

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of Nailsworth Town Council held at the Town Hall, Nailsworth on Tuesday 20th June 2017

Present	Cllr Jonathan Duckworth (Town Mayor) Cllr Paul Francis Cllr Robert Maitland Cllr Sally Millett Cllr Anne Elliott Cllr Myles Robinson Cllr Steve Robinson Katherine Kearns (Clerk)
Minutes	
Apologies	Cllr Angela Norman Cllr Ron Kerby Cllr Sue Reed Cllr Mike Kelly

Ref. No		Action												
2017/031	<p>Statement from the Mayor Jonathan Duckworth following the fire at Grenfell Tower, Kensington: We do not know the full facts yet, we do not even know how many people died in the fire. However, we know enough to be able to state that the residents of the tower were let down by those in authority; those that should have been looking after their safety. I would like to ask Council to join me to observe a minute's silence in remembrance of those who lost their lives and all those affected by the fire at Grenfell Tower.</p>													
2017/032	<p>Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations There were no declarations of interest or applications for dispensations</p>													
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	<p>d) S.17/1176/HHOLD 5 Fairview Close, Watledge</p> <p>e) S17./1220/LBC Finches Field, Watledge Road</p> <p>f) S17./1140/HHOLD 11 Barnfield Avenue</p> <p>INFORMATION</p> <p>g) S.17/1206/TPO 33 Whitecroft, Forest Green</p>	<p>Addition of porch, 3 bay windows, enlarge balcony, new spiral staircase, new window</p> <p>Conversion and alterations to single storey extension</p> <p>Addition of 1st floor extension to single storey extension</p> <p>Yew- crown lift; Elders, sycamore, laurels, hazel - fell</p>	<p>No observations</p> <p>No observations</p> <p>No observations</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>MR/RM/Steve R - site visit</p>
2017/034	<p>To confirm minutes of council meeting held on 6 June 2016 and minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee held on 6 June 2017</p> <p>Full Council: Cllr Robert Maitland proposed the minutes, Cllr Paul Francis seconded and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Rec & Am: Cllr Jonathan Duckworth and Cllr Steve Robinson both stressed that the Arts Centre idea for the Town Hall is simply for a proposal from a group, which will in due course be put to NTC. It will be considered by NTC as all possible options for the future of the Town Hall will need to be considered. However good the idea and enthusiasm is, very strong funding needs to be in place. No decision will be made by NTC until all the information is together. NTC will need to establish the position on use or disposal of the Town Hall so that a decision can be made on the best choice for the town's residents, with all the facts at hand.</p> <p>Cllr Myles Robinson noted an amendment to the Rec & Am minutes concerning the consideration of a food stall near FGR. Cllr Myles Robinson noted Neil Culhidy was advised he could approach the school for permission to use car park or could approach the Arkell Centre Trustees.</p> <p>Cllr Myles Robinson proposed the minutes, Cllr Anne Elliott seconded and agreed unanimously.</p>			
2017/035	<p>Matters of Urgency</p> <p>Cllr Steve Robinson asked the Clerk to chase GCC for a definitive answer on starting work on the MUGA.</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Duckworth said Deputy Mayor Sue Reed has arranged a a Councillor's Surgery on 18th November 10am-12 in the Mortimer Room. There will be our Country Councillor and one District cllr Norman Kay will be attending. Two Town cllrs were invited to join them.</p>			<p>Clerk</p> <p>JD/AE</p>

	<p>Cllr Myles Robinson felt that the Mayor should be present so Cllr Jonathan Duckworth and Cllr Anne Elliott volunteered for the surgery.</p> <p>Attendees: NTC Jonathan Duckworth, Anne Elliott SDC Norman Kay GCC Steve Robinson</p>	
2017/036	<p>Youth Worker report presented by Tracy Young: A copy of the 2017/18 workplan had been previously circulated. Tracy Young reported drop in sessions are going well with opportunities for young people to engage in positive activities. The main aim of the youth service is to have somewhere safe for young people to go and have fun. Anything extra is good.</p> <p>Forest School sessions in Norton Wood are going well with bushcraft, cooking, den making and getting dirty. Tracy circulated the aims of the Forest School sessions which are planned for six weeks up until summer.</p> <p>Outreach youth work has been successful and included engaging the group currently causing trouble in the town. The youth workers have been joined by a Families First worker and a social worker. Anti-social behaviour has quietened down a little, and a community social worker will join them until the autumn, funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner.</p> <p>As part of the multi-agency approach to anti-social behaviour in town, there have been regular meetings with Police and other agencies. Tracy Young has been responsible for coordinating outreach work for all agencies. This includes the Police's Operation Loggia team and more recently the intensive 'Trouble Families Undermining Neighbourhoods' meeting. This work is mainly with five families.</p> <p>The youth service is involved with the forthcoming 'Great Expectations' project with ex-offenders working with young people. Cllr Steve Robinson commented that he and Cllr Jonathan Duckworth had been attending the multi-agency meeting but this new initiative was taking over, having identified those people who need support. Tracy Young commented that the wider families are involved in this work.</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Duckworth and Cllr Steve Robinson undertook to write a paper demonstrating the path to take and good practice, to pass onto other councils.</p>	<p>JD/Steve R</p>

	<p>Tracy Young recognises it's frustrating for the public not seeing what's going on behind the scenes. She expressed concern that young people were not being let out by parents, to keep them away from trouble. The previously troublesome group was behaving better. A few have non-association orders and more court action is to come, with support for them and their families. Rev Helene Grant and Tracy Young are running a parenting course in autumn at the Arkell Centre. Cllr Jonathan Duckworth stressed the need to keep reporting problems to the Police.</p> <p>Tracy Young ended on a positive note that the 'footie fest' with PSALMS during Nailsworth Festival had been a great day and they plan to do this annually, using the new MUGA when this is built at Forest Green. Tracy Young said councillors are welcome to come to the youth club to see what's going on. The AGM is 27 July 2017 and all cllrs will receive an invitation.</p> <p>Cllr Sally Millett congratulated Tracy Young for all she does and said the town is lucky to have her.</p>	
2017/037	<p>Reports</p> <p>District Council: there have been no SDC meetings. District Cllr Steve Robinson said Tanner's Piece development will be coming to planning soon.</p> <p>County Council Report: Each County Cllr has £30k to allocate to Highways improvements C Cllr Steve Robinson said he will allocate his across the division. He welcomed requests from NTC for small jobs such as getting overgrown pathways in better order.</p> <p>After a discussion about specific tasks the Clerk confirmed Leyhill Prison were already working in the area and cllrs were asked to forward details of tasks to her.</p> <p>C Cllr Steve Robinson has £5k to be spent on children & young people activities and asked for ideas from NTC. He is giving some money to Play Gloucestershire and Nailsworth Guides.</p> <p>After Ofsted's recent damning report of GCC Children & Young People services, C Cllr Steve Robinson said GCC are acting straight away to improve services.</p> <p>C Cllr Steve Robinson and Cllr Jonathan Duckworth will hold a public meeting for residents of Harley Wood concerned with speed and traffic manoeuvring on A46, on Monday 26 June 6.30pm in the Council Chamber.</p> <p>C Cllr Steve Robinson met with Andrew Middlecote (GCC) and Dane Vince (Ecotricity) about a TRO for parking on</p>	Clerk

	<p>Spring Hill/Nympsfield Rd to cope with higher gate numbers. Cllrs Jonathan Duckworth and Myles Robinson expressed concern about the increased traffic, and urged all parties involved (FGR/Police/GCC) to work towards a satisfactory solution before the season starts.</p> <p>Town Mayors report: the previously circulated report was noted.</p> <p>Dep Mayors report: the report was noted and it was confirmed Deputy Mayor Sue Reed will attend Ruskin Mill College's Year End presentation event.</p> <p>Clerk's report: the Clerk noted that she had used her First Aid course on a casualty in the Town Hall car park.</p> <p>Reports from Representative of Outside bodies: there were no reports</p>	
2017/038	<p>To consider Committee recommendations: Recreation & Amenities</p> <p>KGV Extension Field proposals: Cllr Myles Robinson said the committee had considered the merits of all the schemes and the public comments. It was felt proposal 5 showed the best use, was simple and incorporated connecting land above the football field to enlarge the facility even more. The proposal was predominantly for adult use and dog walking; at certain times it gets very boggy; some hard surfacing would be good; noted the gully has recently been cleaned out so it may not be as boggy. The Clerk confirmed the intention to enhance the budget with grant funding.</p> <p>Cllr Myles Robinson proposed to approve Rec & Ams recommendation of proposal 5, seconded by Cllr Paul Francis and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Cllr Myles Robinson proposed a changed to the Rec & Am committee's recommendation for new goal posts to Option 2 as this was of the same quality at a lower price. Proposed Cllr Myles Robinson, seconded Cllr Robert Maitland and agreed unanimously.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
2017/039	<p>To approve the list of payments</p> <p>In response to a question about a charge from Severn Trent for surface water drainage the Clerk confirmed steps will be taken to reduce this.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Robert Maitland, seconded Cllr Steve Robinson and agreed unanimously</p>	Clerk
2017/040	<p>To approve the Annual Accounting Statement</p> <p>Cllr Robert Maitland thanked the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and the rest of the team. He noted the Internal Auditor's comment about the need to keep Arkell CC Trust business separate and to move these points forward as soon as we can. Cllr Jonathan Duckworth said the next meeting of the Arkell CC Trustees had been moved for a new Governance document to be prepared for discussion and agreement, to help address the Auditor's comments.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Jonathan Duckworth proposed a vote of thanks for the office team, seconded by Cllr Steve Robinson and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>The approval of the Annual Accounting Statement was proposed by Cllr Sally Millett, seconded Cllr Paul Francis and agreed unanimously.</p>	
2017/041	<p>To approve the list of authorised signatories</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Duckworth noted that as Cllr Anne Elliott is currently NTC's internal checker, she won't be able to sign cheques, although her name will stay on the list. Proposed Cllr Anne Elliott, seconded Cllr Paul Francis and agreed unanimously.</p>	
2017/042	<p>To consider Play Rangers funding for 2017/18</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Duckworth said this service has been used by NTC for many years and is popular and successful. C Cllr Steve Robinson will pay for two extra sessions to provide 6 sessions in total.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Sally Millett, seconded by Cllr Robert Maitland and agreed unanimously.</p>	
2017/043	<p>To consider comments to SDC on FGR's outline planning application</p> <p>Comments based on Council's views at the previous meeting were drafted by Cllrs Jonathan Duckworth and Robert Maitland had been previously circulated.</p> <p>Cllr Myles Robinson said NTC must acknowledge there are positives to the scheme in more housing. Cllr Robert Maitland said it was very unfortunate this is an outline application with very little detail to go on.</p> <p>The drafted comments were proposed by Cllr Jonathan Duckworth, seconded by Cllr Robert Maitland and agreed unanimously. The Clerk to submit these to SDC Planning. CCllr Steve Robinson will contact SDC to request all CIL/S106 for the FGR development go to Nailsworth.</p>	Clerk
2017/044	<p>To consider commissioning a survey of the library, Mortimer Room and TIC building</p> <p>Cllr Myles Robinson said this needs to go ahead to progress Civic Centre project. Cllr Jonathan Duckworth noted there are more leaks in the library roof so we need this survey so we know what we may be taking on.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Myles Robinson, seconded Cllr Steve Robinson and agreed unanimously.</p>	Clerk

2017/045	<p>Grant Applications</p> <p>Great Western Air Ambulance grant application</p> <p>Cllr Robert Maitland said this is a life-saving service, used six times in the past year in Nailsworth.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Anne Elliott, seconded by Cllr Sally Millett and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to point out this is a one-off grant and suggest they can book space for funding events and raising awareness on market day (space outside Mortimer Room).</p> <p>Following a query from Cllr Sally Millett about funding for venue rental for a parenting course at the Arkell Centre, Cllr Jonathan Duckworth confirmed that with the Audit requirement to clearly separate Council business from Arkell business the organisers would need to either ask the Arkell Trustees for funding (which would have to be considered within the Charitable Trust funding constraints) or complete a grant application to be decided by the council.</p>	Clerk
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