

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council
 Held at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Old Bristol Road
on Tuesday 19th November 2024

Present:

Clr Peter Bodkin (Chair)
 Clr Ros Mulhall
 Clr Shelley Rider
 Clr Steve Robinson
 Clr Tyler White
 Clr Louis Nicholas
 Clr Phil Sullivan
 Clr Luke Stewart
 Clr Colleen Rothwell

Minutes:

Clerk

Apologies:

Clr Julian Dennis
 Clr Paul Francis

Also present:

District Clr Maggie Dutton. Eight members of the public were present for planning application S24/1845/FUL Goldwater Springs.

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of ex-councillor Sally Millet who served on the Council from 2015 to 2020.

2024/118**Public Participation**

A member of the public representing residents opposing planning application S24/1845/FUL Goldwater Springs spoke on their behalf.

2024/119**Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations**

There were none made.

2024/120**Consideration of Planning Applications received as follows:****CONSULTATION**

- a) S.24/1845/FUL. Goldwater Springs, Station Road, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire.
 Application: Full Planning Application. Demolition of two existing buildings, development of 12 residential units (10 apartments and 2 detached dwellings), extension of existing storage building, closure of existing access to A46, parking, and landscaping
NTC Comment: Object. If the SDC Officer is minded to approve this application, NTC will request that it is 'called in' for debate by the Development Control Committee.

There was a discussion with residents about the application during which some points were raised regarding the scale of the development, flooding and environmental concerns, privacy and impact on existing dwellings, disability access, disruption to the cycle path, biodiversity concerns, Local Plan compliance and heritage. It was agreed to support residents on this matter.

The Clerk undertook to forward a response to cllrs for approval before submitting this to SDC.

- b) S.24/1989/CPE. Holcombe House, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Gloucestershire. Application: Certificate Existing Lawful Use/Dev. Certificate of existing lawful use of land and buildings as part of the residential garden.

NTC Comment: No observations.

- c) S.24/1874/CPL. King George V Playing Field, Wood Lane, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire. Application: Certificate Proposed Lawful Use/Dev. Erection of a replacement groundsman's store with disabled w.c.

NTC Comment: This application has been submitted by Nailsworth Town Council.

TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA

- d) S.24/2006/TPO. Winslow House, Spring Hill, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: Tree Preservation Order. T1 - Goat Willow - Fell. T2 - Thuja - Fell. T3 - Holm Oak - To reduce top by removing around 6m of regrowth & also reduce lateral branches by around 6m. T4 - Thuja - Fell. T5 - Atlas Cedar - Remove ivy & also remove crossing & rubbing branches to reduce wind load. T6 - Acacia - Fell. T7 - Holly - Fell. T8 - Sycamore - Fell. T9 - Sycamore – Fell

NTC Comment: Noted.

- e) S.21/2023/TCA. Wellington House (Renishaw PLC), Inchbrook Trading Estate, Bath Road, Woodchester. Application: Trees in a Conservation Area. Coppicing work to a large area of 36 trees.

NTC Comment: Noted.

It was noted that SDC's Development Control Committee will meet on Tuesday 3rd December to debate the FGR planning application. The Mayor, Cllr Peter Bodkin, was nominated to represent NTC at that meeting with Cllr Tyler White as second.

It was noted that as a result of the above meeting, the planned pre-application consultation meeting with the agent for S24/1845 Goldwater Springs, cannot now go ahead. The Clerk will endeavour to find an alternative date.

2024/121

To confirm minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th November 2024.

These were noted.

All agreed

2024/122

To confirm minutes of the Environment Committee of Tuesday 5th November 2024

These were noted.

All agreed

2024/123

To consider the recommendations of the Environment Committee of Tuesday 5th November 2024

To **recommend** a request for a dedicated bench of the same style as existing ones is approved for Mortimer Garden.

All agreed

To **recommend** to change the Tourism working party to a Town Information working party.

All agreed

To **recommend** the terms of reference for the Town Information Working Party as;

- To establish a working party of TIC volunteers, councillors and residents with expertise
- To consider the current services offered by the TIC, the purpose, who uses the service and why
- To consider the purpose of the TIC and how it can be improved for residents, visitors and volunteers
- To develop an action plan to bring back to the Environment Committee

And for Cllrs Louis Nicolas and Luke Stewart to be appointed members of the working party.

All agreed

To **recommend** Stroud Landscape Project carry out the ground works and wildflower seeding of the KGV extension Field as part of NTC's commitment to biodiversity.

All agreed

2024/124

To confirm the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting on 11th October 2024

These were noted.

All agreed

2024/125

To confirm the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting on 24th October 2024

These were noted.

All agreed

2024/126

To confirm the Council's Strategic Priorities following a six-month review

The updated Strategic Priorities were noted.

2024/127

Accounts

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

Cllr Colleen Rothwell and Steve Robinson agreed to authorise the payments before 12 noon on Friday 22nd November.

Two Emergency payments were noted and these will be added to the December payments list, to be ratified:

1. TAG heating; £975.54 part payment in advance for water heater replacement and for decommissioning a water tank and converting water heater to mains supply for the Town Hall.
2. Form gallery; £500 grant as previously agreed (minute 2024/104) for Nailsworth Christmas Hall at the Arkell Centre.

2024/128

To consider an Alcohol-free Zone working party for the town centre.

There was a discussion about how this proposal had come about, emerging from an Antisocial Behaviour multi-agency meeting. It was suggested that the PCSO be a member of the working party; the new Police Inspector offered to provide data to gauge the scale of the issue.

It was noted that Stroud and Dursley towns have alcohol-free zones and that this is a district council initiative. It was confirmed that an alcohol-free zone doesn't affect events and stalls, and that Police Officers (not PCSOs) are the ones who can legitimately confiscate alcohol from people. There were questions about whether there were many drink-related incidents in the town centre that weren't related to existing clubs and bars [controlled via SDC Licencing].

It was **agreed** to set up an Alcohol-free Zone working party ('task and finish') with the following aims;

- To investigate the implications of an alcohol-free zone in the town centre on local businesses and events.
- To investigate any costs to NTC, including additional signage, and additional responsibilities.
- To suggest areas to be included in a street drinking ban.

All agreed

It was **agreed** to nominate councillors to the working party and appropriate members of the public or other agencies, and for those members to be PCSO Candice Francis, Cllrs Steve Robinson, Phil Sullivan, Louis Nicolas and Luke Stewart with the Deputy Clerk/Clerk.

All agreed

For the working party to meet, and then to bring their findings back to Council.

2024/129

To consider the introduction of an Emergency Plan for NTC

The Emergency Plan was agreed.

It was suggested that a short 'executive summary' be included at the start of the Plan.

2024/130

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.

2024/131

To review NTC's Risk Assessment

This was noted

2024/132

Report from Town Mayor

The next cllr walkabout is this Saturday.

A skills audit has been drafted for all cllrs and staff.

2024/133

Report from Deputy Mayor

This was noted.

2024/134

Report from District Councillors

This was noted

2024/135

Report from County Councillor

This was noted

2024/136

To receive an update on NTC office activities

SDC have conducted a review of the Neighbourhood Warden service and a presentation will be made to town and parish councils on Monday 2nd December (evening). The Deputy Clerk will attend. Cllrs Shelley Rider and Phil Sullivan also agreed to attend.

A report to SDC’s Strategy & Resources Committee notes that the Market Town Vitality Fund has underspent by £55k with one application, a collaboration between several market towns, not yet determined. District Cllr Steve Robinson undertook to raise these points at the SDC committee meeting.

2024/137

To receive reports from working parties: none received

This was noted

2024/138

To receive reports from council representatives on outside bodies:

- **Nailsworth Community Land Trust**

It was noted that the potential for CLT housing has been raised with FGR/Ecotricity regarding the proposed redevelopment of the stadium.

2024/139

Review NTC [Action Plan](#)

This was noted.

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