

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council
 Held at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Old Bristol Road
on Tuesday 17th September 2024

Present:

Cllr Peter Bodkin (Chair)
 Cllr Ros Mulhall
 Cllr Steve Robinson
 Cllr Phil Sullivan
 Cllr Tyler White
 Cllr Julian Dennis

Minutes:

Clerk

Apologies:

Cllr Paul Francis
 Cllr Louis Nicolas
 Cllr Shelley Rider
 Cllr Luke Stewart

Also present:

District Cllrs Kate Kay and Maggie Dutton.

2024/076**Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

2024/077**Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations**

There were none.

2024/078**Consideration of Planning Applications received as follows:****CONSULTATION****TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA**

- a) S.24/1559/TPO. 14 Whitcroft, Forest Green, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: Tree Preservation Order. Crowning of Turkey Oak
NTC comment: Noted.

PREVIOUSLY TRACKED APPLICATIONS

S.24/1169/PBC. Beechwood Farm Windorsedge Lane Nailsworth. Application: PBC. Use of land for temporary recreational campsite. Application: decided.

SDC have noted that the owner needs to enter into a legal agreement with SDC re. the Sites of Conservation (biodiversity mitigation). Until this is in place, camping is not lawful. The temporary toilets must be removed between the listed camping dates.

It was noted that these are new regulations and it is not clear what biodiversity mitigation will be acceptable. The new regulations do not allow for the usual planning issues to be addressed.

2024/079**To confirm minutes of the Full Council meeting on Tuesday 3rd September 2024**

These were noted.

All agreed

2024/080**To confirm minutes of the Environment Committee on Tuesday 3rd September 2024**

These were noted.

All agreed

2024/081**To consider the recommendations of the Environment Committee on Tuesday 3rd September 2024.**

There was a discussion about whether the dedicated bench can have a plaque and it was clarified that this is at the discretion of the family. A change to NTC's Commemorative Policy will clarify this.

It was **agreed** that the two Clocktower Garden benches are replaced at the same time at a cost of c. £2,800, with crowdfunding for one bench and additional funding from budget heading 6020 Town Improvements Reserve.

All agreed

It was **agreed** that the request for a dedicated bench at the Clocktower Garden is approved.

All agreed

It was **agreed** that a budget of £1,000 be earmarked for Nailsworth to participate in the VE Day 80 Celebrations on the 8th May 2025.

All agreed

2024/082**To confirm minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6th August 2024.**

These were noted.

All agreed.

2024/083**To consider the recommendations of the Recreation & Amenities Committee on Tuesday 6th August 2024.**

It was noted that Cllr Julian Dennis has an interest in this matter.

The Rehearsal Rate is a new rate, and although it is the same amount as a normal room rate, this was to distinguish it from other uses.

It was **agreed** to introduce a new concessionary Set Building Rate (£55 a day) and Performance Rate (£276) for all hirers of the Town Hall.

All agreed.

It was **agreed** to introduce a Rehearsal Rate charged at the current room rate (£48 per session).

All agreed.

It was recommended to introduce these rates immediately and then review them in January 2025. An amendment was tabled for the recommendation to introduce these rates immediately. The amendment was accepted and;

It was **agreed** that the new Set Building Rate and Performance Rate be introduced for NDS in two increments: 1st November 2024 – 50% increase; 1st April 2025 increase to full amount.

All agreed.

2024/084

To confirm minutes of the Personnel Committee held on Thursday 6th September 2024.

These were noted.

All agreed.

2024/085

To consider the recommendations of the Personnel Committee held on Thursday 6th September 2024.

The Clerk and Cllr Julian Dennis will meet to discuss the terms of reference for the review.

It was **agreed** that a staffing review of the 'estate' roles be commissioned.

All agreed

2024/086

Accounts

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

The payment list was reviewed.

Cllr Peter Bodkin and Colleen Rothwell agreed to authorise payments online before midday on Friday.

All agreed.

2024/087

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.

There was a discussion about whether a different financial report can be produced, which helps council see how the budget is progressing according to expectations. This would be different from the budget comparison report.

2024/088

To review NTC's Risk Assessment

There was a discussion about the recent damage to the Mortimer Room from flooding.

2024/089

Report from Town Mayor

The Mayor invited cllrs to use the Monthly Market Saturday to visit different events, groups and gatherings, and to invite conversations with residents, to increase cllr visibility.

2024/090

Report from Deputy Mayor

The report was noted.

2024/091

Report from District and County Councillors

District Cllrs Kate Kay and Maggie Dutton reported on SDC business.
All three Nailsworth District cllrs intend to come to Nailsworth monthly market, to meet residents.

Particular SDC news to highlight;

- New SDC crowdfunding scheme via SDC, enabling community groups to bid for funds.
- New equipment for removing chewing gum from pavements
- New canal project wetland will increase biodiversity

County Cllr Steve Robinson’s report was noted.
The Mayor offered to meet with the County Cllr and PC Hutchins and to report back to council on PCSO provision for Nailsworth, rather than having restricted time at a council meeting.

2024/092

To receive an update on NTC office activities

The report was noted.

2024/093

Review NTC [Action Plan](#).

The Action Plan was noted.

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