

**NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES**

The Meeting of the Town Council at the Town Hall, Nailsworth
on **Tuesday 19 September 2006**

Present	Cllr Mrs S M Reed (Town Mayor) Cllr W S Affleck * Cllr M K Akhtar * Cllr J D Bratby * Cllr J Byrne Cllr J Eddyshaw Cllr N I Kay * Cllr J R Nicholson * Cllr Mrs A J Smith
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Present for part of the meeting	County Cllr W S Waddington District Cllr Mrs DLM Binns Ms Helen Bojaniskwa
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Apologies	Cllr E A McLean Cllr Mrs L J Williams-Allen
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* denotes absence from part of the meeting

2006/75 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Presentation by Ms Helen Bojaniskwa on Nailsworth Action Plan

Ms Bojaniskwa explained how the Action Plan had evolved from the Healthcheck. There had been little feedback from public consultation other than pointing out a few typographical errors, and otherwise the document was unchanged from the version circulated to Cllrs with the addition of website links.

Cllr Kay suggested the comment on page 14 that 'Nailsworth had no cinema, museum etc' be annotated to read 'apart from specialised museums at Dunkirk and Gig Mills'. This was agreed.

Ms Bojaniskwa was currently preparing a shortened summary of the document as the original was rather large, and it was noted that both would need regular updating as matters progressed. The Mayor was to meet with Ms Tiina Emsley SDC to set up a steering group to follow up on the actions proposed.

In response to a query from Cllr Nicholson, Ms Bojaniskwa confirmed that, although the list of strengths & weaknesses in the final document did not show weighting, results from earlier public consultations used to put together the final list did indicate levels of importance and priority of public wishes, and were available.

* Cllrs Nicholson and Mrs Smith joined the meeting during the above presentation.

The Mayor thanked Ms Bojaniskwa for her hard work and diligence in preparing the Action Plan which would now be published on the Town and District websites.

Having agreed to bring forward item 15 of the agenda, the Mayor formally presented the Action Plan to the meeting for adoption.

RESOLVED Cllr Kay proposed, seconded by Cllr Affleck that the Nailsworth Action Plan be formally adopted and this was approved unanimously.

In response to a query from Mrs Ann Makemson, it was confirmed that there was no news on the recreational space adjoining KGV field. Cllr Kay was awaiting the results of the soil analysis tests.

2006/76 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18 July 2006 were approved and signed.

2006/77 MUGA MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (minute 2006/49)

Copy of the final Agreement referred to by SDC, had been requested from Ms Karen Toole but not yet received.

2006/78 TRAFFIC ORDER (minute 2006/50)

Cllr Kay drew attention to notification in the SNJ of the Traffic Order for parking restrictions, which regrettably excluded all of Chestnut Hill. Mr Williams-Allen had put considerable effort into chasing the painting of yellow lines in front of Nailsworth Subscription Rooms, which had now been done.

2006/79 STONE FOUNTAIN (minute 2006/52)

Cllr Kay reported that SDC awaited specifications from the architect within a couple of weeks, and Mr Curtis SDC would contact NTC before putting the restoration job out to tender.

* Cllr Akhtar joined the meeting.

2006/80 REPORT OF COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllrs were sorry to hear that **District Cllr Mrs Bruce** was still unwell; the Mayor had sent her a card on behalf of the Council.

County Cllr Waddington reported that the two new waste contracts had been implemented on 4 August, with the landfill contract now with Cory and the recycling (including management of Horsley Tip) with EWC Environmental Controls. GCC was about to launch a Joint Municipal Waste Strategy for public consultation. The new Highways management partnership with Atkins was working well. Further structural maintenance work was scheduled for the A46 and Cllr Waddington would ensure this was not undertaken in the run up to Christmas. The advance roadworks programme was now published on the GCC website.

The County Council would be undertaking a street lighting consultation to consider various schemes intended to save cost and reduce light pollution, whilst not ignoring safety and public order. A policy statement on vehicle access signs was to be prepared.

Cllr Affleck was appalled at the amount of combustible waste material being dumped in landfill sites and Cllr Waddington responded that solutions were being sought to reduce landfill and make better use of waste, such as conversion of combustible waste to RDF (refuse derived fuel). The County's first priority was to increase recycling and it hoped to achieve 70% recycling for every household over the next five years.

In response to a query from Cllr Eddyshaw, Cllr Waddington promised to report on progress on restoration work of Pensile Road.

District Cllr Mrs Binns gave apologies for **Cllr Jeffrey**s who was at another meeting. SDC had just reformed after the August summer recess and the main focus of attention would be on the budget pending the January meeting. Cllr Nigel Cooper would be presenting an SDC Green Paper for circulation initially to Cllrs for consultation, and then to the wider public.

In response to a query from Cllr Kay, Cllr Mrs Binns expected that rate payers, especially smaller businesses, would be invited to participate in the January budget meeting again this year.

2006/81 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

5 September	Attended the opening of Forest Green football stadium.
7 September	With colleagues, listened to the first draft of the Nailsworth Town Plan. Further presentations would be made on 21 September and 5 October at the Town Hall.
8 September	Attended Nailsworth Festival Committee meeting for 2007 Festival starting on 21 April. The Committee wishes to present NTC with a Nailsworth Festival Award for the Arts at the Mayor's reception next May.
	First film in the Film Club's new season.
11 September	Ms Helen Bojaniskwa presented the final draft of the Action Plan ready for Council approval.
13 September	Attended a Full Governors Meeting at Nailsworth Primary School.

First ideas for development of Old Market/bus station area

Plans were circulated to the meeting, showing ideas for development of the area over the next 25 years.

Design Statement

The Mayor drew attention to the Design Statement circulated with the minutes, which was intended as a planners' tool to guide decisions on planning applications to fit cohesively within the overall town design. The Planning Committee would look at this in greater depth and revert to full council with comments.

SDC Shoppers Survey

The Mayor had received confirmation from Ms Tiina Emsley that four towns had indicated willingness to take part in the survey, and SDC suggested the £1200 cost per town be split 50/50. The Chamber of Trade was keen to undertake the survey, which, Cllrs agreed would also be of value for future town planning.

PROPOSED Cllr Affleck proposed, seconded by Cllr Kay to unanimous approval, that £600 be provided for Nailsworth to take part in the SDC Shoppers Survey.

2006/82 REPORT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr Kay reported that he had attended a P&CC meeting in Stonehouse on 14 September and had emailed a report to Cllrs.

Cllr Kay drew attention to a tourist tax being considered in London with an additional 6% charge on restaurant meals, and 10% on take-away food. This followed the example already operating in the USA and Europe whereby the resulting revenue was retained by the local council, and if implemented successfully in London, would undoubtedly spread across the country. The meeting feared a British version was unlikely to fill local council coffers and would seriously damage local business. Cllr Kay would obtain more background information so that the Recreation & Amenities Committee could look into the scheme in greater detail and report back to full council in due course.

* Cllr Bratby joined the meeting during the above discussions

Cllr Kay advised that a meeting of the Glos Partnership NHS Trust would take place on 25 September at Gloucester Guildhall, which organisation covered mental health services. A list had been circulated of workshops that would take place before the meeting.

SDC officers had been invited to join NTC Cllrs in reviewing play areas for which SDC was responsible in the town, so that a plan of improvements could be drawn up in conjunction with public consultation. It was agreed to arrange the 'walk-about' for 13 October, results of which would be followed up by the Recreation & Amenities Committee. It was not known whether SDC undertook external or internal safety inspections of its play areas – the Clerk believed ROSPA inspections were undertaken.

The Clerk and Cllr Nicholson could not open email attachments sent by Cllr Kay and he would try and modify his programme.

2006/83 REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

The Clerk had received additional documents –
SDC Environmental Green Paper, final version.
World Wildlife Trust Natural World & Review. Notice of AGM on 25 November at 2.30.
Wildlife News.
Stroud Voluntary Service August newsletter
Various Inforeggio News items.

GCC youth offenders work programme

The Clerk had been contacted by group leader Ms Elaine George suggesting areas in the town where youth offender groups could be put to useful work. The Clerk had arranged for the group to undertake weeding in the Clock Tower Gardens and paint the tower door. Railings had been painted outside William's Kitchen, round the War Memorial and the handrails on the steps into Mortimer Gardens. The group would now tackle the railings at Lèves Corner. Labour was free and a tin of paint had been donated by Nailsworth Ironmongers for the War Memorial railings.

Cllrs congratulated the Clerk on making good use of this initiative and were happy to authorise the purchase of additional paint as required.

Letters from Mr Paul Carter, Windsoredge

Mr Carter complained of litter in the outlying areas of the town and felt NTC should be more proactive in attending to this problem. Extensive discussion ensued with varying opinions on the extent of the problem and how to deal with it. It was agreed to air the issue in articles for The Fountain and Nailsworth News, and the Environment Committee was asked to consider the matter further. Cllr Kay offered to find out how other member towns in GMTF dealt with this.

2006/84 REPORT OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Bratby presented the report of the meeting of the committee held on 25 July and the minutes were approved.

2006/85 REPORT OF RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Cllr Kay presented the report of the meeting of the committee held on 8 August and the minutes were approved.

Hire of Pavilion – outstanding account

£120 of the debt had been paid with balance promised within two weeks. The Clerk would make one more call before taking legal action for the balance.

Lighting for Miles Marling youth shelter

Cllr Nicholson would bring information on solar lighting to the next meeting of the committee. Cllr Mrs Smith thought funding should be available from SDC Community Safety. It was emphasised that this idea would only be pursued if it was the overwhelming wish of the young people who used the shelter.

2006/86 STONE PLAQUE – 10th ANNIVERSARY GIFT FROM LEVES

Possible positions for the plaque were suggested: set into the Clock Tower, or into the Mortimer Room wall. The latter was preferred and the Clerk was asked to obtain a quotation for the work which would include repositioning the Mortimer Room letters.

**2006/87 REPORT OF TOWN NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**

The meeting had not been quorate but the meeting accepted a report presented by Mrs de Lacroix. The September edition of The Fountain had been circulated by hand, with a few more streets to be covered by Cllrs Akhtar, Bratby and Mrs Smith. A contract had been taken out with Royal Mail to resume door-to-door deliveries for the four 2007 issues as miraculously, the dates requested had been available. It had not been possible to include the December 06 distribution so Cllrs kindly agreed to help with hand delivery one more time.

2006/88 REPORT OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Nicholson presented the report of the meeting held on 4 September and the minutes were approved.

Cllr Nicholson encouraged Cllrs to attend the TIC review meeting and party on 11 October.

The Clerk would seek written confirmation of the telephone message from GCC last week that the unofficial Forest Green footpath was still under GCC ownership.

2006/89 REPORT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Affleck presented the minutes of the meetings held on 20 July, 1 and 17 August and 5 September.

RESOLVED that the comments of the Planning Committee made at its meetings held on 20 July, 1 August, 17 August and 5 September 2006 be approved.

2006/90 ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED that the list of accounts at 15 August 2006 amounting to £11594.60 be retrospectively approved.

RESOLVED that the list of accounts at 19 September 2006 amounting to £12904.45 be approved for payment.

2006/91 PROPOSED REVISION OF STANDING ORDER 58(a) to increase the threshold from £5000 to £10000 before works had to be put out to tender.

The motion was tabled for consideration by Cllrs and discussion at the October meeting.

2006/92 SDC – Industrial Heritage Conservation Area Review and Cotswold Canals Design Framework SPD – early stakeholder & community engagement 1 September to 31 October 2006

Public consultation documents were available on the SDC website or in the office.

2006/93 Living Streets – national conference in London 15 November

The conference would discuss street design and the management of public spaces.

2006/94 CPRE – countryside conference 24 November

Details of the conference to be held in London were noted.

2006/95 GCC – cancellation of temporary traffic order for Scar Hill

The cancellation was noted.

2006/96 Forest Green Residents Association – AGM 22 September and letter regarding lack of bus stop

The AGM would be held at the Primary School at 7 for 7.30pm on 22 September, and the Mayor agreed to address the meeting. Details of the missing bus stop were passed to the Environment Committee for attention.

2006/97 Glos Police Authority – P&C Consultative Meeting 14 September

Details for the next meeting were noted.

2006/98 GRCC – AGM 28 September

The Mayor hoped to attend the AGM at the Tythe Barn Brockworth at 4.30 for 5pm to be followed by refreshments.

2006/99 GMTF – AGM 21 September

It was hoped Cllr McLean would be able to attend since Cllr Kay was not available.

2006/100 GCC – Modification Order, additional length footpath at Forest Green

The order to add the footpath to the Rights of Way official map had stalled as there had been one objection, which could hopefully be settled, failing which the matter would be referred to the Secretary of State.

2006/101 SDC – Parish Community Plans Forum 27 September

A five minute presentation was invited from each parish but Cllrs felt this was not relevant to Nailsworth.

2006/102 Stroud Crime & Disorder Partnership – speed warning sign

An interactive mobile sign had been purchased for £3300 and contributions of £200 were invited + £30 a year to maintain the sign. GCC had already offered to lend a sign free of charge and Cllrs

felt there were now too many around for yet another to have much impact. The Clerk was asked to reject the offer.

2006/103 Glos Highways – retirement of Mr John Lindsay

Mr Lindsay had retired after 40 years in the Council but no successor had yet been appointed.

2006/104 GAPTC – AGM 14 October

Details of the meeting were noted but no one was free to attend.

2006/105 GCC – P&TC Charter Test Group meeting 27 September

Cllrs were asked to notify the Clerk if they wished to attend.

2006/106 GCC – Annual Highway Maintenance & Traffic Management Seminar 30 October

The meeting would start at 5.30 for 6pm and expected to finish by 8pm.

2006/107 GCC – County Council’s Council Plan

The three-year business plan was available in the office.

2006/108 NHS South West – consultation on health services in Gloucestershire

Acknowledgement had been received of NTC’s objection.

2006/109 Action for Market Towns – convention 28 and 29 September

Details of the convention were noted.

2006/110 SDC - temporary road closure Market Street market 21 October

Cllrs had no objection to the road closure.

2006/111 GCC – minimising waste produced in Gloucestershire

The document could be purchased for £10 or copies were available to view at Shire Hall.

2006/112 GCC – Draft Traffic Road Order – misc locations in Nailsworth

The order covered the various parking restrictions previously discussed.

2006/113 International Day of Peace – 21 September

This would be held at Stroud Subscription Rooms.

2006/114 GCC – temporary road closure Ragnall Lane

The road would be closed on 18/19 October to allow for installation of new water connection.

2006/115 Forest Green Scout Group – bonfire night at KGV field – 4 November

The meeting approved the Scout Group’s request to hold a bonfire night on KGV field on Saturday 4 November and a suitable location for the fire would need to be agreed. It was suggested to charge a nominal rent of £10 to the Group so that it in turn could charge an entrance fee to the event, but doubts were expressed as to whether this was permitted under the KGV covenant. The Recreation & Amenities Committee was asked to look into the matter and respond accordingly.

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Chairman

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Date