



**NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of a MEETING of Nailsworth Town Council**  
 held at the Town Hall, Nailsworth  
**on Tuesday 16 April 2019**

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

In red: minutes amended at the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Ref. No		Action									
2018/240	<b>Verbal introductions and safety briefing</b> Everyone introduced themselves. Cllrs Steve Robinson and Paul Francis volunteered to help Cllr Mike Kelly and Danny in the event of an emergency. The Mayor welcomed the Mayor of Perry, New York State, USA.										
2018/241	<b>Declarations of Interest &amp; Applications for Dispensations</b> None.										
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2018/243	<p><b>To confirm minutes of Council and Recreation &amp; Amenities Committee meetings held on 2 April 2019.</b> The minutes of the Council on 2 April were approved.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Steve Robinson, seconded Cllr Paul Francis and all in favour.</p> <p>The minutes of the Recreation &amp; Amenities committee on 2 April were approved. On the final item, the annual plan for the committee, the Mayor emphasized that committees and council should consider projects according to their need and not the elections.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Paul Francis, seconded Cllr Anne Elliott and all in favour.</p>									
2018/244	<p><b>Matters of Urgency</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Mayor introduced Mayor Rick Hauser, Mayor of Perry, USA who is visiting the Cotswolds on holiday. Mayor Rick Hauser spoke about the similarities between Perry and Nailsworth. Both are historic textile mill towns with a population of around 5,000. Located east of Buffalo, Perry is similarly surrounded by agriculture and attractive valleys. There's a local food and drink scene and some tourism but the town has a vibrant workforce. The Mayor and Mayor Hauser met with the Town Twinning Association earlier in the day. In 2017 Council agreed to investigate informal twinning between Perry and Nailsworth (minute 2017/100) to promote international friendship. This could be achieved with a simple resolution which speaks about the goals of friendship between the two towns. There's a chance to connect different community leaders such as arts organisations, Rotary Nailsworth in Bloom and to encourage visits to and from each town. Early in 2024 Perry will be on the line of totality for the solar eclipse and this could be a target for some sort of twinning arrangement.</li> </ul>									



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rev Caroline Bland introduced herself as new vicar of Nailsworth &amp; Horsley Parish.</li> <li>• Proposed development at Avening Road: The landowner has arranged a meeting with Council and wants Stroud District Council's emerging Local Development Plan to be amended to make the area off Avening Road a development site. It was noted that this is a more serious proposition than a planning application as it opens up other areas outside of the settlement boundary for future development. The site was considered by SDC (site NA1003) and it appears in the LDP as a rejected site. Nailsworth TC strongly supported SDC's decision to reject this site and it was noted that its consideration for development would be against all SDC's existing policies and NTC's previous policies. A course of action was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Steve Robinson speak to the SDC officer responsible for the draft LDP. It was further discussed how to publicise NTC's position on this development and how to inform residents. <b>Cllr Robert Maitland suggests this is publicised as soon as possible on our website.</b></li> <li>• Proposal to increase traffic movements to Babdown Trading Estate: It was noted that Nailsworth TC had not been included in the consultation and Shire Hall have apologised for this. The consultation closes on 17 April but will remain open for consultation due to the type of application. The following statement was agreed as a response to the consultation: Strongly object due to the effect o large traffic on the town and surrounding areas.</li> <li>• S18/2761/FUL Laurel Cottage: it was noted that the applicant has been asked to resubmit with a more sympathetic development.</li> <li>• Play Gloucestershire: there was a good response to their sessions in half term and lunches were much needed with a good uptake.</li> <li>• Damaged stone wall on the land at the bottom of Spring Hill: this has been reported to SDC as dangerous as it's their land.</li> </ul>	<b>Clerk</b>
<p><b>2018/245</b></p>	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) reports from County and District Councillors Proposals to improve the safety of the A46/Spring Hill roundabout were welcomed. It was agreed it would be helpful to include these proposals in future Highways recommendations relating to the FGR development of the stadium site. Clerk to circulate early feasibility studies</li> </ul> <p>A resident has asked about lighting levels on Park</p>	<b>Clerk</b>



	<p>Road. It was confirmed that the lights on Tanner's Piece will be fixed in the next couple of weeks as these have been out of action since Christmas.</p> <p>b) report from Town Mayor The Community Land Trust informal launch on 11 April was noted as a landmark event for the town.</p> <p>c) report from Deputy Mayor Nothing to report</p> <p>d) report from Clerk's office The old Town Council offices have been redecorated and carpet is due soon, ready for the tenant to move in on 1 June. Council is reminded that the office is in its busiest time of year and Year End, the Town Meeting and the Annual Meeting will take priority until early June.</p> <p>e) reports from Members on outside bodies: noted.</p> <p>f) reports from Working Parties: none</p>	
<b>2018/246</b>	<p><b>To consider Committee recommendations:</b></p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> to agree maintenance to Hazelwood bungalow for 2019-20:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to replace soffits, fascias and guttering to a limit of £1,500.</li> <li>2. to investigate external insulation for Hazelwood bungalow to reduce the carbon footprint of the building by increasing energy efficiency. Complete an energy assessment on Hazelwood bungalow.</li> </ol> <p>The Clerk undertook to contact the SDC officer and company currently carrying out improvements to SDC housing in Forest Green.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Robert Maitland, seconded Cllr Steve Robinson and all in favour.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>2018/247</b>	<p><b>Accounts</b> <b>To agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed in the attached report</b></p> <p>Noted and agreed Proposed Cllr Robert Maitland, seconded Cllr Angela Norman and all in favour.</p>	
<b>2018/248</b>	<p><b>To review NTC's Risk Assessment</b></p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<b>2018/249</b>	<p><b>To approve payment of final invoice for MUGA project from GCC</b></p> <p>Thanks were recorded to the Clerk for securing a reduction in the invoice amount. Cllr Steve Robinson did not take part in discussion due to a conflict of interest with his position as County Councillor.</p>	



	<p>It was <b>resolved</b> to approve the payment of the final invoice for the MUGA project from GCC. Proposed Cllr Mike Kelly, seconded Cllr Anne Elliott and all in favour.</p>	
<p><b>2018/250</b></p>	<p><b>To agree in principle to taking the Arkell Community Centre into Council control and ownership</b> It was noted that this is purely an agreement in principle and is subject to legal advice. Future costs to NTC must be considered.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> to agree in principle to taking the Arkell Community Centre into Council control and ownership subject to legal advice currently being sought by the ACC Trust and potential costs and liabilities to NTC</p> <p><i>It was resolved to agree in principle to taking the Arkell Community Centre into Council control and ownership subject to legal advice currently being sought by the ACC Trust, the potential costs and liabilities to NTC of this transfer and consideration given to the sustainability and viability of the Centre as an asset.</i></p> <p>Proposed Cllr Jonathan Duckworth, seconded Cllr Anne Elliott and all in favour.</p>	
<p><b>2018/251</b></p>	<p><b>To agree on working party membership and terms of reference for the KGV Extension Field project</b> The project needs to be within the terms of the Section 106 agreement and must have regard to the masterplan for KGV Field and Extension Field. KGV Extension Field is on lease to NTC and the working party must be mindful of the development proposal by the owner of the Field.</p> <p>The following cllrs agreed to form a working party: Cllrs Steve Robinson, Sally Millett, Angela Norman and Jonathan Duckworth.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Jonathan Duckworth, seconded Cllr Anne Elliott all in favour.</p>	
<p><b>2018/252</b></p>	<p><b>To consider future changes to the parish boundary and to the number of town councillors, in the light of SDC's Community Governance Review</b> There was a discussion about four suggested changes to the parish boundary at Inchbrook, Pinfarthings, Rockness and Shortwood. Responding to a question the Clerk confirmed these changes would affect the precept of the neighbouring parishes of South Woodchester, Minchinhampton and Horsley. It was agreed to include Ruskin Mill fishery lakes in the Rockness proposal.</p>	



	<p>It was <b>resolved</b> to respond to SDC's Community Governance Review with four suggested changes to the parish boundary (Inchbrook, Pinfarthings, Rockness and Shortwood).</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Sally Millett, seconded Cllr Emma Bonner and all in favour.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>2018/253</b>	<p><b>To adopt a change to Standing Orders on the maximum length of time of meetings and maximum finish time</b></p> <p>An error in the proposal was noted in that a combined meeting of 1.5 hours each would finish later than 8pm. A half hour 'buffer' was suggested for exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>Cllrs were reminded that if they are not present at a meeting then they cannot send a proxy vote. Council was further reminded that if they vote for a resolution they must stand by it as a corporate decision of the council and should not disagree with a decision afterwards. Decisions can be revisited after six months but Council is cautioned against changing decisions too frequently as this risks bring the council into disrepute.</p> <p>Council was reminded that the resolution has been made and it cannot be changed now. As the resolution involves a change to Standing Orders the resolution is aired in this meeting and 'sits' until the next meeting when Standing Orders are changed.</p> <p>The resolution was amended to include an allowance for exceptional circumstances:</p> <p>A meeting shall not exceed a period of 1.5 hrs after which it must be brought to a close or adjourned. <i>Amendment: That a meeting can be extended by 30 minutes if important business requires it and with the agreement of the majority cllrs present.</i> No combined meeting (council then committee) to run over 8.30pm.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Steve Robinson, seconded Cllr Robert Maitland and all in favour.</p> <p>This decision to be revisited in six months.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>2018/254</b>	<p><b>To consider grant applications for Rockness Trust and Playcircle</b></p> <p>Both grant applications were supported.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> to grant £340 to Playcircle and £100 to Rockness Trust.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Sally Millett, seconded Cllr Anne Elliott and all in favour.</p>	
<b>2018/255</b>	<p><b>To agree a resolution to submit to GAPTC for debate at their AGM on Saturday 20 July</b></p> <p>There were no suggestions.</p>	



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