

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council
 Held at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Old Bristol Road
on Tuesday 18th July 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
 Cllr Paul Francis

Minutes:

Deputy Clerk

Apologies:

Cllr Ros Mulhall

Public Present

2 members of the public were present

Verbal Introductions and safety briefing

Those present identified themselves.

2023/048**Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations**

Cllr Duckworth is on the NN committee so did not take part in the Nailsworth News' grant application discussion

2023/049**Consideration of Planning Applications received as follows:****CONSULTATION –**

- a) S.23/1336/HHOLD Calder Cottage, Spring Hill, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: Householder. Refurbishment, improvement access, new garage, landscaping and replacement of outbuilding. (Resubmission of S.22/2306/HHOLD)

Cllr Robinson pleased to see interest in the cottage, it's been unused for a while. Building slowly deteriorating

NTC resolved to support the application

- b) S.23/1337/LBC Calder Cottage, Spring Hill, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: listed building Refurbishment and alterations (Resubmission of S.22/2307/LBC)

NTC support the application

- c) S.23/1297/HHOLD. Willow Cottage, Tetbury Lane, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: Householder. Erection of detached two storey three bay garage and detached single storey two bay car port.

No observations

TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA

None

2323/050

To confirm minutes of the Council meeting and the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 4th July 2023

To consider Personnel Committee (6th July meeting).

It was **recommended** to introduce the post of a Project Officer within NTC with an initial review of three months.

All agreed

2023/051

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 deadline

Cllr Freeman Carters Way has had some delays but continues to move in the right direction.

2023/52

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

Cllr Robinson entry 1636 for £195 would like clarification of what the funds were for.

2023/53

To consider co-option to a casual vacancy

The Chair briefed the councillors on the voting process prior to the vote.

Questions were asked of both candidates prior to the vote. Both candidates were thanked for their applications and Peter Bodkin congratulated on being successfully voted onto the council.

2023/54

To Consider a grant request from Nailsworth Football Club for the sum of £750. The money will assist with Pitch fees, training equipment and football kits. (paper available)

Two of the grants issued previously may have been issued from the incorrect budget. This will be investigated by the office prior to a decision being made at the next meeting.

Item to be rediscussed at council meeting on the 1st August

2023/055

To consider a grant request from Nailsworth News for the sum of £480. To assist with cost of with the hiring of the town hall.

Approved

2023/056

To agree the completion of Electrical Inspection Certification Report remedial works

The deputy clerk briefed the council on the current situation regarding the electrical repairs required for the town hall, Mortimer room and KGV changing rooms following the electrical inspection. Breaking down budgets and the works required to make the buildings electrically safe. Additional quotes have been requested for the Town hall repairs.

NTC **approved** for the repairs to be carried out within the 28-day deadline in accordance with the EICR and reissue of certificate.

Recommendation to change the inspection schedule from 5 to 3 years. **Approved**

Due to the age and condition of the Town Hall, it was suggested that there should be a review of future budgets for the building.

Reports for information (no decisions required):

2023/057

Financial summary:

- a) Income and Expenditure report
- b) Budget comparison report
- c) Main bank account reconciliation report
- d) Premier bank account reconciliation report

Noted

2023/058

To review NTC's Risk Assessment

Noted

2023/059

Reports:

- a) Report from Town Mayor **Noted**
- b) Report from Deputy Mayor **Noted**
- c) Report from District and County Councillors
Cllr Robinson briefed on EV charges. Nailsworth may be moved into phase one due to changes in the schedule. County council have confirmed the location for EV charges only to be placed in areas where residents do not have allocated parking.
Road from Arkell to the FGR Stadium is in a bad state of repair, GCC highways have been approached with regards to repairing this stretch of road.
- d) To receive an update on NTC office activities **Noted**
- e) To receive a report on town councillor surgeries in the library. Verbal brief provided by the Chair. Actions being reviewed.

Confidential items

2023/060

To consider the deputy clerks probation period and change contract to a permanent position

It was noted that the Deputy Clerk had managed well in a difficult situation. The council decided to delegate authority to the Mayor and Chair of Personnel to decide on his probation on 20th July and move to a permanent contract. They will let the Deputy Clerk know the outcome of this. This was unanimous. 20 July 2023 – The Mayor and Chair of the Personnel Committee met and the decision was ratified.

2023/061

It was **recommended** that this role is filled by the Deputy Clerk increasing the weekly hours to 37hrs. It was resolved to have the project officer post discussed as an agenda item at the meeting to be held 1st August council meeting. This paper outlining this from the personnel committee will be circulated to all councillors.

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Town Mayor
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Date