



**NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Full Council**  
held at 6.30pm in Nailsworth Town Hall  
**on Tuesday 21st September 2021**

**Present:**

Cllr Mike Kelly (Chair)  
Cllr Paul Francis  
Cllr Ros Mulhall  
Cllr Shelley Rider  
Cllr Colleen Rothwell  
Cllr Angela Norman  
Cllr Steve Robinson

**Also Present:**

Stroud District Cllr Norman Kay

**Minutes:**

Clerk

**Apologies:**

Cllr Patsy Freeman  
Cllr Robert Maitland  
Cllr Jonathan Duckworth  
Cllr Natalie Bennett

**2021/089**

**Election of Town Mayor**

In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor chaired the meeting. The current Mayor, Cllr Jonathan Duckworth, stood down from his position and submitted the following statement in his absence;

*I'm very sorry that I cannot be with you tonight, to carry out what would have been my last action as Town Mayor. It is hugely ironic that as we meet physically after 18 months of precautions, one of us cannot attend.*

*As I said at the AGM in May, when we met in KGV, I would happily hold the fort until Mike was comfortable. He is now ready, so I am formally standing down as Mayor.*

*I would like to thank all of council and all of our staff for their support during my time as Mayor, these have been challenging, but rewarding times and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time. I'd like to reiterate what I wrote in Nailsworth News: "I always think that in positions like these we hold, that we are merely guardians - it is for us to take what we are in charge of and improve it before handing over. I hope that I have done that."*

*Mike has been a fantastic support as Deputy Mayor and if I was at the meeting I would have no hesitation in nominating him as our next Mayor.*

There was an election and Cllr Mike Kelly was elected unopposed as Mayor. The incoming Mayor Cllr Mike Kelly thanked the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Jonathan Duckworth for his commitment and support.



It was noted that, as this is the first face to face meeting of Full Council since the Emergency Committee was formed, the Emergency Committee comes to an end until circumstances require.

### **2021/090**

#### **Election of Deputy Mayor**

The position of Deputy Mayor was made vacant by the election of the Mayor. An election took place and Cllr Jonathan Duckworth was elected unopposed as Deputy Mayor.

### **2021/090**

#### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Patsy Freeman, Jonathan Duckworth, Natalie Bennett and Robert Maitland.

### **2021/091**

#### **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, Cllr Steve Robinson and the Clerk will assist Cllr Mike Kelly and his Guide Dog to safety.

### **2021/092**

#### **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations**

There were none.

### **2021/093**

#### **Consideration of Planning Applications received as follows:**

##### **CONSULTATION**

- a) S.21/2078/FUL. Land At Forge Cottage, Bath Road, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire.  
Application: Full. Erection of a one-bedroom dwelling.  
**Comment:** No objection. Conditional on the dwelling not subsequently being sold off separately, and to be ancillary to the existing dwelling.
- b) S.21/2127/FUL. Site For Bike Shed, Dunkirk Mills, Inchbrook, Gloucestershire.  
Application: Full Erection of bicycle storage for 12 bikes.  
**Comment:** Support. NTC appreciate the applicant has made efforts to put the bike storage in the least visible position in the Conservation Area.

##### **TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA**

- c) S.21/2128/TPO. Beaudesert Park School, Box, Stroud, Gloucestershire. Application: Tree Preservation Order (1) T375 - Fell to near ground level. (2) Group 4 in the main school area - 6 Ash. Fell to near ground level. (3) 6 Ash - Fell all 6 trees to near ground level. B. Ash by the cricket nets at the end of the red brick wall - fell this tree to near ground level. C. Beech tree T588- Reduce the lateral spread on both sides by approximately 4.0m to decrease the loading on the cable and stabilise squirrel damage.  
**Comment:** No observations.
- d) S.21/2160/TCA. Axpill House, Cossack Square, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: TCA.  
T1 Ash: Remove.  
**Comment:** No observations.

### **2021/094**

#### **To confirm minutes of the Emergency Committee meeting and Environment Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Emergency Committee**

These were noted. All agreed.

**Environment Committee**

These were noted. All agreed.

**2021/095****To consider Environment Committee recommendations:**

It was **recommended** to:

- Install a wooden bench at KGV playing field at a cost of £800.
- Accept a donation of £500 in memory of Norman Mansell towards the bench and to install a plaque on it.

It was clarified that a wooden bench was agreed and the cost is £1,160 (£660 NTC funds; £500 donation).

All agreed.

- To replace the four benches by the stream in Mortimer Garden with benches that have backs and armrests and are suitable for the location.

After some discussion, the recommendation was returned to the Environment Committee for further research. The Clerk asked all to submit further questions they'd like explored which they feel weren't covered in the report and the previous bench report.

- To purchase 2 large grit bins (400 litre) and 1 small grit bin (160 litre) at a cost of £564 plus  
All agreed.

The Clerk undertook to arrange an agreement between GCC Highways and NTC to allow NTC property (the grit bins) to be installed on GCC Highways land.

- To reduce the Hornbeam tree by 10% and remove Christmas lights, and to carry out a further 10% reduction of the Hornbeam tree in 2022.

The cost was confirmed as £1,620 in 2021.

All agreed.

**2021/096**

**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*

Gigaclear installation has ceased in Newmarket due to a gas leak.

**2021/097****Accounts**

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

It was agreed

**2021/098**

**To consider comments on Nailsworth Chamber of Trade's licence application for a Christmas Market on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

This event has already been publicised and concern was raised that NTC permission for use of the Mortimer Garden had not been agreed prior to the publicity.

The following concerns were raised;

The licence covers two car park spaces in the access road behind the parade of shops. These are used by and in front of two businesses who may need access.



The access road is used for deliveries lorries by the parade of shops, including the Co-op and the butchers, who need access for Friday deliveries. This is not usually closed when the bus station is used for events.

The Clerk undertook to pass on these comments to SDC Licencing Department.

In response to a query as to whether the event will be affordable for residents, the Chamber of Trade has stated they will provide music and entertainment free for all

**Reports for information (no decisions required):**

**2021/099**

**Financial summary and bank reconciliations**

It was noted.

**2021/100**

**To review NTC's Covid-19 Risk Assessment**

It was noted.

**2021/101**

**Reports from councillors**

- a) **report from Town Mayor (paper available)**  
Noted
- b) **report from Deputy Mayor (paper available)**  
Noted
- c) **reports from County and District Councillors (paper available)**  
Noted
- d) **To receive an update on NTC activities and support during Covid-19 (paper available)**

Thanks were recorded to the staff team for a great Town Meeting.

**2021/102**

**To receive an update on flood alleviation plans for the town centre**

GCC will be arranging a meeting with NTC to go through the flood alleviation options for the town centre.

**2021/103**

**To receive a report on SDC's Strategic Infrastructure Fund (CIL) for 22-23**

Noted. GCC have put aside £150k for flood alleviation in Nailsworth and it was agreed to back GCC's bid to the CIL Strategic Infrastructure Fund.

**2021/104**

**To receive Homestart's Annual Report for 2020-2021**

The Clerk undertook to pass on thanks to Homestart for the tremendous work they are doing. Also to ask if Homestart is at capacity and is the funding sufficient for what they're doing?

**2021/105**

**To receive a report on GCC recommissioning Family Hubs**

It was noted these are preliminary enquiries, to find out where there are things already being provided in each area. Funding is not clear; GCC are inviting people to come forward and shape their areas of interest. The concept is a 'one stop shop' for children's services; Homestart seems to be the main provider in Nailsworth.

Bearing in mind how the pandemic has affected families, the feel is that now is the time to be investing more in supporting families. The number of children going into care has risen during the pandemic and so there is less money to spend on preventative measures.

Cllr Ros Mulhall undertook to be NTC's representative on this issue.



NTC's new CYP working party (Children and Young People) may be able to provide evidence of Nailsworth's needs.

**2021/106**

**To receive a report from Community Roots on their work at the Arkell Centre**

It was expressed that it was interesting to finally receive this report, and there was interest in what has been achieved by Community Roots after three years, and what evidence there is of their work in Nailsworth. The original plan was for the project to be evaluated by a third party. The Clerk undertook to request this feedback from Community Roots.

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