

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 July 2024

Present:

Cllr Peter Bodkin (Chair)
 Cllr Paul Francis
 Cllr Ros Mulhall
 Cllr Shelley Rider
 Cllr Steve Robinson
 Cllr Phil Sullivan
 Cllr Tyler White

Minutes:

Clerk

Apologies:

Cllr Julian Dennis

Verbal Introductions

These were made.

2024/051**Public Participation**

There were 14 members of the public present for item 2024/053 (S24/1169 Beechwood Farm Windsoredge Lane Nailsworth. Application: PBC. Use of land for temporary recreational campsite), and item 2024/056 Co-option to three casual vacancies.

A representative from Windsoredge Community Group read a statement objecting to the proposed temporary campsite at Beechwood Farm, Windsoredge.

2024/052**Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations**

Cllr Peter Bodkin declared an interest in item 2024/053 (S24/1169 Beechwood Farm) and it was agreed that Deputy Mayor Ros Mulhall chair this item.

2024/053**Consideration of Planning Applications received as follows:****CONSULTATION**

- a) S.24//1172/FUL. Land At, Old Bristol Road, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire. Application: Full Erection of 4 no. dwellings. Resubmission of S.24/0120/FUL
Comment: NTC supports this resubmission and requests 'S boxes' (swift boxes) are installed, and that CIL Funds are allocated to Nailsworth.
- b) S.24/1169/PBC. Beechwood Farm Windorsedge Lane Nailsworth. Application: PBC. Use of land for temporary recreational campsite
Comment: NTC objects.
 - the application contains inaccurate and misleading information; the site map doesn't show an existing permanent wooden structure and track.
 - The proposed site access is via a locked gate owned by a third party.
 - There are several safety hazards: the site is rough grassland on a steep gradient; it includes contaminated land; access for emergency vehicles is difficult and dependent on specific appliances being available; access for waste removal is difficult.
 - Access on the narrow lanes leading to the proposed campsite for 50 pitches is not suitable for multiple campervans and motorhomes.
 - No consideration has been given to Special Areas of Conservation.

- The site is not suited for this level of tourism.

TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA

None

PREVIOUSLY TRACKED APPLICATIONS

- c) S.24/0590/FUL. 1 Brewery Gardens, Brewery Lane, Nailsworth. Application: Full planning application. Description: Erection of a garage (retrospective). Application permitted. NTC object to this application.
- d) S.24/0856/HHOLD. Briar Bank, Bath Road, Nailsworth. Application: Householder. Description: Erection of a detached two-storey garden room. Application refused. NTC request a condition that the building is ancillary to the main dwelling is implemented.
- e) S.24/0878/TPO. 6 Vicarage Gardens, Nailsworth, Stroud, Gloucestershire. Application: Tree Preservation Order. T1 Beech tree - Inner crown thin by 30%. T2 Lime tree - Pollard by 5m canopy and 2m lateral. Lower Large epicormic limb to be felled to ground. Application approved. NTC: No Observations
- f) S.24/0510/HHOLD. Kingsgate, Horsley Road, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: Householder. Erection of single storey extension, loft conversion, new dormer & gable windows, rooflights and external veranda. Application permitted. NTC: no observations.

2024/053

To confirm minutes of the Full Council meeting on Tuesday 2nd July 2024

The minutes were noted.

All agreed

2024/054

To confirm minutes of the Environment Committee on Tuesday 2nd July 2024

The minutes were noted.

All agreed

2024/055

Accounts

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

The payment list was reviewed.

Cllr Peter Bodkin and Steve Robinson agreed to authorise payments online before midday on Friday.

All agreed.

2024/056

To consider co-options to three casual vacancies

The Chair moved this item forward, for the benefit of the three candidates who were all present.

The process for voting was explained to all present. There was an opportunity for each candidate to be asked questions by council members, on their reasons for wishing to become a town councillor and the skills and knowledge they will bring to the role.

A vote was taken on each of the candidates in turn.

It was **agreed** that Louis Nicolas be co-opted to the council.

All agreed

It was **agreed** that Luke Stewart be co-opted to the council.

All agreed

It was **agreed** that Colleen Rothwell be co-opted to the council.

All agreed

2024/057**To review NTCs Strategic Priorities**

The Strategic Priorities report was noted.

There was a discussion about how NTC's Emergency Plan (one of the priorities noted) will coordinate with SDC's forthcoming Emergency Plan. Currently neither County or District councils coordinate their Emergency Plan with town and parish councils, and this can cause issues particularly in clear communication, when an emergency occurs (for example during the pandemic).

Cllr Phil Sullivan undertook to raise this with SDC's Community Safety Group.
District Cllr Steve Robinson was asked to raise this with SDC.

2024/058**To consider grant requests:****a) Grant request from Love Nailsworth**

Love Nailsworth requested a grant of £1,000 towards the annual Nailsworth Goodwill evening. It was confirmed the group have received some sponsorship for the event and that this is the only Christmas community event NTC is aware of this year.

After discussion, it was agreed that NTC will waive charges for hiring rooms and open spaces (Mortimer Garden) and that NTC will undertake printing leaflets and posters to reduce costs. The group stated their wish for the annual Christmas event to become self-funding in time.

It was **resolved** to award Love Nailsworth £1,000 towards Nailsworth Goodwill evening.

All agreed.

b) Grant request from Concord

Concord Coffee Group requested a grant of £400 towards plants, planters and outdoor furniture to create a seating area.

Cllr Steve Robinson declared an interest in this item.

After discussion it was agreed to award the funds.

It was **resolved** to award Concord Coffee Group £400 towards creating an outdoor events area.

All agreed.

c) Grant request from Nailsworth In Bloom (NiB)

Nailsworth in Bloom requested a grant of £500 for zinc planters and plants for the Town Square/bus station.

There was a discussion about how best to purchase the planters and it was noted that NTC own two recycled plastic formal-style planters with watering reservoirs. They are currently planted with sustainable planting of perennials and shrubs. These could be repositioned in the bus station.

It was **resolved** to donate the two planters plus £150 to Nailsworth in Bloom for this project.

All agreed.

2024/059**Reports for information (no decisions required):****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.

2024/060

To review NTC’s Risk Assessment

The report was noted.
The switch to Sharepoint has caused some issues.

2024/061

Report from Town Mayor

The report was noted.

2024/062

Report from District and County Councillors

It was noted that Stroud District wasn’t included in the proposal for electric buses. Disappointment was expressed that the cities (Cheltenham and Gloucester) benefitted to the detriment of rural areas.

2024/063

To receive an update on NTC office activities

The report was noted.

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