

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
 Minutes of the meeting of Nailsworth Town Council
 held at the Town Hall Nailsworth on
Tuesday 21 December 2010

Present	Cllr S Robinson Town Mayor Cllr P Carter Cllr I D Crawley Cllr M P Robinson Cllr Mrs G E Smith
Present for part of meeting	Cllr Mrs S E Thorpe Mr D Smith (item 1)
Apologies:	Cllr Mrs D L M Binns Cllr J R Nicholson Cllr Mrs J M Way Cllr J S Waddington

There were no questions from the public.

2010/172 PRESENTATION BY A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE FIRE BRIGADE UNION

Mr Tulley was unable to attend because of the weather conditions and had sent his apologies. Cllr Mrs Smith suggested that her husband who was a firefighter serving at Stroud Fire Station be invited to stand in and Mr Smith's attendance was unanimously welcomed by Cllrs.

Mr Smith explained that he had been a full time fire fighter at Stroud for 8 years and prior to that for 18 years had served in the retained service at the Nailsworth Fire Station. The FBU was concerned that the reduction in staffing and the gap of six months between the withdrawal of the obsolete vehicle and the arrival of the new replacement would place serious strain on the fire service and increase the risk of fatalities. Also the new vehicle was wider than the existing one which would pose additional problems of manoeuvrability along the many narrow and winding lanes in this area. There was concern also about the response times to traffic accidents as the current vehicle was fitted with specialist equipment which the new vehicle would not have and therefore there would be a delay of 30 – 40 minutes to call up a specialist vehicle from Gloucester. The withdrawal of the Brava (4x4 landrover) from the Stroud Station was also under discussion and its removal would certainly impact on the service available to some of the most difficult to access properties in Nailsworth.

The Stroud Station was collecting 5000 signatures to a petition to ensure that the whole topic was discussed in full council. Mr Smith urged councillors to support the campaign to reopen discussion and suggested that a letter be sent to Cllr Windsor-Clive the cabinet member for community safety and youth detailing the very real concerns for public safety if the proposed changes went ahead. The mayor thanked Mr Smith for his succinct and helpful explanations.

It was agreed that the council should send a letter to Cllr Windsor-Clive expressing its worries about the implications for public safety and Cllr Crawley volunteered to prepare and circulate a draft.

2010/173 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The minutes of the council meeting held on 16 November 2010 were confirmed and signed.

2010/174 REPLACEMENT OF TOWN HALL CARETAKER (minute 2010/148)
Cllr M Robinson confirmed that there had been a good response to the advert placed in the Stroud News & Journal and in discussion with the clerk a shortlist of 3 candidates had been drawn up and interviews were being arranged.

2010/175 SERVICEMEN KILLED IN ACTION SINCE WW2 (minute 2010/149)

It was noted that the RBL was publicising this matter more widely in a letter to the Stroud News & Journal.

2010/176 POSSIBLE FUNDING CUTS IN GCC SERVICES (minute 2010/159)

The clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to Mark Hawthorne on 26 November but no response or acknowledgement had been received.

2010/177 REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

There were no reports.

2010/178 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

18 November	Attended Police Consultative meeting – details of new areas and staffing would not be known until February
27 November	Held surgery at Farmers Market
29 November	Attended meeting with Cllr Mrs Way with Church Street residents to discuss parking issues – representatives to attend next meeting of the Environment Committee
30 November	Attended meeting with representatives of NYCE to learn of the advice centre for young people that had been set up and which operated for half a day a week
3 December	With Cllrs Mrs Binns & Kay attended meeting with Mark Hawthorne GCC at Youth Club – clearly a PR exercise and no interest shown in the concerns raised
7 December	Attended SDC annual meeting with town & parish councils – a recent parish poll held in Wotton had cost £2000
9 December	Attended Big Community offer meeting with Cllr Kay at Hucclecote – no opportunity to talk to Mark Hawthorne
15 December	Meeting with Young Gloucestershire to discuss employment requirements when GCC funding is withdrawn. All necessary details had been passed over and YG would respond when it had assimilated the information. A sinking fund might be needed to pay future redundancy liabilities
16 December	Attended meeting with Sue Lawrence GCC Deputy County Librarian to discuss proposed cut in services – Cllrs Carter, Crawley, Kay & Mrs Thorpe also in attendance
19 December	Attended Newmarket Christmas Fete Attended Town Carol Service and read a lesson
20 December	Town meeting to discuss proposed GCC cuts to youth and library services – a well attended meeting of approx. 70 people despite the weather. Unanimous opposition to the cuts. Majority support for NTC to continue to press for review of proposals but if necessary to support the services financially to secure their continuation on the understanding that this might require a substantial increase in the precept. As requested by the meeting he had contacted Cllr Waddington and asked him to facilitate Mark Hawthorne's attendance at a further town meeting.

2010/179 REPORT FROM DEPUTY MAYOR

There was nothing to report

2010/180 REPORT FROM TOWN CLERK

Publications received from Glos Wildlife Trust, CPRE and GAPTC training courses were noted.

2010/181 REPORT OF COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2010 were approved and signed

2010/182 REPORT OF FINANCE ECONOMIC & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 November, adjourned to 6 December were approved and signed.

The mayor and Cllr Mrs Way had met with the snow warden and looked at the location of requested **new grit bins**. Subsequently GCC had reduced the list and approved two additional bins and a meeting was to be arranged to agree their precise siting. The clerk confirmed that the grit spreader had arrived that morning.

2010/183 REPORT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that comments made by the Planning Committee at its meetings on 18 November and 7 December 2010 be approved.

2010/184 REPORT OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2010 were approved.

Cllr M Robinson reported that quotes had been requested from 3 suppliers for replacement **council chamber windows** and so far two had responded. It was suggested that Glevum Windows should also be invited to quote.

The clerk reported that the electricians had drawn to her attention that the 3 year **test of the town hall electrical installation** was now due – in fact slightly overdue – and that provision needed to be made in the budget for next year. The estimated cost was in the region of £3000.

2010/185 REPORT OF RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Special Committee meeting held on 30 November 2010 were approved with the addition of Cllr Mrs Thorpe to the list of attendees. It was agreed to defer discussion until the January council meeting as some members had not had sufficient time to consider the implications of the recommendations.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2010 were approved.

Discussion ensued about the request to hold **Nailstock in the KGV field** on the last weekend in April. Councillors made it clear that the organisers must make every effort to involve and inform Park Road residents of the organisation of the event including how they could raise any worries and concerns so that they could be appropriately addressed. Cllr Carter proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Smith that the resolution contained in the minutes be endorsed with the addition of the comments above. The proposal was approved unanimously.

Cllr Crawley gave a brief explanation of developments regarding the future of the **Nailsworth Recreation Centre including the urgency for a new locking system for the facilities.** He intimated that the Primary School had realised the importance of an integrated booking system and that it might now be prepared to manage all bookings both within and outside school opening hours. No decision was taken about a grant towards the locking system.

2010/186 ACCOUNTS

Item 271 – Buchanan Partnership fees in respect of the Arkell Centre - £1884.39 was deleted as this expenditure should now be paid by the Arkell Community Centre Trust Fund.

RESOLVED that the list of accounts for 21 December 2010 amounting to £25137.01 be approved for payment.

2010/187 STROUD & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB – COTSWOLD CLOUDS TRIAL 6 FEBRUARY 2011

The event was noted.

2010/188 GCC – MOBILE LIBRARY ROUTES – JAN - MARCH 2011

The new routes were noted.

2010/189 SIR WILLIAM ROMNEY SCHOOL – CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

The consultation was noted.

2010/190 GCC – PUBLICATION OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE WASTE CORE STRATEGY

The document was noted.

2010/191 GCC – ELECTORAL REVIEW CONSULTATION

The consultation was noted.

2010/192 GCC – CONFIRMATION OF 20MPH SPEED LIMIT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

The traffic order was noted.

2010/193 GCC – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE OF PART OF SEVEN ACRES ROAD

The road closure from 4 to 24 January 2011 was noted.

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