



NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council
Held at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Old Bristol Road
on Tuesday 6th June 2023

Present:

Cllr Mike Kelly (Chair)
Cllr Shelly Rider
Cllr Jonathan Duckworth
Cllr Patsy Freeman
Cllr Steve Robinson
Cllr Angela Norman
Cllr Colleen Rothwell
Cllr Natalie Bennett

Minutes:

Deputy Clerk

Apologies:

Cllr Paul Francis
Cllr Ros Mulhall

1. Introductions

20223/025

Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations

Cllr Duckworth indicated that he cannot be representative and chair of Nailsworth Youth and community Enterprise. Another representative required from the council, no volunteers.

2023/026

Consideration of Planning Applications received as follows:

CONSULTATION

a) S.23/0933/HHOLD 2A Tynings Road, Nailsworth, Stroud, Gloucestershire. Application: Householder. Erection of single storey side extension.

No Observations

PREVIOUSLY TRACKED APPLICATIONS

b) S.23/0685/TCA Haydenville, Old Bristol Road, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: Trees in a Conservation Area. Description: T1-Goat willow - remove. G1-Hazel x 2, Privet x 2 - remove. T4-Holly - remove. G2-Sycamore x 5 - (dbh 180) - remove. G3-Sycamore, Spruce, Hazel - remove. T6-Ash - ash dieback - remove. T8-Goat willow - remove. T9-Goat willow - remove. T10-Sycamore - remove. T11-Ash - remove. G4-Apple x 3, plum x 1 - remove. G5-Hazel x 1, Privet x 1, Horse Chestnut x 1 (dbh 150) - remove. Application permitted. NTC would like to see some evidence of a replanting plan. It was noted that the reasons given for tree removal was due to the low quality of the trees and to allow larger trees to thrive.

c) S.23/0742/FUL. Land Adjacent Ondine, Newmarket Road, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire. Application: Full Planning Construction of new dwelling. Application refused NTC: Council resolved to OBJECT to this application on the grounds of restricted visibility leaving the road to the surgery. Council would welcome a report from Highways Department. Although this application has been reduced, Council remains concerned regarding the size of the application.



2023/027

d) To confirm minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 16th May 2023 and the Personnel Committee held on Friday 12th May 2023 (papers available)

e) To consider Personnel Committee recommendations:

- It was **recommended** that the Deputy Clerk line manage the Groundsman role and the Clerk line manage the two Customer Services roles.
- It was **recommended** to adopt the change to Financial Regulations section 11.1 b. of Financial Regulations in line with NALC's 2022 update.

The Cllrs discussed the above items and agreed they should have gone to full council for approval rather than the personnel committee. Each item on the agenda for committee meeting should be checked to ensure it is delegated to the correct committee.

Although the discussion was held it was agreed to accept the above.

- It was **recommended** that NTC adopt the updated Standing Orders in line with NALC's 2022 version.

All agreed

2023/028

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.

The Personnel committee meeting scheduled for 9th June in councillor's diary has been cancelled.

The council has been approached by 3 councillors and 4 members of the public regarding the play equipment at Shortwood. It was agreed in the discussion that the broken equipment within the area should be added to the repair schedule and costed.

It was highlighted that there was a plan previously to look at the refurbishment of the Shortwood play area. It was asked if the broken equipment was repairable, due to the nature of the equipment a contractor would be required to assess and quote for the repair of the equipment.

Several other elements of the play area were discussed including the tree that over hangs the slide. The question was asked if the tree branches impact on the slide and if so, should be cut back.

It was brought up that there is a requirement for the council to arrange a social event for councillors and staff.

A discussion was held reference councillor surgeries. The surgery dated for the 11 November 2023 is be cancelled due to Remembrance Day. There also needs to more collaboration between councillors to ensure maximum attendance of councillors. The surgery planned for June has been cancelled. It was agreed that there is to be rota to be set up to assist in planning future surgeries. It was noted by some councillors that planning far in advance is difficult and consultation will be required. It was agreed to set up a rota for the 2nd Saturday of the month.

It was raised that the wall by the brook at the back of the clock tower has overgrown and some shrubs require trimming back. This task can be completed by the groundsman, it was suggested that this task be placed on the annual works list.



A discussion was held regarding the grade and job evaluation carried out earlier this year. It was asked if there were any more details. It was highlighted that no information has been received yet regarding this task. It was highlighted that all members of staff were interviewed as part of the grade and job evaluation process. Was Richard been interviewed, personnel committee issue.

A note of thanks was passed to all members of the council that assisted and supported the 20mph speed limit projected.

Several council members visited Leves and passed on the Mayor of Leves best wishes to the to the Mayor. The council were gifted with a stained-glass object for the town and a Leves town sign.

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Town Mayor
Nailsworth Town Council
Civic Centre, Old Market, Nailsworth, GL6 0DU

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Date