



NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of a MEETING of Nailsworth Town Council
 held at the Town Hall, Nailsworth
on Tuesday 6 August 2019

Present	Cllr Mike Kelly (Chair) Cllr Paul Francis Cllr Sue Reed Cllr Anne Elliott Cllr Angela Norman Cllr Robert Maitland Cllr Steve Robinson Cllr Sally Millett
Minutes	Katherine Kearns (Clerk)
Apologies	Cllr Jonathan Duckworth, Cllr Emma Bonner
Not present	Cllr Ron Kerby
	Members of the public present re. Laurel Cottage

Ref. No		Action
2019/065	Verbal introductions and safety briefing Everyone introduced themselves. Cllrs Angela Norman and Steve Robinson volunteered to help Cllr Mike Kelly and Danny in the event of an emergency.	
2019/066	Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations Cllr Sue Reed is now on SDC Development Control Committee and sat out of the meeting for discussions on planning matters. Cllr Steve Robinson as County Cllrs was granted a dispensation to take part in discussions on the cyclepath (item 7).	
2019/067	Matters of Urgency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Deputy Mayor recorded thanks to the Deputy Clerk for her work over the past two years • It was noted that blood donation sessions will take place at the Town Hall this week. These are appointment only so no date is being advertised on the banner • Following concerns about long queues at Lloyds Pharmacy the Patient Participation Group (PPG) will be meeting Lloyds' area manager. The PPG has sent out a survey to pharmacy users. • Play Gloucestershire's session at Lawnside last week was very successful with 60 children and lots of parents taking part. • There were concerns about a new access created at Miles Marling Field. The Clerk to raise this with the Project Manager and contractor 	Clerk
2019/068	Approval of Minutes from Full Council on 16 July 2019 and Personnel committee 6 June 2019 The minutes were proposed by Cllr Steve Robinson, seconded Cllr Angela Norman and all agreed.	



	Personnel committee 6 th June: These were not approved.			
2019/069	Consideration of Planning Applications received as follows: CONSULTATION			
	Ref	Detail		Comment
	a)S19/1526/DISCON. Land at Pike Lane, Nailsworth	Discharge of conditions 3 (surface water), 4 (ecological enhancement and mitigation plan), 5 (construction method statement), 6 (pedestrian link improvements), 7 (detailed site access), 10 (tree protection) and 11 (landscape management) from the appeal APP/C1625/W/15/3053120 (S.14/2265/OUT) - Residential development of up to 17 dwellings including affordable housing		NTC strongly object to discharge of conditions: 1.more time needed for resident comments 2.Working hours should not be earlier than 08:00 3.Impacts of construction traffic on the surrounding road network have not been modelled / discussed, especially for Pike Lane, where larger vehicles will be navigating a narrow, steep bend in the road 4.Measures to mitigate noise effects on residents have not been set out 5.Flood risk to existing houses on Meadow Bank has not considered 6.Some trees will be lost.
b)S18/2761/FUL (revised drawings). Laurel Cottage, Rockness Hill, Nailsworth.	Replacement dwelling with new vehicular access.	Roof ridge height of proposed dwelling should not exceed existing roof height. The design of the proposed new dwelling remains banal		



			and inappropriate for this important, prominent site which affects the setting of the AONB, and to which there are long and shorter distance views.	
	c)S.19/1418/OUT Eastington	Development comprises of a 5000-capacity football stadium and other ancillary uses (use Class D2); one full-sized grass pitch and one full-sized all-weather pitch and a goal practice area (use class D2); car parking for cars and coaches and highway improvements to A419 including a signalised site junction and combined cycle/footway. All matters reserved save for access.	NTC strongly objects: adverse impact of the move on Nailsworth town. * see Appendix for full comments	
2019/070	<p>To respond to GCC's consultation on the designation of the Dudbridge to Nailsworth cycle path as a bridleway to create a multi-user path</p> <p>There was a discussion on the positive affect cycle path improvements will have, encouraging use especially in light of the climate emergency.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed about the narrowness of the path and clashes with different users. It was noted the intention is to create a multi-user path.</p> <p>Support for the cycle path's designation as a bridleway was proposed by Cllr Sue Reed, seconded by Cllr Robert Maitland. Three in support, two object. One abstained.</p> <p>The Clerk undertook to comment that NTC supports the proposal in principle but the potential conflict between all users needs to be minimised.</p>			Clerk
2019/071	<p>To consider temporary cover for the office prior to recruitment</p> <p>It was resolved to engage agency staff up to 37hrs per week until recruitment is complete</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Angela Norman, seconded Cllr Robert Maitland A recorded vote was requested. For:</p>			



	<p>Cllrs Angela Norman, Steve Robinson, Robert Maitland, Paul Francis, Sue Reed and Mike Kelly. Against: Cllrs Sally Millett and Anne Elliott. Carried.</p>	
2019/072	<p>To consider the recommendations of a Staff Review The Clerk answered questions on the division of tasks and whether there was any overlap with the TIC. There is an aspiration by council to have more public office opening hours however the need for staff capacity to look at the future of the town and take forward projects was also recognised. The staff review will require an annual rise in the precept.</p> <p>It was resolved</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To create a new Customer Services post of 37hrs per week 2. To change the current Deputy Clerk post to 25hrs per week 3. To change the current Admin Assistant post title to Customer Services so that it more accurately reflects the role <p>Proposed Cllr Steve Robinson, seconded Cllr Robert Maitland and all in favour.</p>	
2019/073	<p>To consider the nomination of a staffing panel for recruitment Cllr Mike Kelly proposed an amendment to the proposal; to consider the nomination of a sifting panel for recruitment. Cllrs Angela Norman, Mike Kelly, Sue Reed and Jonathan Duckworth volunteered.</p> <p>It was resolved that a sifting panel of three cllrs and the clerk be formed to handle recruitment to the new posts.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Angela Norman, seconded Cllr Steve Robinson and all in favour.</p>	AN/Sue R/MK/JD/Clerk
2019/074	<p>To consider the recommendations of the KGV Buildings working party It was clarified that Cllr Jonathan Duckworth had been tasked to carry out this work by the Working Party and that it had been circulated to all members for comment.</p> <p>Cllr Mike Kelly suggested amendments to the options.</p> <p>It was resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Council agrees to split the cost of appointing the Project Manager and developing the proposal with the Scouts 2) Council agrees to investigate and appoint a Project Manager to help Council to a stage when it can make a formal decision to build. 	



	<p>3) Council approves the KGV Pavilion Proposed Architectural Design Brief and seeks three tenders from Architects to provide a design.</p> <p>4) Council delegates a couple of councillors to develop the timeline, until such time as a Project Manager is appointed</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Sally Millett, seconded Cllr Paul Francis, all in favour.</p> <p>Cllrs Mike Kelly and Jonathan Duckworth volunteered to work on the timeline.</p>	<p>MK/JD</p>
<p>2019/075</p>	<p>To approve additional work to the Miles Marling Field project</p> <p>It was clarified there would be no additional cost or disruption should this work be carried out at a later date, however the Clerk undertook to ask that this work be carried out straight away.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry out additional work to Miles Marling Field entrance to improve accessibility at a cost of £2,355. Proposed Cllr Sally Millett, seconded Cllr Steve Robinson, all in favour.</p> <p>Concern was expressed about the sight lines as people come out of the entrance. This has been looked at before and changes made to the hedgeline. Cllr Steve Robinson as County Cllr, undertook to put this part of the road on GCC Highways' list for a TRO to add double yellow lines at the entrance and road bend.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Steve R</p>

Appendix

Minute 2019/069

S.19/1418/OUT Eastington: development of FGR new stadium

Impact at proposed new stadium site

- 1 We support Eastington PC's comments and objections
- 2 The FGR Stadium plans make a lot of what the stadium will bring to the immediate area. However it must be recognised that this is not a new development, but the moving of an existing one. There is therefore no net gain to the District.
- 3 The application covers the land south of A419 although there are now no proposals for this area. It should be excluded from the application

Impact on Nailsworth

- 1 No assessment has been made on the impact that moving FGR from their existing ground will have on Nailsworth. This means it is impossible to assess properly the full impact of the proposal
- 2 Positive impacts on NTC from FGR's location include:



- Extra trade to shops, restaurants, cafes, pubs, hotels, B&Bs etc from supporters and accompanying visitors, who may choose to spend a weekend whilst taking in a game. NTC has anecdotal evidence supporting this, whilst the applicants have failed to carry out any impact assessment
- Profile and name recognition. FGR has raised the profile and increased recognition of Nailsworth nationally and internationally, with positive effects on tourism and trade.
- Town identity. FGR has been part of the town for 130 years, and its loss will be strongly felt in the community
- The loss of the football club and its benefits to the town s directly contrary to Stroud District Council’s Supporting Market Towns initiative.

3 Claimed adverse impacts

The applicants make much of adverse impacts on the town and residents as a result of traffic and parking on match days.

These arise largely because the club has refused to take action to manage traffic as it has grown – inevitably leading to problems and an adverse effect on the club’s reputation locally. Sustainable solutions could be put in place by the club to make transport to matches much better managed. For example: fully utilised and publicised Park and Rides; shuttle buses from Stroud and Cam and Dursley; traffic management through working with local highway authorities and funding TROs etc.

4 Local facilities and community benefits

Much is made of the gym and bar facilities, and other local job opportunities at the proposed new stadium. Reference is made to the facilities at The New Lawn to stress how beneficial the new facilities might be to the Eastington community. In fact, the club has already removed these facilities from The New Lawn to the disadvantage of their longstanding neighbours in Forest Green. The reliance that can be placed on their promised commitment to the Eastington community and can be predicted from the way they have treated previous ‘commitments’ to Forest Green.

Summary

This development is contrary to the Local Plan and promotes development that is unsustainable and has very significant and substantial adverse effects in Eastington.

It has substantial adverse impacts on Nailsworth, with no compensating benefits. This proposed new stadium brings no net gain to the District and the refusal should be upheld.

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

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 Date