

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council
 Held at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Old Bristol Road
on Tuesday 16th January 2024

Present:

Cllr Mike Kelly (Chair)
 Cllr Shelley Rider
 Cllr Jonathan Duckworth
 Cllr Steve Robinson
 Cllr Peter Bodkin
 Cllr Patsy Freeman
 Cllr Colleen Rothwell
 Cllr Angela Norman
 Cllr Ros Mulhall

Minutes:

Clerk

Apologies:

Cllr Natalie Bennett
 Cllr Paul Francis

Verbal Introductions

These were made.

2023/167**Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations**

Cllr Peter Bodkin knows the owners of Tulip Cottage and declared an interest in planning application S.23/2435/HHOLD.

Cllr Steve Robinson is a member of Nailsworth Mills Bowls Club and declared an interest in the item on a grant application from the Club.

Cllr Colleen Rothwell is a neighbour to Playing Place and declared an interest in planning application S.23/2422/HHOLD.

2023/168**Consideration of Planning Applications received as follows:****CONSULTATION**

- a) S.23/2435/HHOLD Tulip Cottage, Windsoredge Lane, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: Householder. Alterations to existing extension roof and erection of an outbuilding.
NTC comment: NTC request that the outbuilding's use to be ancillary to the existing dwelling.
- b) S.23/2422/HHOLD. Playing Place, Box, Stroud, Gloucestershire. Application: Householder
 Erection of single storey side extension, new garage and garden room. Demolition of existing single storey extension and garage. Remodelling of existing dwelling to amend window and door openings and new external finishes.
NTC comment: No observations
- c) S.23/2489/FUL. Beaudesert Park School, Box, Stroud, Gloucestershire. Application: Full Upgrade pool building, first-floor extension and replace sports hall roof.
NTC comment: While NTC welcome these alterations to make the school's buildings more energy efficient, the council wishes it to be recognised that any improvements will attract further traffic to the school. NTC is very concerned that numerous complaints are received about parking on the protected National Trust Common and causing obstructions in the nearby roads. NTC asks that this issue is addressed by the school with adequate car park provided on site.

In addition, there's an opportunity for biodiversity improvements with this application and NTC request that universal bird nest bricks are installed on all the mentioned buildings. If swifts are present in existing buildings, it is requested that their nest locations are recorded with the assistance of Stroud Swift Group and the work is carried out outside of nesting season (May – August) with swift boxes being installed in the identified nest locations.

- d) S.23/2531/VAR Cambray House Bath Road Nailsworth GL6 0QL Application Variation in condition. Variation of condition 6 (removal of turbine) from S.16/0652/HHOLD - to allow a longer period of generation from the wind turbine.

NTC comment: Support.

TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA

- e) S.23/2439/TCA 8 Bridge Street, Nailsworth, Stroud, Gloucestershire. Application: Trees in a Conservation Area. Maple (T1): Pollard to approximately 1 metre above crown break.

NTC comment: Noted.

- f) S.23/2465/TCA Bramshaw, Theescombe, Amberley, Stroud. Application: Trees in a Conservation Area. Willow (T1) – fell

NTC comment: Noted.

2023/169

To confirm minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 19th December 2023

There was an amendment to minute 2023/162 from:

2023/162

Report from District Councillors

The examination of Stroud Local Plan has been paused for six months by the Planning Inspectorate due to concerns on the impact of the Local Plan on the motorway junction. It was confirmed this won't change the Local Plan as this has already been submitted. The effect of this on Nailsworth is very limited due to the town's location in the AONB and the flood risk status.

To:

2023/162

Report from District Councillors

The Planning Inspectorate is considering a request by SDC that the examination of Stroud Local Plan be paused for six months, due to concerns on the impact of the Local Plan on the motorway junction. It was confirmed this won't change the Local Plan as this has already been submitted. The effect of this on Nailsworth is very limited due to the town's location in the AONB and the flood risk status.

The minutes were approved with this amendment.

All agreed

2023/170

Matters of Urgency *important items that have arisen since the meeting summons (agenda) and cannot wait to be addressed with a written report at a future meeting, due to inflexible deadlines.*

The cllr surgery in the TIC last Saturday was attended by one resident who, having raised concerns, was informed of Emergency Planning in place at district and county level.

It was noted that town and parish councils are not included as part of the district and county council Emergency Planning process, which is a weakness, not including local knowledge, contacts, resources and response capacity.

Beaudesert School have expressed an interest in becoming more involved in Nailsworth matters and local democracy.

Transition Stroud and NCAN are planning to submit a grant proposal to the Rural SPF for e-bikes for hire.

GCC's speed activated sign on the A46 is not working and funding is not forthcoming from GCC Highways. Concerns were raised that NTC might be asked to repair/replace GCC owned equipment, and there was a query about what GCC's policy is on the repair and maintenance of their roadside equipment.

2023/171

Accounts:

To agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed in the attached reports

These were agreed.

Cllrs Angela Norman and Peter Bodkin agreed to approve the payments before Friday at midday.

All agreed

2023/172

To consider a grant request from Nailsworth Festival for £2,200.

It was noted that this grant comes from the Tourism Promotion budget and not the NTC Small Grants budget.

It was **agreed** to award £2,200 to Nailsworth Festival for Festival Saturday.

All agreed

2023/173

To consider a grant request from Nailsworth Mills Bowling Club for £220.

It was agreed that Cllr Steve Robinson could stay in the room but not take part in the discussion of this grant applications, being a member of the Club.

The remaining amount in NTC's small grants budget was confirmed as £220. The next deadline for grant applications is 1st April 2024.

It was **agreed** to award £220 to Nailsworth Mills Bowling Club towards a replacement sprinkler system and better disabled access to the green.

All agreed

2023/174

To reconsider the decision made on the contractor to remove the Town Hall storage shed.

Under Standing Orders it is not usual to reconsider a council decision for six months, however the chosen contractor did not present an accurate quote and therefore was not valid. Contractor 3 is available to carry out this urgent work.

It was **agreed** that contractor 3 carry out the work to remove the Town Hall storage shed, considering the urgency of the work needed, at a cost of £3,000.

All agreed

2023/175

To consider the emergency roof works being carried out on the Mortimer Room toilet.

Extremely wet weather in November and December has revealed urgent repairs needed to the Mortimer Room toilet roof. The Clerk gave an update on this work which started on Monday 15th January. There is considerable damage to the roof which, on investigation, wasn't correctly built (installation was c.1980s), with no damp proof tray. Council was advised to set aside a larger budget than detailed in the report, to cover unknown costs of the extensive disintegration being revealed.

It was **agreed** to allocate a budget of up to £5,000 to carry out urgent work to the Mortimer Room roof.

All agreed

2023/176

Financial summary:

- a) Income and Expenditure report**
- b) Budget comparison report**
- c) Main bank account reconciliation report**
- d) Premier bank account reconciliation report**

These reports were noted.

2023/177

To review NTC’s Risk Assessment

At the meeting in December cllrs were reminded that all public communication including with Nailsworth News, comes from the office and not from individual cllrs. Cllrs were again reminded of NTC’s Communication Policy.

2023/178

To review the Council’s [Action Plan](#)

Noted.

2023/179

Report from Town Mayor

Noted.

2023/180

Report from Deputy Mayor

The Deputy Mayor reported on the Nailsworth Chamber of Trade AGM.

2023/181

Report from District Councillors

Noted.

2023/182

To receive an update on NTC office activities

Cllrs were reminded of the Biodiversity Awareness training on Monday 29th January.

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