

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of the MEETING of Nailsworth Town Council
held at the Town Hall, Nailsworth
on Tuesday 15 January 2013

Present	Cllr S Robinson (Town Mayor) Cllr P Carter Cllr N Dart Cllr JL Duckworth Cllr A Elliott Cllr NI Kay Cllr MM Rahman Cllr SM Reed Cllr MP Robinson
Apologies	Cllr MJ Kelly Cllr SE Thorpe District Cllr RTH Blackwell District Cllr E Sims

2012/180 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 December were approved and signed.

2012/181 – Death of Mrs Betty Mills: Minute 2012/160

The Mayor reported that a memorial service would to be held at Christ Church on Saturday 23 February 2013 at 2 pm.

2012/182 – Councillors’ Surgeries: Minute 2012/162

Cllr M Robinson suggested that information relating to Council activities could be displayed on the walls of the venues and invited councillors to submit their ideas to him about what could be included. He explained that the second surgery would take place at the Arkell Centre and that he would confirm the date in due course.

2012/183 – Cotswold AONB Management Plan 2013-2018: Minute 2012/165

Cllr Kay explained that it had not been practicable to email the draft plan to councillors as it was too large and was available online. He reported that, in consultation with the Mayor, he had written to the Cotswold AONB Conservation Board with comments on footpath diversions and other matters.

2012/184 – Traffic Calming on A46: Minute 2012/168

The Mayor reported that he had contacted GCC regarding issues raised by residents which could potentially be included in the A46 traffic calming scheme. He had also requested a meeting with a senior officer on this issue and was awaiting a response.

2012/185 – SDC Dog Fouling Policy: Minute 2012/175

The Mayor reported that he and Cllr Thorpe had toured the Mortimer Gardens, Shortwood Green and the KGV field with the SDC Dog Warden. Cllr Thorpe would report on the implications of the SDC policy for these areas at the next Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting.

2012/186 – Traders’ Advertising Boards in Nailsworth: Minute 2012/176

Cllr Duckworth reported that it was his understanding that some town and parish councils had introduced licensing arrangements for traders’ advertising boards in their parishes. He agreed to research this further. The Clerk reminded councillors that responsibility for A boards rested with GCC.

2012/187 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

There was nothing to report.

2012/188 REPORT FROM TOWN MAYOR

There was nothing to report.

2012/189 REPORT FROM DEPUTY MAYOR

There was nothing to report.

2012/190 REPORT FROM TOWN CLERK

There was nothing to report.

2012/191 REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllrs Kay and Thorpe, together with the Clerk, had attended a forum for parish and town councils on 14 January focusing on new government regulations regarding the localisation of council tax support. Cllr Kay gave a brief report on the meeting and there was some discussion of the possible implications of the new arrangements for the Council’s budgeting process. This would be discussed in more detail at the Special Council Budget meeting on 21 January. The Clerk advised that SDC’s Head of Finance would soon be circulating a resume of the meeting to all parishes. She agreed to forward this to all councillors.

2012/192 REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of 2 January were approved and signed. Cllr Kay reported that he understood that the application for residential development at the Vicarage in Avening Road carried a Section 106 agreement which could provide £11,500 for playground equipment in the vicinity.

Cllr Carter reported that the Committee had been happy to support the change of use for the redundant All Saints Church building at Shortwood. He explained that the current proposal was for a kindergarten.

2012/193 REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of 8 January were approved and signed. Cllr Reed reported that there had been a productive discussion of options for the **ongoing management of Norton Wood** with Will Wilkinson of Charlton Abbots Forestry, who had attended the meeting. She thanked colleagues for their input.

Cllr Reed explained that it had not been possible for the Committee to decide on a recommendation to Council regarding SDC’s proposed **redesign of Nailsworth Bus Station**, as unfortunately SDC had omitted to send two of the relevant plans. It was agreed that **a further meeting of the Environment Committee would take place on 23 January at 2.30 pm** and that Mr Brian McGough SDC would be invited to attend, bringing the missing plans. This would hopefully enable a clear recommendation to be made to the next full Council meeting. In response to a question, the Clerk confirmed that councillors who were not members of the

Environment Committee were welcome to attend the committee meeting and take part in the discussion, but would not be able to vote.

The Mayor reported that he had submitted an article to Nailsworth News in which he had mentioned the proposed **Housing Needs Survey**. Cllr Reed confirmed that the questionnaires would be posted to all residents, as recommended by Martin Hutchings GRCC, rather than being delivered by hand. Cllr Duckworth suggested that the questionnaires should also go to local businesses and it was agreed that those questionnaires should be hand-delivered by volunteers. Cllr Carter agreed to help with this. The Clerk advised that it was important that all questionnaires should be delivered at the same time as the plan was to allow a two week period for their completion and return. Cllr Kay agreed to apply to Gloucestershire Market Towns Forum for a contribution to the costs of printing the report of the survey.

Cllr M Robinson advised that that the Old Police Station Working Party would be meeting in the near future. It was agreed that the Working Party should remain as currently constituted, i.e. Cllrs M Robinson, Carter, Duckworth, Rahman and Reed, plus Mrs Carole de Lacroix. The Clerk reported that GCC had stipulated that NTC should pay its legal costs relating to the formalisation of a new access to the former police station building. In due course, NTC would also need to consider granting access across the car park to the Library Service and it would be appropriate to ask GCC to fund the legal costs of any such agreement. It was **agreed** that NTC would pay GCC's reasonable legal costs up to £500, to be funded from the TIC budget.

Cllr Carter reported that he had contacted GCC Rights of Way regarding the **footpath running through Mr P Robinson's property at Newmarket** which had been destroyed by earth moving works and was now impassable. Cllr Kay advised that he had reported the problem to Mr Mike Brinkworth of the Cotswold Wardens. Sue Nicholson confirmed that Mrs Sarah Macaulay-Lowe GCC had agreed to inspect the site and would report back to NTC.

2012/194 ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED	that the list of accounts for 15 January 2013 amounting to £8,052.04 be approved for payment.
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In response to a question relating to Item 288 – Cotswold District Council, the Clerk explained that CDC was the enforcement agency for SDC's car parks. NTC held two long-term car parking passes, which cost £14 each per annum, and that the Town Hall tenants paid for their own passes.

2012/195 Ian Selkirk – Internal Auditor

Mr Selkirk had written to offer his services as internal auditor to NTC for 2012/13 at a cost of £235, the same amount as for the previous year. The offer was accepted.

2012/196 GCC – notification of closure of Pensile Road 18-22 February 2013 to allow for sewer repair

The information was noted.

2012/197 Nick Bowles MP – response to NTC request to call in the Javelin Park planning application.

The Clerk had received a response to NTC's letter to Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, stating that he did not intend to take a decision on the calling in the application until GCC had met to discuss it. It was noted that GCC expected to take a decision in February.

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Chair