of the meeting held on 10 May had been circulated.

It had been established that the **Police** function was to move into a back office in the Library and the Constabulary intended to put the Nailsworth substation up for sale. Officers and PCSOs would be operating out of Stroud and the Mayor expressed concern that the police vehicle was to be removed so that officers had to commute by public transport, which would obviously have a detrimental effect on efficiency and speed of response in the town. It was agreed the Mayor and Clerk would compose a letter to the chief constable expressing concern over the continuing quality of service and maintained police presence.

Ruskin Mill College was currently consulting with the **Library** about seconding one worker and some of its more able students to assist in the Library for ?10 hours a week. It was not clear how holiday periods would be covered. A dozen or so other volunteers had also come forward to help in the Library.

Lengthy discussion ensued about the **role of the working party** –v- the Property Management Committee and who would actually undertake the tasks recommended by the working party. The Clerk reminded the meeting that the working party was originally set up to investigate the future of the Library/Mortimer Room/Police Station building specifically, although the remit seemed to have expanded to include a review of all council buildings, which was more the role of the Property Management Committee. A working party had the advantage of operating informally and was able to include non Cllrs who might have a valuable contribution to make, but it was not a decision making body and had to report to NTC or one of its committees.

It was agreed to ask the Property Management Committee at its meeting next week to rethink the division of labours and responsibilities, and re-establish the remit of the working party.

It was agreed that the Mayor would arrange a time for **Cllrs to visit the police station** in order to assess if its acquisition would be of interest to NTC.

2011/21 REVIEW of INSURANCE COVER

The Clerk advised that this was an annual agenda item. She had been in touch with Zurich Insurance following the Council's decision to take on the Arkell Centre insurance, which she confirmed could be added to NTC's existing policy. The Clerk had reviewed the current levels of cover and had adjusted a few items. She suggested that each committee review the cover for its managed areas in due course; eg the Clerk thought cover for play equipment was perhaps insufficient

2011/22 ACCOUNTS

item 50: it was noted that ROSPA was now called Playsafety Ltd.

PROPOSED that the list of accounts for 17 May 2011 amounting to £27,597.14 be approved for payment

2011/23 GCC – road closure George Street

The road would be closed between 31 May and 8 July for gas mains replacement work.

2011/24 GCC – Avening Road landslip road closure

The road would be closed between 6 June and 30 September in order to make permanent repairs to the subsided road.

2011/25 GAPTC – call for resolutions for AGM on 13 October 2011

Advance notice invited resolutions to be put forward by 29 July for the AGM.

2011/26 Steve Miles SDC – future of youth provision in Stroud District

The SDC youth officer had emailed an invitation to attend an open event on 13 June to consider the future of youth provision in the District; the Mayor indicated he would attend.

2011/27 GCC – review of local bus services

As mentioned before, the Clerk would circulate the proposed changes to rural subsidised bus services affecting Nailsworth.

2011/28 SDC – Community Safety Panel meeting on 8 June

Cllr Mrs Thorpe said she would attend the half yearly community safety panel meeting at Ebley Mill on 8 June from 10am, to include an update on the new police areas.

2011/29 Nailsworth Festival 2011

The Mayor extended an invitation to new Cllrs to attend the pre-Festival drinks reception at Ruskin Mill on Friday.

..... Chairman

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