

**NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

The THIRTY FOURTH ANNUAL Meeting of the Town Council at the Town Hall, Nailsworth  
on Tuesday 15 May 2007

Present	Cllr N I Kay (Town Mayor) Cllr J D Bratby Cllr J Eddyshaw Cllr J R Nicholson Cllr Mrs S M Reed Cllr A G Wheeler
Present for part of the meeting	County Cllr W S Waddington District Cllr Mrs S M Bruce District Cllr J T Jeffreys
Apologies accepted	Cllr W S Affleck District Cllr Mrs DLM Binns

**2007/01 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR**

Cllr Kay was nominated by Cllr Mrs Reed and seconded by Cllr Eddyshaw. There being no other nominations, Cllr Kay was duly elected Mayor for the ensuing year and signed the declaration of office.

The Mayor was honoured to take over from Cllr Mrs Reed and thanked her for her 2 years as mayor. He welcomed new Cllr Wheeler, and congratulated District Cllr Jeffreys on his re-election to SDC.

**2007/02 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Having indicated his willingness prior to the meeting, Cllr Affleck was nominated in his absence by Cllr Bratby and seconded by Cllr Mrs Reed. There being no other nominations, Cllr Affleck was duly elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

**2007/03 CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANCIES FOLLOWING RECENT ELECTION**

Notices would be put up tomorrow inviting potential co-optees to apply in writing by 11 June. Interviews, if required, would take place from 6pm on Thursday 14 June and new Cllrs would be invited to take office at the June meeting of the Council. Nailsworth News would also be asked to publicise this information.

**2007/04 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

It was agreed to defer this matter until a full complement of Cllrs was present at the June meeting. Cllrs Bratby, Eddyshaw and Wheeler agreed to form a provisional Planning Committee so that its meetings could proceed as normal. Other Cllrs were welcome to attend Planning meetings and were reminded that Mr Peter Street GMTF would be making a presentation at the 17 May meeting.

It was agreed that there was no longer a need to have a Public Transport Working Party representative since this function had been superseded by the Nailsworth Community Partnership.

**2007/05 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2007-08**

The meetings of the **Environment and Property Management** Committees scheduled for 7 and 22 May respectively would be replaced by an extraordinary meeting on **29 May** to consider urgent matters pertaining to these two committees. The meeting of the **Recreation & Amenities** Committee scheduled for 12 June, would be put back to **26 June**.

**2007/06 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

This list of appointments would be completed at the next meeting of the Council, but present Cllrs indicated their willingness to take on some of these. Cllr Mrs Reed had already explained at the last meeting that regulations for appointing School Governors had changed and it was up to Nailsworth Primary School to invite a new NTC representative if it so wished. It was agreed to have an official NTC representative to attend meetings of the Nailsworth Chamber of Trade.

Nailsworth Youth Club Management Committee	
Citizens Advice Bureau	Cllr Bratby
League of Friends of Stroud Hospital	Cllr Eddyshaw
National Trust Minchinhampton & Rodborough Commons Local Management Committee	Mr Bryan James
Nailsworth & District Twinning Association	Cllr Bratby
Nailsworth Youth & Community Enterprise (NYCE)	
GMTF and GRCC	Cllrs Eddyshaw and Kay
Nailsworth Chamber of Trade	Cllr Bratby

**2007/07 COUNCIL MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17 April were confirmed and signed with the following amendment -

**Minute 2007/292, last paragraph to read**

"Cllr Nicholson offered to obtain information from Stroud DC housing department . . . "

**2007/08 STROUD MARKET TOWNS MEETING (minute 2007/284)**

The meeting had been rescheduled to 19 June at 2.30pm in Stonehouse. Cllr Eddyshaw agreed to attend.

**2007/09 STONE FOUNTAIN (minute 2007/287)**

The meeting on 27 April to discuss the plans with Mr Norrie Curtis SDC and architects Bartosch & Stokes had been very interesting. A planning application had not yet been submitted but building specifications were under preparation to go out for tender by the end of May.

**2007/10 INFORMATION STAND IN LIBRARY LOBBY (minute 2007/287)**

Cllr Nicholson reported that all the information in the stand was already available in the TIC and the stand itself was an obstruction. The Clerk had meanwhile received a response from Mary Tucker, GCC Libraries & Information indicating that, following reorganisation in the Library, the stand would – at some point – be moved inside.

**2007/11 MARKET STREET TRIANGLE (2007/290)**

The Mayor confirmed that Mr John Byrne was investigating a levels survey as discussed at the last meeting.

**2007/12 TYNINGS OPEN SPACE (minute 2007/290)**

Mrs Jo Smith had attended the meeting with SDC representatives and residents; the latter were generally not in favour of developing play facilities at this site. District Cllr Jefferies interjected that this initiative was part of a composite bid for four sites across the District, and SDC was now looking at alternatives for Nailsworth.

Mrs Smith had considered the area behind the garages with FG Residents Association and had had a more positive response to the idea of developing this into a play space. Mrs Smith was happy to continue being NTC's link in the continuing discussions and would report back to the Recreation & Amenities Committee.

**2007/13 ALLOCATION OF COUNCIL HOUSING (minute 2007/292)**

Cllr Nicholson had been unable to speak to the relevant SDC officer but it appeared applicants on the housing list did have some choice of locality. Applicants were allowed to refuse three housing offers before being taken off the list.

Cllr Nicholson pointed out that SDC generally sought 30% affordable housing in new developments to Cotswold District's 50%. District Cllr Jeffreys said the percentage depended on the size of the development and added that SDC generally had a good record in achieving the levels of affordable housing requested in new developments.

**2007/14 ROGER EVANS REPORT ON TOWN CENTRE (minute 2007/294)**

The meeting on 26 April had been attended by SDC Regeneration Officer Ms Rachel Small. Both she and NTC representatives were in full agreement that the report was totally inadequate.

**2007/15 FREIGHT MANAGEMENT STUDY (minute 2007/306)**

Cllr Nicholson advised that a lorry management zone was being planned to better manage heavy traffic through the county, by designating lorry routes and imposing weight restrictions on smaller roads. This would inevitably lead to increased traffic on the A46, but the level of this was unknown. No action was required.

**2007/16 REPORT OF COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

The Clerk had today received a letter advising that the 20mph zone proposed for the Park Road area had been put into abeyance following objections from residents, in order not to delay the application of a 40mph limit on Avening Road.

**County Cllr Waddington** advised that GCC's wish to set up a waste management plant at Javelin Park, Stonehouse had lost out to SDC's planning approval for an industrial development on the site. Alternatives for waste management were being considered.

A major scheme at Elmbridge Court to create park & ride for Cheltenham and Gloucester, road improvements, fast bus lane and parkway railway station, was delayed, as the Ministry of Transport would not give a decision on the station until new franchises were awarded in 2008.

An additional 29 police officers had been appointed during the last council term, for community duties, including 2 within the INA covering Nailsworth. The PCSO force had also increased to 178 across the county.

GCC had commissioned a development climate change plan by the Carbon Trust to look at council-owned buildings across the county in order to set up a programme to reduce energy consumption.

SDC had signed the concordat for civil parking enforcement. With five of the six districts now signed up, it was hoped the order could begin this October.

In response to a query from Cllr Eddyshaw, Cllr Waddington promised to check on progress with restoration of Pensile Road, scheduled for June/July.

**District Cllr Mrs Bruce** was warmly welcomed to the meeting and she thanked her colleagues, especially Cllr Jeffreys, for carrying the load in her absence. Cllr Mrs Bruce was especially grateful to premises which had installed lifts and advised that SDC had passed a motion to check all its buildings for accessibility.

**District Cllr Jeffreys** advised that SDC's AGM would take place on Thursday and the new council was composed of 31 Conservatives, 9 Labour, 5 Green, 4 Liberal Democrats and 2 Independents. He hoped that co-operation and involvement with NTC would continue.

**2007/17 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor wished to record congratulations to the organisers of Nailsworth Festival and Nailstock who had run another excellent event this year, with activities and attractions for all ages.

The Services for Retired People leaflet published last year had been updated in the June edition of the Fountain and a leaflet reprint would be organised.

The Mayor had attended a GMTF meeting on 10 May which focused on ways to enhance the environment. He was impressed with the level of involvement from local schools.

On 25 May, the Mayor and Mrs Jo Smith would be meeting with Nailsworth Primary School Head Teacher to consider use of the school playing field during the summer holidays.

The Mayor was keen to look at running a Nailsworth Olympics in the week before those at Beijing. This could involve taster activities and competitions and he would be exploring the initiative with the town's sporting organisations and youth clubs, before reporting to the Recreation & Amenities Committee.

On 24 May, Ms Barbara Pond GRCC would be attending a meeting with NYCE to provide information on village halls, with reference to future use of the Subscription Rooms.

11 organisations had accepted the invitation to take part in a Clubs & Associations Fair in Mortimer Gardens on 9 June, and arrangements would now be made to set up and publicise this event.

The NCP steering meeting had raised the idea of setting up a Youth Council and the Mayor would be exploring this suggestion with youth organisations in the town.

**2007/18 REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

Minutes of the last Chamber of Trade meeting had been received.

Cllrs were invited to attend the formal opening by Dame Margaret Weston of Gig Mill on Friday 18 May between 6 and 8pm.

Cllrs were invited to the unveiling of the stone plaque, gift from Lèves, in the Mortimer Room around 6.30pm on the same evening, upon arrival of the biennial twinning visit from France.

**2007/18 REPORT OF TOWN NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**

Cllr Bratby presented the report of the meeting of the committee held on 30 April and the minutes were approved.

**2007/19 REPORT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Cllr Bratby presented the report of the meeting of the committee held on 19 April, and Cllr Eddyshaw presented the report of the meeting held on 1 May.

RESOLVED that the comments of the Planning Committee made at its meetings held on 19 April and 1 May 2007 be approved.

**2007/20 ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED that the list of accounts at 15 May 2007 amounting to £24346.59 be approved for payment.

**2007/21 TOWN ARCHIVIST**

Mrs Ann Makemson had written to thank NTC for the gift on her retirement from the Archive Office which she had managed for 13 years.

**2007/22 SDC – Nailsworth Urban Design Statement**

SDC requested a commitment from NTC to contribute up to £5000 towards the £19835 cost of the Roger Evans Report. It appeared that SDC had already paid three quarters of the bill, despite dissatisfaction with what had been produced so far. In discussion it was noted that the report as presently written did not address the brief or the points raised at the public consultation meeting. It was resolved to respond that although NTC had agreed in principle at the start of the project to contribute £5000 it was not prepared to release any funding at all until it was entirely satisfied with the content of the report. All bar one Cllr agreed with this course of action.

**2007/23 Gloucester County Court – application for bailiff’s warrant**

The Court had advised that it had been unable to serve the warrant since the defendant was no longer at his registered address. However, following a further telephone call by the Clerk, she was pleased to report that she had received a cheque for the full debt of £394 + court fees.

**2007/24 Charity Commission – renewal of charitable registration**

With the reorganisation of charitable trusts, managers of KGV fields were invited to re-register the fields if they so wished. The ramifications were not clear and the Clerk advised further investigation before making a decision. It would appear the field had in fact been dedicated in 1938, not donated as had always been thought, and was therefore still owned by NTC.

Following legal advice from Mrs Kate Kay, it was agreed to request an extension to the decision deadline of end May so that the matter could be better examined before deciding whether to retain the charitable status or not. The Mayor and Cllr Nicholson would undertake the necessary research.

**2007/25 GMTF - Study trip to Devon & Cornwall**

Two representatives were invited to join a two-day Look & Learn tour of community centres on 25 and 26 June, at no cost. No Cllrs were available, but Mrs Sally Millet of FG Residents Association was keen to go and would be asked to report back to NTC on her return.

**2007/26 SDC – consultation on Cotswold Canal Area Action Plan**

The report on the Brimscombe area was available online.

**2007/27 GCC – road closure Dark Lane**

The road would be closed from 29 May to 1 June for carriageway works.

**2007/28 GCC – progress report on Minerals & Waste Strategy**

An update was available online.

**2007/29 GCC – Kingsway Development – public transport links – service 14 Gloucester to Stroud**

Details were available in the office.

**2007/30 GCC – PROW – status of modification order, footpath at Forest Green**

A new priority system had been introduced for this process and although the application was listed as ‘high priority’, typical timescale was likely to be between two and four years!

**2007/31 Glos Partnership NHS Trust – open event 31 May – a strong foundation for mental health**

The seminar would take place at the Pittville Pump Rooms in Cheltenham and the Clerk would ask Mrs Jo Smith if she would like to attend.

**2007/32 GCC – road closure Springhill**

The road would be closed on 3 June for essential footway repairs.

**2007/33 SDC – new Code of Conduct**

The Clerk would copy the document round for Cllrs to discuss at the June meeting. SDC was keen to get all parishes to adopt the Code on the same day and it would pay for the notice in the press. A decision would be taken at the July meeting.

**2007/34 Stonehouse Parish Cluster Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 February were available in the office, and the next meeting would take place on 22 May at 7pm. The Mayor hoped to attend.

**2007/35 Ms Krista Harris SDC – creative community consultation**

Cllrs were invited to a GRCC-run meeting at Maismore Village Hall on 24 May from 6 to 8.30pm. Mrs Joy Way would attend.

**2007/36 Cllr Chas Townley STC – street cleaning standards in Stroud**

NTC was asked to consider the report and recommendations (available online) and join a co-ordinated group to improve street cleaning. The Clerk would copy the document to Cllrs and ask the new Environment Committee to respond.

**2007/37 GCC – 40mph limit Avening Road and 20mph Park Road area**

The matter had already been addressed under 2007/16 above.

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Chairman