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NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Civic Centre, Old Market, Nailsworth, Glos. GL6 0DU Tel: 01453 833592 email: clerk@nailsworthtowncouncil.gov.uk

Clerk to Council: Katherine Kearns

You are summoned to attend the meeting of Nailsworth Town Council to be held at the Town Hall, Old Bristol Road, Nailsworth on Tuesday 18th March 2025 starting at **6.30pm**.

Mrs K Kearns Town Clerk 13th March 2025

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All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend and a 15 minute period will be set aside for members of the public to raise questions.

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Public Participation
- 3 Declarations of interest and applications for dispensations
- 4 Consideration of Planning Applications received as follows:

CONSULTATION

a) S.25/0397/HHOLD. April Cottage, Worley, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: Householder. Erection of single storey rear extension & new dormer window to front elevation.

TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA

None received.

FOR INFORMATION: PREVIOUSLY TRACKED APPLICATIONS

- b) S.25/0011/HHOLD. 31 Colliers Wood, Nailsworth, Stroud, Gloucestershire. Application: Householder. Erection of a porch. Application permitted. NTC: No observations
- c) S.25/0276/TCA. 15 Goldwater Springs, Station Road, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: Trees in a Conservation Area. Ash (T1) pollard to 7m above ground level. Application permitted. NTC: no observation.
- 5 To confirm minutes of the Council meeting held on the 4th March 1015
- 6 To confirm the minutes of Environment Committee held on the 4th March 2025
- 7 To consider the recommendations of the Environment Committee held on the 4th March 2025

It was **recommended** to consult on the future of the TIC according to an amended timetable.

NB. An amended timescale for the consultation was not proposed by the Environment Committee.

It was recommended to task the Town Information Working Party with the following;

- To analyse community needs and usage patterns and feedback from the public to support any decisions on the future of the service.
- To continue discussions with TIC volunteers about which information can be provided via NTC's website and at other locations.
- To discuss proposed changes with the library.

It was **recommended** to accept the proposed approach to the Committee's projects in 2025-2026.



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- 8 To confirm the minutes of Personnel Committee held on the 6th March 2025
- 9 To consider the recommendations of the Personnel Committee held on the 6th March 2025

It was **recommended** that a sum of £3,239.82 is offered to the employee.

It was **recommended** that £3,000 is moved from the General Fund to Budget heading 6330 Contingency Reserve, to maintain a sum in that budget in case of emergencies.

- 10 Accounts
 - To agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed in the attached reports
- 11 To agree movements in Earmarked Reserves as part of the Year End process
- 12 To appoint a steering group member to the Nature in Nailsworth group
- 13 To consider a Devolution Working Party to steer the process of negotiating with the District and County Councils

Reports for information (no decisions required):

- 14 Financial summary:
 - a) Income and Expenditure report
 - b) Budget comparison report
 - c) Main bank account reconciliation report
 - d) Premier bank account reconciliation report
- 15 To review NTC's Risk Assessment
- 16 Reports received:
- a. Report from Town Mayor
- b. Report from District Councillors none received
- c. Report from County Councillor
- d. To receive an update on NTC office activities
- e. To receive reports from working parties: Town Hall Major Projects Working Party
- f. To receive reports from council representatives on outside bodies: none received
- 17 Review NTC's Action Plan

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council

Held at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Old Bristol Road on Tuesday 4th March 2025

DRAFT

Present:

Cllr Peter Bodkin (Chair)

Cllr Shellev Rider

Cllr Steve Robinson

Cllr Colleen Rothwell

Cllr Julian Dennis

Cllr Luke Stewart

Cllr Ros Mulhall

Cllr Phil Sullivan

Cllr Tyler White

Minutes:

Clerk

Apologies:

Cllr Louis Nicholas Cllr Paul Francis

2024/202

Public Participation

No present

2024/203

Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations

Chair declared interest in planning application a.

2024/204

Consideration of Planning Applications received as follows: CONSULTATION

a) S.25/0308/LBC. Park View, Windsoredge Lane, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: Listed Building Application. Demolition of a non-original porch and erection of a replacement porch.

No observations

b) S.25/0190/HHOLD. Southwood, Scar Hill, Minchinhampton, Stroud. Application: Householder Application. Erection of dormer extensions to house and garage.

It was noted that the property falls within Minchinhampton Parish Council but is on the border between both councils.

No observation

TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA

c) S.25/0276/TCA. 15 Goldwater Springs, Station Road, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: Trees in a Conservation Area. Ash (T1) - pollard to 7m above ground level.

No observation

NTC – Full Council 4th March 2025

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: PREVIOUSLY TRACKED APPLICATIONS

d) S.24/2274/HHOLD. Fern Bank, Watledge Road, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: Householder. Erection of two replacement conservatories. Application permitted. NTC:

No observations.

2024/205

To confirm minutes of the Full Council meeting on Tuesday 18th February 2025

Agreed

2024/206

To ratify a payment of £2660 plus VAT to Bailey Street Furniture for 2 benches at the Clocktower Garden.

The bench design was discussed, and it was noted that they are more comfortable than they look.

Payment ratified	
Town Mayor	Date
Nailsworth Town Council	
Civic Centre, Old Market, Nailsworth, GL6 0DU	

NTC – Full Council 4th March 2025



NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL Minutes of the Environment Committee

Held at 6.45pm in the Town Hall on Tuesday 4th March 2025

Present

Cllr Shelley Rider (Chair)
Cllr Julian Dennis
Cllr Luke Stewart
Cllr Tyler White
Cllr Peter Bodkin (ex officio as Mayor)

Minutes

Clerk

Apologies

Cllr Louis Nicolas

Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations

There were none.

To consider the future of the TIC

Cllr Stewart provided a brief to the committee with regard to the meeting with TIC volunteers. Highlighting several points raised during the meeting including leaflets, volunteers time and the use of technology.

The use of QR codes, the internet and how these can be used to improve the TIC service was also discussed. Additional leaflet locations were also raised, this could include cafes, shops and other well visited outlets.

The timescale of the change was raised as it may be a longer process than estimated.

The content of the leaflet rack in the library foyer was raised, the information held could be misinterpreted as the TIC and stop visitors entering the library and visiting the TIC.

Clarity of the service provided by both the library and TIC should be clarified to ensure there is no crossover.

Alternative solutions were discussed regarding locations for information and volunteer tasks.

A questioned raised reference the deadline date of 20th May. It was felt the timescales of the process should be reviewed with a view to reducing the timeframe, the recommendation will be amended accordingly.

Recommendations

It was **recommended** to consult on the future of the TIC according to an amended timetable.

NB. A timescale for the consultation was not agreed.

It was **recommended** to task the Town Information Working Party with the following; - To analyse community needs and usage patterns and feedback from the public to support any decisions on the future of the service. - - To continue discussions with TIC volunteers about which information can be provided via NTC's website and at other locations. To discuss proposed changes with the library.



To receive a report on the Nature in Nailsworth volunteer group

Report was well received and NTC look forward to seeing how the relationship will develop in the future.

To receive notice of an application for additional signage for Three Storeys

NTC thank 3 Storey for the information regarding the signage.

To consider the proposed approach to the Committee's projects in 2025-2026

Item 2 The chair attends meeting of the twinning committee and is content to report back to council as the member of the outside body.

Item 4 The ASB Working Party was discussed and attendee's clearances with regards the enhanced DBS and safeguarding concerns. A discussion with members should be had to clarify the membership of the working party.

Volunteers for the working party:

Cllr Robinson as NTC Police Representative

Cllr Sullivan

Cllr Rider

It was **recommended** to accept the proposal approach to the Committee's projects in 2025-2026

Agreed

To review Environment Committee action plan

Noted	
Chair of Environment Committee	Date
Nailsworth Town Council	
Civic Centre, Old Market, Nailsworth, GL6 0DU	



NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL Minutes of a meeting of the Personnel Committee

Held at 14:00 in the Town Hall, Old Bristol Road on Thursday 6th March 2025

DRAFT
Present: Cllr Julian Dennis (Chair) Cllr Peter Bodkin Cllr Steve Robinson Cllr Phil Sullivan Cllr Ros Mulhall
Minutes: Clerk
Apologies: Cllr Shelley Rider
Declarations of Interest and Dispensations There were none.
To consider advice on a matter relating to an employee's pension The matter was discussed and the Committee agreed with the legal advice offered by a pensions law specialist, and that this has been discussed with the employee. It was noted that the payment will be subject to tax.
It was recommended that a sum of £3,239.82 is offered to the employee.
All agreed
It was recommended that £3,000 is moved from the General Fund to Budget heading 6330 Contingency Reserve, to maintain a sum in that budget in case of emergencies.
All agreed
To decide a date for the next Personnel Committee meeting It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Personnel Committee at 10am, Thursday 27 th March
Chair of Personnel Committee Date

Nailsworth Town Council

Civic Centre, Old Market, Nailsworth, GL6 0DU

Expenditure transactions - approval list

Start of year 01/04/24

No	Payment Reference	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Invoice
17423		£180.00	2040/2	14/02/25	1st Fire Solutions Ltd - replacement detector	7338
		£180.00	-	1st Fire Soluti	ons Ltd - Total	
17443		£501.99		04/03/25	Acerola Telecom - Phones and broadband	250304
	1	£164.90	1140/1		December phone and BB charges.Feb line rentals	
:	2	£163.47	1140/1		January phone and BB charges. March line rentals	
;	3	£173.62	1140/1		Feb phone and BB charges, April line rental	
	_	£501.99	-	Acerola Telec	om - Total	
17475		£258.00	2040/1	12/03/25	AES Maintenance - Hand dryer at Town hall	98
		£258.00	-	AES Maintena	ance - Total	
17450		£36.00	1140/5	26/09/24	Arkell Community Centre - Room Hire	1391
	<u>-</u> -	£36.00		Arkell Commu	unity Centre - Total	
17424		£290.00	4140	03/02/25	Avendale Garden Maintenance Service - All Saints Church, Shortwood grass cutting June	250213
17425		£3,153.00	4140	18/02/25	Avendale Garden Maintenance Service - All Saints Church, Shortwood grass cutting June	250218
17474		£290.00	4140	12/03/25	Avendale Garden Maintenance Service - All Saints Church, Shortwood grass cutting June	250312
		£3,733.00	-	Avendale Gar	den Maintenance Service - Total	
17434		£490.00	2000	28/02/25	A-Z Cleaning - Office clean - Feb	9220
	_	£490.00	-	A-Z Cleaning	- Total	
17470		£49.99	3030/2	25/02/25	Blue Diamond Garden Centre (Nailsworth) - rootgrow	104635
		£49.99	•	Blue Diamond	Garden Centre (Nailsworth) - Total	
17426	DD2503123 BRIT	£14.64	3070	26/02/25	British Gas - KGV electricity	811614611
17456	DD250318 BRIT	£158.18	2100	04/03/25	British Gas - Mortimer room gas	813226368
17469	DD250318 BRIT	£34.93	2060	27/02/25	British Gas - Mortimer Room electricity	803641910
	_	£207.75	-	British Gas -	Total	
17451		£25.08	1140/5	28/02/25	Brutons Hardware Ltd - various	870217
	_	£25.08	·	Brutons Hardy	ware Ltd - Total	
Signat	ure				Signature	
Date						

Expenditure transactions - approval list

Start of year 01/04/24

No	Payment Reference	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Invoice
17457		£122.39		10/03/25	Cliff Christie - expenses	EXP250310
	1	£26.10	1140/5		mileage	
	2	£96.29	1090		VE day celebration	
	_	£122.39		Cliff Christie -	Total	
17427		£1,512.00	1090	24/02/25	Cotswold Markets Ltd - Town meeting market stalls	332022025
	_	£1,512.00		Cotswold Mark	kets Ltd - Total	
17428		£903.24	1170	28/02/25	Down To Earth Gloucestershire CIC - maintaining town borders	0225R
		£903.24		Down To Eartl	n Gloucestershire CIC - Total	
17468	DD250310 EE	£75.90	1140/1	02/03/25	E E - Groundsman and Deputy phone	VO2323203628
		£75.90		E E - Total		
17458		£96.00	6570	10/03/25	Foxfield Solicitors - Professional charges in relation to swearing 8 statutory declarations	7147
	_	£96.00		Foxfield Solici	tors - Total	
17452	DD250305 FUEL	£25.20	3050/3	28/02/25	Fuel Card Services Ltd - Fuel	9009169455
	_	£25.20		Fuel Card Ser	vices Ltd - Total	
17453		£455.40	3050/2	06/03/25	GB Sport and Leisure - Prosafe gate repair kit	17046
		£455.40		GB Sport and	Leisure - Total	
17429		£316.93	1165/6	12/02/25	Gloucestershire County Council - cleaning CC&MR	1800806858
	_	£316.93		Gloucestershi	re County Council - Total	
17454	DD250320 GRUN	£13.37	1260	28/02/25	Grundon Waste Management - waste management CC	PSI 1239140
17455	DD250320 GRUN	£10.68	1260	28/02/25	Grundon Waste Management - waste management TH	PSI 1239141
	_	£24.05		Grundon Was	te Management - Total	
17373		£47.00	1130/2	07/02/25	Information Commissioner's Office - DATA Protection payment	ZA489231
	_	£47.00		Information Co	ommissioner's Office - Total	
17430		£1,200.65	3050/3	18/02/25	J & M Turner Ltd - Polaris repairs	1040824
		£1,200.65		J & M Turner I	_td - Total	
Signa	ture				Signature	
Date						

Expenditure transactions - approval list

Start of year 01/04/24

No	Payment Reference	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Invoice
17459		£192.10	6590	10/03/25	Katherine Kearns - Plants for textile trail	EXP
	_	£192.10		Katherine Kea	rns - Total	
17431	PAY250307 LLOYDS	£26.62	1155	10/01/25	Lloyds Bank - Bank account charges for	447323929
17460	PAY250307 LLOYDS	£29.85	1155	10/03/25	Lloyds Bank - Bank account charges for	449777397
17472	PAY250407 LLOYDS	£27.65	1155	10/03/25	Lloyds Bank - Bank account charges	452199800
	_	£84.12		Lloyds Bank -	Total	
17432		£41.25	3050/2	27/02/25	Nailsworth Garden Machinery - Wolf Saw	67644
	_	£41.25		Nailsworth Ga	rden Machinery - Total	
17433		£360.00	4000	18/02/25	National Trust - Meadow seeding and cutting	3180540
	_	£360.00		National Trust	- Total	
17461	DD250211 OCTOPUS	£1,099.62		06/03/25	Octopus - Electricity and gas	(I-5C5DCFF8-0043
	1	£790.50	2020		Gas	
	2	£309.12	2030		Electricity	
17446	DD250308 OCTO	£17.24	3120	03/03/25	Octopus - Junction Elec	KI-FF17F2FF-0031
17444	DD250308 OCTOPUS	£58.10	2110	03/03/25	Octopus - Clock tower elec	<i-01b53b5d-0050< p=""></i-01b53b5d-0050<>
17445	DD250308 OCTOPUS	£39.68	3070	03/03/25	Octopus - Changing rooms Elec	KI-94567F80-0049
17463	DD250311 OCTO	£119.04	1165/1	06/03/25	Octopus - Civic Centre electricity	I E1CD2BOA 0048
17462	DD250313 OCTO	£5.41	3035	06/03/25	Octopus - Mortimer garden electricity.	KI 24066B24-0045
	_	£1,339.09		Octopus - Tot	tal	
17447		£100.00	1090	13/02/25	SDC - License to close bus station	401836292
17464		£4,970.99	2010	05/03/25	SDC - Non domestic rates - offices 1,2,3, & 7 TH	00326583
17465		£3,992.00	1165/2	05/03/25	SDC - Non domestic rates - CC	00326733
	_	£9,062.99		SDC - Total		
17448		£504.00	3030/2	07/02/25	Soils (HS) Ltd - Mushroom compost for Mortimer garden	142978
Signa	ture				Signature	
Date						

Expenditure transactions - approval list

Start of year 01/04/24

No	Payment Reference	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Invoice
	=	£504.00		Soils (HS) Ltd	- Total	
17449		£44.99	3050/2	17/02/25	Trade UK Ltd - Boots	2002482972
	-	£44.99		Trade UK Ltd	- Total	
17471		£200.00	1160	12/03/25	Twinning Association - Contribution to Leves gift	250312
	=	£200.00		Twinning Asso	ociation - Total	
17467	DD250321 WATER	£52.00	2050	08/03/25	Water Plus - TH water	INVO8550319
17473	DD250323 WATER	£301.33	3080	11/03/25	Water Plus - CR water	INV08583511
	=	£353.33		Water Plus -	Гotal	
17466		£1,088.02	6590	06/03/25	West Kington Nurseries Ltd - Mortimer garden planting	1054104
	_	£1,088.02		West Kington	Nurseries Ltd - Total	
		£17,422.07			Confidential transactions	
Total	_	£40,952.53				

Signature	Signature	
Date		



Agenda Item 11a

Meeting of Full Council

Meeting date Tuesday 18th March 2025

Subject To agree movements in Earmarked Reserves as part of the Year End process **Author** Clerk **Status** Action

If you have any questions about this item and the information is not included in this report, please contact the Clerk or Deputy Clerk by 10am on the Monday before the meeting.

Summary

A list of movements to Reserves for approval.

Detail

As part of regular review of NTC's Reserves the Clerk would like permission to make some movements in NTC's funds. The movements are from project budgets where the project has completed and funds can be reallocated.

The following movements are suggested for the Reserves.

- 6520 Covid-19 Response Reserve: this currently stands at £6,031.35. Move this into the General Fund.
- 6550 UKSPF (grant) Carters Way community garden Reserve: this currently stands at £1,402. Move this into the General Fund.
- 6060 Miles Marling Field Reserve stands at -£1,657.20. In December 2024 funds were
 allocated from this budget heading and from the Upkeep of Council Land budget heading to
 carry out path improvements. The simplest way of balancing this Reserve is to move
 £1,657.20 from the General Fund. This will bring the Miles Marling Field Reserve to £0 and
 the Reserve can be closed.
- 6130 Replace groundsman's vehicle Reserve stands at £2,000. It's suggested to move an additional £1,000 from the General Fund into this reserve.

Reserve	Move to General Fund	Move from General Fund		
6520 Covid-19 Response	£6,031.35			
Reserve				
6550 UKSPF (grant) Carters	£1,402			
Way community garden				
Reserve				
6060 Miles Marling Field		£1,657.20		
Reserve				
6130 Replace groundsman's		£1,000		
vehicle Reserve				
General Fund	+£7,433.35	£2,657.20		
Total movements in				
General Fund	+£4,776.15			



A report of all the Earmarked Reserves is attached.

NB. The General Fund is any money which isn't allocated to a specific budget or earmarked reserve. It is good practice for the General Fund to hold at least 3 months of running costs (c. £114,000).

Options

1. To approve the above movements in Reserves

Recommendation

1. To approve the above movements in Reserves

Costs

£2,657.20 from the General Fund £7,433.35 to the General Fund as detailed

Funding Source

As detailed above

ENDS.

Reserve Status	01/04/24	11/03/25
6030 Town Hall repairs	£7,753.03	£7,753.03
6150 Clocktower refurbishment	£500.00	£500.00
6010 Play/tennis court	£5,430.00	£7,535.00
6060 Miles Mar Field Equipment	£6,247.80	-£1,657.20
6220 Dunkirk Mill Museum	0.00	£0.00
6130 Replace Grndsman Vehicle	£900.00	£2,000.00
6020 Town Improvements	£4,048.20	£4,862.20
6240 Emergency tree work	£5,883.80	£5,283.80
6120 Shortwood Churchyard	£500.00	£500.00
Market St/town centre improvem 6140 Town centre/Mkt St improvements	£62,888.10	£62,888.10
6170 20 mph town scheme	£0.00	£0.00
6000 Election Expenses	£3,420.00	£3,420.00
6280 WWI & II plaques project	£0.00	£0.00
double glazing 6050 Hazelwood Bungalow refurb	£0.00	£0.00
Feasibility and options 6310 Civic Centre	£0.00	£0.00
6300 KGV buildings (Groundsmans store)	£35,852.37	£38,940.87
6330 CONTINGENCY	£3,196.59	£3,196.59
6340 KGVExtension FieldRESERVE	£0.00	£0.00
6350 Staff recruitment RESERVE	£177.20	£0.00
6380War Memorial refurbRESERVE	£7,201.23	£0.00
6430 Tourism Promotion RESERVE	£3,359.00	£3,419.00
6450 Heritage Open DayDONOTUSE	£60.00	£0.00
6460 Town Archives	£30.20	£30.20
6510 Climate Emergency Reserve	£4,659.11	£2,609.88
6520 Covid-19 Response	£6,031.35	£6,031.35
unspent CIL funds 6500 CIL projects	£1,142.26	£6,330.80
total due is £15,160 6530 Build Back Better FundPROJECT COMPLETE	£0.00	£0.00
Total due £13,373 6540 Welcome Back FundPROJECT COMPLETE	£2,263.27	£0.00
6550 UKSPF Carters Way community garden	£4,229.00	£1,402.00
6560 Highways improvements	£0.00	£0.00
6570 Registering NTC Land	£1,682.00	£442.00
6040 Mortimer Room repairs Reserve	£400.00	£400.00
6580 Town Hall retaining wall	£5,000.00	£17,031.00
6590 Textile Trail	£0.00	£24,200.00

6600 Nailsworth Christmas Hall	£0.00	£80.00
6610 Green Gifts (trees, benches etc)	£0.00	£1,162.00
	£172,854.51	£198,360.62
	C470 0E4 E4	C400 260 62



Agenda Item 12

Meeting of Full Council

Meeting date Tuesday 18th March 2025

Subject To appoint a steering group member to the Nature in Nailsworth group

Author Clerk **Status** Action

If you have any questions about this item and the information is not included in this report, please contact the Clerk or Deputy Clerk by 10am on the Monday before the meeting.

Summary

The new Nature in Nailsworth group will be working in partnership with NTC to devise and implement a Biodiversity Action Plan. A steering group will guide this work.

Detail

The Nature in Nailsworth (NiN) group proposes a framework for partnership with Nailsworth Town Council to deliver the town's biodiversity action plan. The group comprises ecological experts and passionate community members who will work alongside Council to enhance local biodiversity initiatives with members focused on education and community engagement

A steering group is being formed with a temporary Chair and the group requests NTC representation on the steering group to ensure close partnership working.

NiN will attend the Town Meeting on 5th April to begin a biodiversity mapping exercise.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's representative will stay involved while the group is established. A date for the first meeting of the steering group is being arranged to;

- review NTC's Biodiversity Policy
- o identify quick-win projects (6-12 months)
- o develop medium-term initiatives (12-36 months)
- o plan biodiversity surveys of NTC-owned land

This partnership represents a valuable opportunity to leverage community expertise in delivering Council's biodiversity commitments.

Council is asked to appoint a member to this steering group.

Options

1. To appoint a cllr to the Nature in Nailsworth steering group



Recommendation

1.	To appoint a cllr to the Nature in Nailsworth steering group
Costs None	

Funding Source

N/A

ENDS.



Agenda Item 13

Meeting of Full Council

Meeting date Tuesday 18th March 2025

Subject To consider a Devolution Working Party to steer the process of negotiating with the District and County Councils

Author Clerk

Status Action

If you have any questions about this item and the information is not included in this report, please contact the Clerk or Deputy Clerk by 10am on the Monday before the meeting.

Summary

A summary of what is currently known about county and district council devolution. Establishing a working party to navigate the process of district and county council devolution, and possible effects on NTC.

Introduction

The government White Paper on Devolution in England sets out an ambition to devolve greater powers out of Westminster, but comes with requirements for local government reorganisation away from two-tiers to universal unitary authorities, plus the establishment of new Strategic/Mayoral Authorities/Combined County Authorities.

The third tier of local government, Parish and Town Councils, which represent over 10,000 communities, get very few mentions in the White Paper, but will clearly be impacted by these changes. A key point is the statement that:

"We will also rewire the relationship between town and parish councils and principal Local Authorities, strengthening expectations on engagement and community voice".

In a letter to Local Authority leaders Jim McMahon OBE MP, Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution, set out a requirement for unitary authorities to represent areas of 500,000 residents or more, which Gloucestershire meets with a population of 646,627.

Strategic/Mayoral/Combined County Authorities

The key question locally is which area would a new authority serve? The Minster's letter states a timetable leading to the election of any new Mayors in 2025, which means there will be little time for discussion.

At Gloucestershire County Council's meeting on 9/1/2025 their Cabinet approved a proposal which included three potential configurations for an eventual strategic authority:

- 1. To merge all current district councils within Gloucestershire to create one 'super unitary'
- 2. To split the county down the middle and create two authorities; Gloucester, Forest of Dean and Stroud being one and Cheltenham, Cotswolds and Tewkesbury to be another.

Full Council



3. To create a Greater Gloucester authority which includes the city and surrounding villages, with a second authority being created of all other parts of Gloucestershire.

There is also an option for Stroud District to join South Gloucestershire.

The map below includes the areas under consideration. The areas shaded dark orange are already unitary authorities.

https://geoportal.statistics.gov.uk/documents/ons::local-authority-districts-counties-and-unitary-authorities-april-2023-map-in-the-uk/explore

Gloucestershire

In Gloucestershire, the six second tier authorities will disappear, so based on previous devolution deals, many of their services will be transferred to a new Unitary Authority.

Gloucestershire County Council's Cabinet met on 9th January 2025 to approve a bid for Gloucestershire to become a Unitary Authority. The report proposed a timetable which would see plans for a new Unitary to be in place by either April 2027 or April 2028. This very short timeline is driven by the Minister's timetable.

Town and parish councils

Many areas of the country have already been through a process of becoming unitary councils, with very varied experiences. One of the immediate concerns is that instead of decision making coming closer to the community, it does in fact become further away. This is likely to make the representative role of parish and town councillors more important than ever.

GAPTC are creating a working group with representatives from across the county to support their member councils, and to share discussions.

Subsidiarity

Subsidiarity is the political principle that decisions should always be taken at the lowest possible level or closest to where they will have their effect, for example in a local area rather than for a whole country. Every nation operates at a different level of subsidiarity, but England is much more centralised than other comparative states, for example Switzerland or France.

The government's decision to decentralise from Westminster should in theory bring more local control over services and funding at the strategic level, for example transport networks, bus franchising, rail networks and stations, strategic planning for housing growth, and clean energy. However, there is the potential for control over middle level to shift upwards from district/city/borough to Unitary level.

Assets and Services

As the council nearest to the community, Nailsworth Town Council will need to explore and consult on which local assets would best be retained locally and which could be better managed at the new Unitary level. Work will need to be carried out to map assets and services to inform discussions.

Demand for the Town Council's public facing and community development services are likely to grow if there is no replacement for the local contact provided both at Ebley Mill and in person, for example through the Community Wardens.



As one of the five market towns, Nailsworth has some facilities which benefit a wider community, beyond the parish boundary. Questions will need to be raised about how these will be financed and operated in future. Could they be managed locally, but funded centrally?

Nailsworth Town Council led the market town campaign against car park charges in the past, recognising the benefit of free parking for smaller towns and the delicate relationship between supporting the local economy through measures such as this, and the cost of maintaining significant assets. Will car parks be one of the assets which the new Unitary want to pass on? If so, how will NTC manage them so they don't become a liability?

In some areas which have previously become Unitary, town councils have found themselves faced with a take it or lose it situation, when unitary finances have been stretched. NTC will need to engage with residents on what services they wish to see continue.

NTC capacity

The Civic Centre offices and grounds maintenance areas are compact, and staff capacity is at its limit, with a review of the 'estates roles' (groundsman and caretaker) due to take place. NTC has a long-term wish to create a new, larger 'civic centre complex' to include the NTC offices, community room and GCC library. Devolution may be the catalyst to speed this project up, if only to provide space for what may be an expanded team. It is however, too early to say what services NTC might be asked to take on and what that capacity may need to be.

Community Engagement

Engagement with the community will be an essential aspect of the Council's planning process for devolution. There will inevitably be concerns about the impact on local services and the potential for increases in Council Tax bills. Some areas that have already been through this process have found that the best way to protect local services and assets is for them to be managed locally. Others have found benefits on cost savings in working collectively.

Contracts

Many of the services that could potentially be transferred to town and parish councils are currently contracted out. In Gloucestershire and West Oxfordshire one of the biggest is the Ubico contract, which in Stroud covers the collection of waste and recycling, street cleaning, grounds maintenance and building cleaning.

Ubico is a 'teckal' company wholly owned by 8 local authorities including Stroud District Council. A teckal company is a company that receives contracts from its controlling contracting authorities without needing to go through a competitive tender process, and which is subject to certain requirements and accountability to its public sector owners. It is reasonable to assume that household waste and recycling would become a Unitary service, but in other areas of the country services like street cleaning and grass cutting have transferred to local councils.

Housing

Stroud District is unique amongst the Gloucestershire councils in that it owns its own social housing stock. Housing in the other districts is managed by a range of housing associations. It will be interesting to see whether this changes as part of the devolution process.

Governance



In some urban areas of England which did not previously have local councils, part of the reorganisation process has included setting up new parish or town councils, for example <u>Weymouth</u> in Dorset in 2018, <u>Northampton Town Council</u> in 2021 (the largest so far in England) and <u>Harrogate and Scarborough in Yorkshire</u> from 2025.

In response to the latest announcement some traditional Borough and City Councils, for example <u>Maidstone</u>, many of which have populations over 100,000, are also considering recreating themselves as town councils, in order maintain local control and preserve traditional mayoralties.

This may be relevant to urban areas in Gloucester and Cheltenham, but not in Stroud district, which is already fully parished. There may, however, be a case for enlarging some councils through consolidation with their neighbours. Changes to parish boundaries would require a Community Governance review.

Staff

Many staff working for district and county councils potentially abolished by this process will be employed by the new Unitary Authority or enlarged parish or town councils, but many will undoubtedly be fearful for their jobs, particularly where roles are duplicated across the current district/city/borough councils.

Councillors and officers will need to be mindful of the sensitivities around people being at risk of redundancy. TUPE arrangements will be in place for any staff whose role is transferred to a new council. Town Council staff will also need to consulted on any changes which affect their working arrangements. If services are transferred it may be necessary to either transfer in staff under TUPE or recruit to fill any new roles.

Pensions

Transferring staff are likely to already be in the Local Government Pension Scheme, but contribution rates may vary between councils. This will need to be clarified with any staff changes.

Legal powers

Transfer of any assets or services to parish and town councils will in some areas be dependent on the relevant powers and duties available. Parish and town councils have very few duties, but a wide range of powers, including the General Power of Competence (GPC) under sections 1 to 8 of the Localism Act 2011. The GPC allows councils "the power to do anything that individuals generally may do" as long as they don't break other laws. The GPC is time limited in that it depends on the number of properly elected councillors, which may change.

Nailsworth Town Council holds the GPC, but many smaller councils do not, either because they do not have qualified clerks or because not enough of their councillors were elected. These councils rely on Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, which enables local councils to spend a limited amount of money for purposes for which they have no other specific statutory expenditure. This may limit their capacity to take on additional services.

There are some local government powers, which are not extended to parish and town councils, including, for example, museums and highways. There are however arrangements available through which a council may arrange for any of its functions to be discharged by any other local authority for example the Local Government Act 1972 s101(1), (5) and (6) – general functions.

The following potential co-operative arrangements are available:



- a. Joint arrangements, for example a joint committee through which the cooperating authorities are exercising a function jointly over the whole or parts of their area
- b. Consortia also usually managed by joint committees for example Ubico.
- c. Agency agreements a higher-level authority empowers a lower-level authority to carry out a function on its behalf
- d. Loan of staff the higher-level authority retains decision making powers, but borrows staff
- e. Joint teams pooling of officers to work on specific projects
- f. Clustering cooperative working across local councils to take on services.

Finance

All councils are funded by the precept, but local authorities also receive funding from central government and other local income. It is important to understand how this works in Gloucestershire and how it will change in the future, especially if the smaller population of Nailsworth is asked to take on services which require specialist knowledge and ways of working.

It is unclear whether any funding will devolve down to town and parish councils with the services, however given the current state of local authority finances, any funding is unlikely to be generous.

Next Steps

It is recommended that a Working Group is set up to work with officers to steer the process - draft Terms of Reference are below. The group should be made up of a group of councillors who will be available for regular meetings over coming weeks.

Given the rapid timescale, a proposed action plan is attached;

Action	Due date	Officer
Set up Working Group	18/3/2025	Council
GAPTC Sharing Event with other parishes on Devolution.	24/3/2025	Clerk
List District/County Council assets and services to be assessed	1/4/2025	Clerk
Draft a provisional list of criteria against which the Council should consider how to approach particular District assets or services. (Likely to be based around principle of subsidiarity; understanding of who uses/benefits; and feasibility.)		WP
Develop further steps based on the Statement of Principles	7/4/2025	WP

Statement of Principles

The first task for the Working Group will be to review and refine the draft statement of principles for devolution decision making.

Nailsworth Town Council will:

- Respect the impact of change on staff from all councils and service providers affected by devolution
- Consider the impact of changes on current Town Council staff and take account of any new staff capacity required
- Consult with relevant trade unions where staff are affected
- Assess devolution opportunities against the Council's current and emerging strategic priorities
- Ensure that local people are represented on matters relating to local services



- Consult the public on changes to service delivery or ownership of assets
- Work constructively with local authorities to support the devolution process
- Participate in discussions with other parish and town councils, and sector bodies (GAPTC, SLCC) about partnership opportunities
- Consider whether a Community Governance review will be required
- Only take on any new responsibilities after carrying out a full assessment of the costs and risks involved
- Be transparent about the cost implications of any decisions made
- Regularly report to the public on progress

Devolution Working Party – Terms of Reference Objectives

- To review and refine the draft statement of principles for devolution decision making attached in **Appendix 5** and report back to Council.
- To advise the Council on all matters arising from Local Government Devolution, based on the reviewed principles in **Appendix 2**, including potential for:
 - transfers of assets
 - transfers of services
 - community governance reviews
- To consider potential resource impacts, including:
 - staff establishment
 - pensions including potential TUPE transfers
 - impact on wider budget
- To lead on community engagement and consultation
- To lead on consultation with neighbouring parishes, district and county councils, and any other relevant partners
- To promote open and transparent discussion with all interested parties.
- For the chair of the Working Party to be responsible for ensuring regular reports back to Council
- To ensure discussions and reports are shared with the Clerk for assurance of viability, governance, impact and legality.

Finance

The Group has no delegated authority over council expenditure but may make recommendations to Council on spending required to support the above objectives from appropriate budgets.

Membership and meetings

Membership of the Group will be: five councillors appointed by Council, and the Clerk.

The first duty of the Devolution Working Party will be to elect a chair whose role will be to oversee and chair meetings, defining the agenda and ensuring actions are followed up as necessary. The chair will also ensure that members' potential conflicts of interest are recognised and measures taken to address them, especially during meetings.



The Working Party will review its membership from time to time and those wishing to cease their membership of the steering group will notify the chair in writing. Membership of the Working Party is appointed by resolution of Council.

Meetings of the group will be convened as required and can be held either remotely or in the Council Chamber, usually during normal working hours.

Notes will be kept of meetings and made available to Group members within 7 days of the meeting, then made available to the Town Council.

Options

1. To establish a Devolution Working Party and to assign membership of at least five councillors.

Recommendation

1. To establish a Devolution Working Party and to assign membership

Costs

None at this stage

Funding Source

n/a

ENDS.

Income and Expenditure Account

31/03/24 £		11/03/25 £
	INCOME	
33,709.03	Grants	45,477.07
14,001.00	Arkell Centre Trust	14,000.00
40,620.27	Bookings - all	42,719.75
361,635.00	Precept	435,876.00
4,050.27	Interest on Investments	3,871.36
2,170.23	Other income	7,688.54
214.22	Rights of way/Wayleaves	914.22
456,400.02	TOTAL INCOME	550,546.94
	EXPENDITURE	
30,540.75	General Administration	32,425.57
5,500.00	S. 137 Payments	5,520.00
10,305.74	Loan interest/Capital repayments	10,305.74
196,983.76	Staff costs	190,634.42
7,303.00	Insurance	7,830.34
42,800.74	Repairs & maintenance - buildings	30,530.69
21,658.79	Utilities & Rates	25,329.63
50,891.19	Maintenance of Open Spaces	57,604.97
55,356.83	Special projects and miscellaneous	33,280.58
652.00	Hazelwood Bungalow	0.00
1,713.60	Town Information Centre	1,713.60
50,030.00	Support for town services	50,030.00
14,001.00	Arkell Community Centre	14,000.00
15,983.77	Expenditure	3,250.62
	Capital reduction long term borrowing	0.00
503,721.17	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	462,456.16
109,375.14	Balance as at 01/04/24	85,040.80
456,400.02	Add Total Income	550,546.94
565,775.16		635,587.74
503,721.17	Deduct Total Expenditure	462,456.16
0.00	Stock Adjustment	0.00
22,986.81	Transfer to/ from reserves	-23,937.65
85,040.80	Balance as at 11/03/25	149,193.93

Comparison between 01/04/24 and 11/03/25 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

	·	Previous Year's Net	2024/25	Revised	Actual Net	Balance
INCOME						
Council						
100	Precept - Council	£361,635.00	£435,876.00	£0.00	£435,876.00	£435,876.00
105	Refunds,donations grants - Council	£33,109.03	£0.00	£0.00	£45,377.07	£45,377.07
110	ACC-Admin recharge	£14,001.00	£14,000.00	£0.00	£14,000.00	£14,000.00
120	Agency services	£0.00	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
130	CIL income	£2,170.23	£0.00	£0.00	£7,688.54	£7,688.54
Total Cou	ıncil	£410,915.26	£449,976.00	£0.00	£502,939.90	£502,939.90
Property	Management					
205	Town Hall bookings	£14,361.00	£17,000.00	£0.00	£15,104.00	£15,104.00
210	Town Hall rent of offices	£15,899.88	£15,900.00	£0.00	£14,845.72	£14,845.72
220	Mortimer Room bookings	£5,089.00	£6,000.00	£0.00	£6,577.50	£6,577.50
225	Council bookings (all land and facilities)	£595.00	£500.00	£0.00	£290.00	£290.00
245	Leases/Licences//Wayleaves	£214.22	£1,000.00	£0.00	£914.22	£914.22
Total Pro	perty Management	£36,159.10	£40,400.00	£0.00	£37,731.44	£37,731.44
Recreation	on & Amenities Committee					
305	Hire KGV Field facilities	£4,185.39	£4,900.00	£0.00	£5,272.53	£5,272.53
310	Market Street Garden - hire and electricity	£0.00	£200.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
320	Mortimer Garden - hire/electricity charge	£490.00	£600.00	£0.00	£630.00	£630.00
Total Red	creation & Amenities Committee	£4,675.39	£5,700.00	£0.00	£5,902.53	£5,902.53
Environm	nent Committee					
405	Grants, donations, refunds - Environment	£600.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00

Comparison between 01/04/24 and 11/03/25 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

		Previous Year's Net	2024/25	Revised	Actual Net	Balance
410	Town Information Centre	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Envir	onment Committee	£600.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00
Bank Intere	est					
500	interest on main account	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
505	Investment interest Premier Account	£3,585.79	£2,500.00	£0.00	£3,348.32	£3,348.32
520	Interest from Income Bonds (paid to main account)	£464.48	£450.00	£0.00	£523.04	£523.04
Total Bank Interest		£4,050.27	£2,950.00	£0.00	£3,871.36	£3,871.36
Total Income		£456,400.02	£499,026.00	£0.00	£550,545.23	£550,545.23

Comparison between 01/04/24 and 11/03/25 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/24

	·	Previous Year's Net	2024/25	Revised	Actual Net	Balance
EXPENDI	TURE					
Council						
1000	Salaries - all	£196,983.76	£228,500.00	£0.00	£190,634.42	-£190,634.42
1010	Payroll charges	£300.55	£360.00	£0.00	£284.40	-£284.40
1040	Churchyard grants	£1,100.00	£1,100.00	£0.00	£1,100.00	-£1,100.00
1050	Subscriptions	£550.00	£2,100.00	£0.00	£1,842.87	-£1,842.87
1060	Grants from NTC	£4,000.00	£4,000.00	£0.00	£4,590.00	-£4,590.00
1070	Town Crier's expenses	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	-£500.00
1080	Town Archives	£530.19	£600.00	£0.00	£472.53	-£472.53
1090	Civic Fund	£3,305.23	£3,500.00	£0.00	£3,939.13	-£3,939.13
1100	Insurance	£7,303.00	£7,500.00	£0.00	£7,830.34	-£7,830.34
1120	Office equipment	£3,243.40	£3,000.00	£0.00	£2,071.01	-£2,071.01
1130	Licences, fees and allowances	£10,974.72	£12,500.00	£0.00	£16,002.56	-£16,002.56
1140	Office management	£7,862.57	£4,800.00	£0.00	£5,901.50	-£5,901.50
1160	Town Mayor's Allowance	£900.00	£900.00	£0.00	£30.00	-£30.00
1165	Civic Centre	£9,019.79	£11,900.00	£0.00	£10,292.56	-£10,292.56
1170	Gardening contract for town centre	£5,645.83	£6,500.00	£0.00	£5,857.70	-£5,857.70
1180	Training for staff & councillors	£2,112.37	£3,000.00	£0.00	£1,110.00	-£1,110.00
1195	Support for Arkell Community Centre	£14,001.00	£14,000.00	£0.00	£14,000.00	-£14,000.00
1210	Library extra hours	£3,960.00	£3,700.00	£0.00	£3,960.00	-£3,960.00
1250	Support for Childrens Centre	£5,500.00	£5,500.00	£0.00	£5,500.00	-£5,500.00
1260	Waste/Recycling Collection	£220.23	£200.00	£0.00	£793.98	-£793.98
5330	Web site and Hosting	£0.00	£700.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Cou	ncil	£278,012.64	£314,860.00	£0.00	£276,713.00	-£276,713.00
Property Management						

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Comparison between 01/04/24 and 11/03/25 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

		Previous Year's Net	2024/25	Revised	Actual Net	Balance
2000	Town Hall cleaning Town Hall cleaning	£8,668.60	£8,700.00	£0.00	£7,603.25	-£7,603.25
	Town Hall cleaning					
2010	Town Hall business rates	£3,976.79	£4,000.00	£0.00	£4,970.99	-£4,970.99
2020	Town Hall gas	£2,494.66	£3,600.00	£0.00	£2,958.88	-£2,958.88
2030	Town Hall electricity	£437.48	£3,720.00	£0.00	£2,467.50	-£2,467.50
2040	Town Hall repairs & maintenance	£18,541.48	£17,000.00	£0.00	£18,369.83	-£18,369.83
2050	Town Hall - water rates	£686.02	£700.00	£0.00	£745.18	-£745.18
2060	Mortimer Room electricity	£429.68	£610.00	£0.00	£984.91	-£984.91
2080	Mortimer Room repairs & maintenance	£1,494.38	£3,000.00	£0.00	£799.55	-£799.55
2090	Mortimer Room - water rate	£310.37	£500.00	£0.00	£322.33	-£322.33
2100	Mortimer Room gas supply	£2,142.96	£960.00	£0.00	£1,459.50	-£1,459.50
2110	Memorial Clock - electricity	£492.97	£550.00	£0.00	£520.84	-£520.84
2120	Memorial Clock - repairs	£30.00	£600.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2140	Hazelwood Bungalow	£652.00	£1,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Prop	perty Management	£40,357.39	£45,440.00	£0.00	£41,202.76	-£41,202.76
Recreation	n & Amenities Committee					
3000	Miles Marling Field maintenance	£2,530.00	£2,300.00	£0.00	£16,068.07	-£16,068.07
3010	KGV Field maintenance	£11,710.09	£14,200.00	£0.00	£4,812.05	-£4,812.05
3030	Town Gardening (incl Mortimer Gardens)	£2,843.07	£2,900.00	£0.00	£2,590.54	-£2,590.54
3035	Mortimer Garden electricity	£385.54	£650.00	£0.00	£1,225.74	-£1,225.74
3050	Grounds maintenance equipment	£2,500.63	£2,665.00	£1,500.00	£4,536.99	-£3,036.99
3060	KGV Field changing rooms - maintenance	£1,581.76	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,068.75	-£1,068.75

Comparison between 01/04/24 and 11/03/25 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/24

		Previous Year's Net	2024/25	Revised	Actual Net	Balance
3070	KGV Field changing rooms - electricity	£815.65	£1,360.00	£0.00	£628.83	-£628.83
3080	KGV changing rooms - water rates	£421.81	£500.00	£0.00	£442.13	-£442.13
3100	Garage storeroom	£91.66	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3120	Market Street Garden - electricity	£176.03	£250.00	£0.00	£205.57	-£205.57
3130	Playrangers - support	£2,350.04	£3,540.00	£0.00	£2,937.55	-£2,937.55
3140	Youth provision	£46,070.00	£46,070.00	£0.00	£46,070.00	-£46,070.00
3150	Dunkirk Museum maintenance	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3160	Community Development Worker (2yrs)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Re	creation & Amenities Committee	£71,476.28	£75,535.00	£1,500.00	£80,586.22	-£79,086.22
Environr	ment Committee					
4000	Upkeep council land (Shortwood manorial waste)	£5,910.33	£5,500.00	£0.00	£842.12	-£842.12
4021	Town Information Centre	£1,713.60	£1,700.00	£0.00	£1,713.60	-£1,713.60
4030	TIC loan repayment - capital	£7,697.08	£7,983.29	£0.00	£7,983.29	-£7,983.29
4040	TIC loan repayment - interest	£2,608.66	£2,322.45	£0.00	£2,322.45	-£2,322.45
4050	Bunting Hill Nature Reserve (not tree maintenance)	£0.00	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
4060	Environmental enhancement projects	£844.24	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
4070	Tree maintenance (all NTC land)	£11,643.00	£8,000.00	£0.00	£5,499.50	-£5,499.50
4090	Tourism promotion/Town events	£2,988.00	£5,000.00	£0.00	£183.28	-£183.28
4120	Christmas lights	£8,144.10	£9,000.00	£0.00	£4,516.22	-£4,516.22
4140	Upkeep of All Saints graveyard	£3,480.00	£4,000.00	£0.00	£6,633.00	-£6,633.00
Total En	vironment Committee	£45,029.01	£44,005.74	£0.00	£29,693.46	-£29,693.46
Bank Int	erest					

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Comparison between 01/04/24 and 11/03/25 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

		Previous Year's Net	2024/25	Revised	Actual Net	Balance
1155	Bank charges on main account	£261.72	£300.00	£0.00	£271.57	-£271.57
Total Ban	k Interest	£261.72	£300.00	£0.00	£271.57	-£271.57
Earmarke	d Reserves					
6000	Election expensesRESERVE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6010	Play & tennis court equipmentRESERVE	£2,684.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,895.00	-£1,895.00
6020	Town improvementsRESERVE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,091.00	-£4,091.00
6030	Town Hall repairs RESERVE	£5,441.67	£3,150.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6040	Mortimer Room repairs RESERVE	£6,600.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6050	Hazelwood Bungalow RESERVE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6060	Miles Marling Field improvements RESERVE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6100	Energy efficiency improvements RESERVE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6120	Shortwood Churchyard RESERVE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6130	Replace groundsman's vehicle RESERVE	£0.00	£1,100.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6140	Town centre/Mkt St improvements RESERVE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£150.00	-£150.00
6150	Clock tower refurbishment RESERVE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6170	20mph town scheme RESERVEDO NOT USE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6220	Dunkirk Mill MuseumRESERVE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6240	Emergency tree work RESERVE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£600.00	-£600.00
6280	WW1 & II plaques project RESERVE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Comparison between 01/04/24 and 11/03/25 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

		Previous Year's Net	2024/25	Revised	Actual Net	Balance
6300	KGV buildings RESERVE	£0.00	£5,000.00	£0.00	£5,603.50	-£5,603.50
6310	Civic Centre RESERVE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6330	CONTINGENCY	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6340	KGV Extension Field RESERVE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6350	Staff Recruitment RESERVE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6380	War Memorial refurbishmentRESERVE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£7,190.00	-£7,190.00
6430	6430 Tourism promotion RESERVE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£93.65	-£93.65
6450	6450 Heritage Open Day RESERVE	£270.83	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6460	6460 Town Archives	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6500	6500 CIL projects	£15,983.77	£0.00	£0.00	£3,250.62	-£3,250.62
6510	6510 Climate Emergency Reserve	20.00	£0.00	20.00	£3,507.29	-£3,507.29
6520	6520 COVID-19 response	£10,156.73	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6530	6530 Build Back Better Fund	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6540	6540 Welcome Back Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£389.75	-£389.75
6550	6550 UKSPF grants	£13,939.13	£31,500.00	£0.00	£2,827.00	-£2,827.00
6560	6560 Highway improvements	£6,350.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6570	6570 Registering NTC Land	£4,058.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
6580	6580 Town Hall retaining wall	£3,000.00	£15,000.00	£0.00	£1,824.00	-£1,824.00
6590	6590 Textile Trail	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,567.34	-£2,567.34
Total Earn	narked Reserves	£68,584.13	£55,750.00	£0.00	£33,989.15	-£33,989.15
Total Expenditure		£503,721.17	£535,890.74	£1,500.00	£462,456.16	-£460,956.16

Comparison between 01/04/24 and 11/03/25 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

	Previous Year's Net	2024/25	Revised	Actual Net	Balance
Total Income	£456,400.02	£499,026.00	£0.00	£550,545.23	£550,545.23
Total Expenditure	£503,721.17	£535,890.74	£1,500.00	£462,456.16	-£460,956.16
Total Net Balance	-£47,321.15	-£36,864.74	-£1,500.00	£88,089.07	

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Main Account 2040157 30-98-29

Statement Number 218 Bank Statement No. 218

Statement Opening Balance £58,764.34 Opening Date 01/02/25

Statement Closing Balance £42,010.17 Closing Date 28/02/25

True/ Cashbook Closing £42,010.17

Balance

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
03/02/25	DD250213FUEL	Fuel Card Services Ltd	26.68	0.00	58,737.66
03/02/25	FPI250203STRIPES	Stripes Payments	0.00	116.02	58,853.68
03/02/25	SO250203EMMA	Emma Mills Accountants Admin Centre	0.00	270.83	59,124.51
04/02/25	DD250204OCTO	Octopus	58.21	0.00	59,066.30
05/02/25	BGC250205NAT	National Savings	0.00	40.90	59,107.20
10/02/25	DD250210EE	EE	76.66	0.00	59,030.54
11/02/25	DD250208OCTOPU S	Octopus	43.74	0.00	58,986.80
11/02/25	DD250213BRIT	British Gas	14.64	0.00	58,972.16
11/02/25	DD250214OCTOPU S	Octopus	82.38	0.00	58,889.78
12/02/25	SO250212MIKE	Mike Jefferies-Accountants	0.00	1,054.16	59,943.94
13/02/25	DD250208OCTO	Octopus	20.43	0.00	59,923.51
14/02/25	DD250211OCTO	Octopus	196.64	0.00	59,726.87
14/02/25	DD250211OCTOPU S	Octopus	772.03	0.00	58,954.84
14/02/25	DD250214BRIT	British Gas	36.63	0.00	58,918.21
17/02/25	BGC250217SDC	SDC	0.00	1,000.00	59,918.21
17/02/25	DD240917BGAS	British Gas	119.57	0.00	59,798.64
17/02/25	DD250216FUEL	Fuel Card Services Ltd	25.20	0.00	59,773.44
19/02/25	DD250217SGC	SGC Payroll	3,645.64	0.00	56,127.80
19/02/25	TRANSF250219LLO YDS		0.00	20,000.00	76,127.80
20/02/25	DD250127GRUN	Grundon Waste Management	14.30	0.00	76,113.50
20/02/25	DD250220GRUN	Grundon Waste Management	10.68	0.00	76,102.82
20/02/25	DD250220SGC	SGC Payroll	10,034.14	0.00	66,068.68
20/02/25	FPO250220AES	AES Maintenance	110.00	0.00	65,958.68
20/02/25	FPO250220ANGUS	Keith Angus	2,100.00	0.00	63,858.68
20/02/25	FPO250220ARC	Arc Pension Law	900.00	0.00	62,958.68
20/02/25	FPO250220ASH	Ashwell Building Contractors	343.20	0.00	62,615.48
20/02/25	FPO250220AVEN	Avendale Garden Maintenance Service	290.00	0.00	62,325.48
20/02/25	FPO250220A-Z	A-Z Cleaning	542.00	0.00	61,783.48
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20/02/25	FPO250220BAIL	Bailey Street Furniture Group	3,192.00	0.00	58,591.48
20/02/25	FPO250220BRIS	Bristol Blue Glass	259.00	0.00	58,332.48
20/02/25	FPO250220BRUT	Brutons Hardware Ltd	113.55	0.00	58,218.93
20/02/25	FPO250220CLIF	Cliff Christie	65.49	0.00	58,153.44
20/02/25	FPO250220DAN	Dando Surveying Ltd	1,374.00	0.00	56,779.44
20/02/25	FPO250220DAV	David Cridland Contracting	2,822.40	0.00	53,957.04
20/02/25	FPO250220DOWN	Down To Earth Gloucestershire CIC	496.80	0.00	53,460.24
20/02/25	FPO250220FLET	PR Fletcher	287.00	0.00	53,173.24
20/02/25	FPO250220GCC	Gloucestershire County Council	316.93	0.00	52,856.31
20/02/25	FPO250220GOLD	Goldstones Gardening Ltd	16,686.00	0.00	36,170.31
20/02/25	FPO250220GREEN	Greenfields Garden Services	310.25	0.00	35,860.06
20/02/25	FPO250220IRON	Ironcrafts (Stroud) LTD	1,200.00	0.00	34,660.06
20/02/25	FPO250220IST	1st Fire Solutions Ltd	2,370.00	0.00	32,290.06
20/02/25	FPO250220J&O	James & Owen	36.39	0.00	32,253.67
20/02/25	FPO250220JWFLA G	JW Plant - The Flag Company	24.32	0.00	32,229.35
20/02/25	FPO250220LAKE	Lake Farm Enterprises LTD	270.00	0.00	31,959.35
20/02/25	FPO250220LAND	Land & Property Registration	500.00	0.00	31,459.35
20/02/25	FPO250220LCRED	L C RED LTD	1,080.00	0.00	30,379.35
20/02/25	FPO250220MID	Midland Forestry Ltd	2,004.00	0.00	28,375.35
20/02/25	FPO250220MUST	James Mustoe Building and Carpentry Services	200.00	0.00	28,175.35
20/02/25	FPO250220NSB	Nailsworth Silver Band	210.00	0.00	27,965.35
20/02/25	FPO250220RAG	Ragged and Old	75.00	0.00	27,890.35
20/02/25	FPO250220SGC	SGC Payroll	85.32	0.00	27,805.03
20/02/25	FPO250220SLCC	SLCC	420.00	0.00	27,385.03
20/02/25	FPO250220SOD	Old Sodbury Trees	816.35	0.00	26,568.68
20/02/25	FPO250220SPEL	S P Electrical	2,062.80	0.00	24,505.88
20/02/25	FPO250220SPOT	Spot On Supplies (Cleaning & Packaging) Ltd	275.21	0.00	24,230.67
20/02/25	FPO250220STC	Stroud Town Council	24.39	0.00	24,206.28
20/02/25	FPO250220SVP	Stroud Valley Projects	250.00	0.00	23,956.28
20/02/25	FPO250222SARA	Sara Haynes	66.65	0.00	23,889.63
21/02/25	DD250120SGC	SGC Payroll	3,743.09	0.00	20,146.54
21/02/25	DD250221WATER	Water Plus	59.85	0.00	20,086.69
24/02/25	CHEQUE500385	Nailsworth & District Flower Arrangement Society	0.00	30.00	20,116.69
24/02/25	DD250223WATER	Water Plus	41.75	0.00	20,074.94
24/02/25	FPI250203COTS	Cotswold Craftsmen	0.00	40.00	20,114.94

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24/02/25	FPI250204FLAM	Flemenco Dance	0.00	80.00	20,194.94
24/02/25	FPI250204FLEA	Flea market	0.00	40.00	20,234.94
24/02/25	FPI250204GWT	Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust	0.00	40.00	20,274.94
24/02/25	FPI250205DOG	Dog Training	0.00	116.00	20,390.94
24/02/25	FPI250205INS	Insight Gloucestershire	0.00	20.00	20,410.94
24/02/25	FPI250205NEWS	Nailsworth News	0.00	48.00	20,458.94
24/02/25	FPI250205PIL	Pilates Elizabeth Williams	0.00	96.00	20,554.94
24/02/25	FPI250214FRI	Friday Market	0.00	100.00	20,654.94
24/02/25	FPI250217PLAY	Play Circle Drop In	0.00	440.00	21,094.94
24/02/25	FPI250219NWI	Nailsworth WI	0.00	40.00	21,134.94
24/02/25	FPI250219PRO	Probus Nailsworth Valley	0.00	80.00	21,214.94
24/02/25	FPI250220CREAT	Creative Writing	0.00	80.00	21,294.94
24/02/25	FPI250224SUPA	SupaStrikers	0.00	48.00	21,342.94
24/02/25	TFR250206MEN	Mens Talking Group	0.00	40.00	21,382.94
25/02/25	DD250225WATER	Water Plus	27.27	0.00	21,355.67
25/02/25	FPI250204FILM	Film Club	0.00	20.00	21,375.67
25/02/25	FPI250224SUPA	SupaStrikers	0.00	120.00	21,495.67
26/02/25	DD250225CLARITY	Clarity Copiers Ltd	79.50	0.00	21,416.17
26/02/25	TFR250226LLOYDS		0.00	20,000.00	41,416.17
28/02/25	FPI250224DAZZ	Dazzle Workshops	0.00	24.00	41,440.17
28/02/25	FPI250224MEN	Mens Talking Group	0.00	40.00	41,480.17
28/02/25	FPI250224SCOT	Scotty Chalmers Cycling	0.00	48.00	41,528.17
28/02/25	FPI250224YOGA	Yoga With Miranda	0.00	30.00	41,558.17
28/02/25	FPI250226BARN	Barnabas Painters	0.00	60.00	41,618.17
28/02/25	FPI250226PROB	Probus Nailsworth Valley	0.00	80.00	41,698.17
28/02/25	FPI250227FILM	Film Club	0.00	10.00	41,708.17
28/02/25	FPI250227FLAM	Flemenco Dance	0.00	80.00	41,788.17
28/02/25	FPI250228DOG	Dog Training	0.00	72.00	41,860.17
28/02/25	FPI250228NCF	Nailworth craft market	0.00	60.00	41,920.17
28/02/25	FPI250228RUSK	Ruskin Mill	0.00	90.00	42,010.17

Uncleared and unpresented effects

Total uncleared and unpresented 0.00 0.00

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Total debits / credits

Reconciled by Sara Haynes

Signed
Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer

Chair

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Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Premier	4282	0715428	2 30-	98-29	
Stateme	ent Number	112	Bank Stateme	ent No. 112	
Stateme	ent Opening Balar	nce £331,853.63	Opening Da	te 01/02/25	
Stateme	ent Closing Balan	ce £292,147.31	Closing Date	28/02/25	
True/ Ca Balance	ashbook Closing	£292,147.31			
Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
09/02/25	INTEREST	Lloyds Bank	0.00	293.68	332,147.31
19/02/25	TRANSF250219LL0 YDS	0	20,000.00	0.00	312,147.31
26/02/25	TFR250226LLOYD	S	20,000.00	0.00	292,147.31
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C	Clerk / Responsible Fina	ncial Officer		Chair	
Date					



Agenda Item 15

Meeting of Full Council

Meeting date Tuesday 18th March 2025

Subject To note NTC's Risk Management Review

Author Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Status Information

Summary

NTC's Risk Management activities.

Detail

Identified Area and Risk

Governance and Management

1. Activities outside objectives/budget

Potential Impact

- Breach of regulations
- Unlawful spending

Management/Control of Risk. Action Required.

- NTC's Policies are due to be reviewed, in accordance with NALC guidance before April.
 Changes will be highlighted in the policies.
- Policies are amended and new policies brought to council as legislation changes (e.g. Biodiversity Policy).
- Council has delegated decision making on utilities contracts to office staff.
- Financial Regulations clarify that expenditure on revenue items in the Annual Budget are delegated to the Clerk.
- Continuous training and development of both cllrs and staff to ensure understanding of regulations.
- Clirs have been advised not to work outside of NTC's Health & Safety Policy.
- Information booklet for volunteers working on the highway.
- Clirs are advised not to act as individuals and without a remit from the council.
- Briefings are planned throughout the year to keep cllrs up to date on current best practice.
- Councillors are requested to review all Policies and the information pack provided to ensure any impact on council activities is kept to a minimum.
- The Annual Audit (AGAR) was successfully completed in September 2024.
- NALC has made significant changes to the Financial Regulations template for town and parish councils. This will be brought to the Personnel Committee in due course.
- A review of the Strategic Priorities took place in October six month's into the new council term.
- Annual NTC policy review scheduled for February to April

Impact: 3 Probability: 3 Rate: Medium



2. Service provision/customer satisfaction

Potential Impact

- Complaints from hirers
- Loss of income
- Lack of service provision due to stretched resources at all levels
- Loss of reputation
- Public increase in fear or confusion
- Vulnerable people at risk

Management/Control of Risk. Action Required

- The Civic Centre office is open to the public.
- The Civic Centre office may need to close to the public at times due to staff absence.
 Opening times are advertised on the door and appointments can be made outside of these times.
- To ensure there is no confusion with regards to hire charges for NTC facilities, council has agreed the management and control of hire charges is the responsibility of the office staff.
 Any queries are to be directed to office staff.
- The Town Meeting provides a chance for residents to meet and speak to cllrs and staff, as well as community groups.
- Councillors are visiting town events, groups and businesses on market Saturdays, to listen to residents' concerns.
- Applications for tree works in the Conservation Area (Mortimer Gardens) have been approved and Winter tree maintenance work has been ordered.
- A new TIC working party will be set up to move forward NTC's service for visitors and residents.
- A public consultation regarding the TIC has been agreed and is currently being arranged.

Impact: 3 Probability: 3 Rate: Medium

3. Project or service development

Potential Impact

- Skills availability
- Resource availability
- Lack of clear direction and decision making

Management/Control of Risk. Action Required

- Committee and project work is ongoing; progress is reported on Action Plans at each meeting.
- Specialist resources are needed to progress some projects.
- Prompt responses needed from cllrs when working party meetings are being arranged, to ensure informed project direction.
- Councillors are requested to review all Policies and the information pack provided to ensure any impact on committees and working groups is minimal.
- A review of the Strategic Priorities took place in October six month's into the new council term. This confirms the council's clear direction.
- Several projects are progressing at pace, this has led to an increase in workload in the office.
- In this last quarter of the council year, new projects have an impact on delivering those projects which have been identified as Strategic Priorities

Impact: 4



Probability: 4 Rate: High

4. Loss of key people.

Potential Impact

- Staff/cllrs off sick
- Change of cllrs due to the election
- Loss of credibility with the public
- Extra pressure on remaining staff
- Impact on service delivery

Management/Control of Risk. Action Required.

- Staff can work flexibly. Contingencies for home working include existing remote access to Edge software, use of Sharepoint.
- Staff stay in contact daily, sharing training and information on new systems.
- Staff workloads increase as projects and events gain momentum. Specialist resources are needed to progress some projects.
- A Staff Handbook is in place.
- Deputy Clerk is now CiLCA qualified.
- There are a reduced number of cllrs who can authorise payments. This may impact on payments at times. Cllrs are asked to respond as quickly as possible to requests to update bank mandates.
- Possibility of staff absence due to winter illnesses

Impact: 3 Probability: 4 Rate: High

5. Dependency on Suppliers/Tendering process

Potential Impact

- Suppliers unable to deliver goods
- Shortages of goods
- Dependency on key supplier
- Lack of suppliers to meet key operational objectives e.g. cleaning companies

Management/Control of Risk. Action Required

- Repair and maintenance work is costed and carried out and is ongoing.
- Staff are prioritising repair and maintenance work according to contractor availability as well as urgency.
- Staff are continually hastening contractors to ensure work is carried out promptly.
- Action plan is assisting in the management of contractors with regards to delivery of projects.
- New Financial Regulations may change tender limits.

Impact: 3
Probability: 3
Rate: Medium

6. Maintenance of buildings/properties and use of resources

Potential Impact

- Inadequate maintenance due to cost and contractor availability
- Emergency closure of buildings due to maintenance issues
- Loss of income

Management/Control of Risk. Action Required



- Staff continue to monitor and maintain buildings.
- Staff are prioritising repair and maintenance work according to contractor availability as well as urgency.
- Timetabling of work agreed is updated regularly and new maintenance tasks added.
- Some major repair and maintenance projects are being scoped with a view to creating a programme of future projects spread across several years.
- An amendment to Financial Regulations has improved response times to repair and maintenance work.
- Six monthly building inspections introduced to identify any possible issues.
- Major work to the back of the Town Hall is being planned and costed with involvement of NTC's insurers. The work will consider the impact on hirers and tenants.
- Increased informal building inspections by staff is helping to identify new tasks.
- Work being carried out reduce the risk of Legionella within NTC buildings.
- Due to time constraints attached to grants, there could be issues in meeting funders deadlines.

Impact: 3 Probability: 3 Rate: Medium

7. Employment issues

Potential Impact

- Health & Safety issues
- Grievances raised against the council
- Loss of staff

Management/Control of Risk. Action Required

- Payroll outsourced to a larger council to ensure timely payment.
- A Staff Handbook is in place.
- Payroll and pensions information has been updated for the new financial year.
- A HR and Health & Safety support contract for three years (2022-2025) provides employment and legal advice.
- Staff have access to counselling services.
- Consideration should be given to employee workloads and the additional pressure this brings.
- Online training courses for all staff to ensure all relevant H&S subjects are covered.
- Personnel Committee have agreed a staff and cllr training and development plan.
- An amendment to Standing Orders states that there is an expectation that cllrs will undergo training.
- Cllr training available from GAPTC.
- Contracts and Job Descriptions are being reviewed by Worknest (annual task).
- NTC follows internal policies and consults the employment lawyer when dealing with staff matters.
- A Staffing Review for the 'estates' roles has been delayed.

Impact: 3 Probability: 3 Rate: Medium

8. Health & Safety of Staff, Councillors, Visitors and Contractors arising from Council activities

Potential Impact

- Staff, Councillor or public infection, injury and illness
- Inability to operate



Legal action

Management/Control of Risk. Action Required

- Staff are aware of covid-19 risks and take measures to keep themselves and others safe. Risk assessments are updated regularly.
- Play areas are regularly inspected.
- Information for cllrs is circulated via Sharepoint.
- Legionella and other building safety checks are regularly carried out.
- Staff monitor and maintain buildings.
- Risk assessments are carried out for activities and events.
- All members of staff check in with the team every morning.
- Any staff who are lone working are checked on periodically during the working day.
- Staff are flexible in where they work, according to the needs of the service and their safety.
- A HR and Health & Safety support contract for three years (2022-2025) has been agreed.
- Issues raised during the Health and Safety audit have been addressed by staff.
- Some working practices have been changed in response to concerns about staff health & safety, in particular lone working.
- Recent concerns will result in staff understanding of instructions and communications being confirmed. Relevant health & safety training will be repeated, and risk assessments rewritten or signed as read and understood.
- Possibility of staff absence due to winter illnesses.
- Health and Safety considerations are now agreed prior to tasks being carried out.

Impact: 4 Probability: 4 Rate: High

9. Computer Records/Reliability of system/Loss of data

Potential Impact

Computer system failure or loss of data

Management/Control of Risk. Action Required

- Our accounts package is online and is backed up and can be used remotely. Remote servers are in place to back up the system, to ensure business continuity.
- All office files are now cloud based, reducing the risk of data loss if a desktop PC fails
- Firewalls and laptop security are regularly updated.
- Council emails and documents are accessed via SharePoint and IT is administered by a safe outside organisation, taking pressure off staff.
- All staff are reminded to ensure files are saved to the cloud and not on laptops

Impact: 3 Probability: 2 Rate: Low

10. Procedural and Compliance Risk (law and regulation)

Potential Impact

- Action taken without proper authority
- Lack of transparency
- Council non-compliant or beaching regulations

Management/Control of Risk. Action Required

 Advice is sought from others (SDC Democratic Services, GAPTC, SLCC, NALC) on the interpretation of legislation and government guidance.



- GAPTC deliver online and in person training
- Minutes are regularly uploaded onto NTC's website
- H&S audit work is kept up to date
- Health and Safety training is available through WorkNest for staff. Consideration of specific training for cllrs is being investigated.
- New Policies are brought to Council as needed; NTC's Policies are reviewed annually. Next review due in February 2025.
- Cllrs have been advised not to work outside of NTC's Health & Safety Policy.
- Information booklet to be created for volunteers working on the highway.
- Clirs are advised not to act as individuals and without a remit from the council.
- NALC have updated Financial Regulations and these will be brought to Council for agreement.
- Some working practices have been changed in response to concerns about staff health & safety, in particular lone working.
- Recent concerns will result in staff understanding of instructions and communications being confirmed. Relevant health & safety training will be repeated, and risk assessments rewritten or signed as read and understood.
- Discussions on council structure may affect transparency and governance; GAPTC's advice should be sought before implementation.

Impact: 4 Probability: 4 Rate: High

11. Insurance Risks/uninsured losses

Potential Impact

- Inadequate Cover
- Areas not covered
- Financial Loss

Management/Control of Risk. Action Required

- NTC's insurance cover is regularly reviewed
- Buildings are regularly checked and maintained
- A Facilities Review was carried out in 2022 and the updated charges and conditions are now in place.
- Specialist insurance is arranged as needed e.g. Festival of Words art exhibition insurance
- Staff work with outside organisations to make sure risk, insurance and safety is understood when running community/public events
- NTC insurers are being consulted on costs for work to the Town Hall retaining wall.
- NTC's insurers are updated with changes to the council's assets.
- Compliance inspections for insurance are carried out as needed.
- An insurance claim has been raised for the Town Hall retaining wall and an assessor has arranged to visit. An assessor has visited the site and the results of the surveys will determine the insurers response.
- All information relevant to the Town Hall wall has been passed to the insurers and further assistance requested.

Impact: 3 Probability: 2 Rate: Low

12. Budgetary control and financial reporting/ adequacy of precept

Potential Impact

- Proper financial controls not maintained
- Inability to meet commitments or key objectives
- Unexpected and unknown costs



Management/Control of Risk. Action Required

- Systems are in place for paperless finance including payment approval and audit
- In the event of an emergency, Council will reprioritise activities and projects
- Council has earmarked reserves in place for specific projects.
- Grant applications are made where possible.
- The External Audit was completed as required by 30th September 2024.
- The financial implications of new projects are looked at before a decision is made by council and the council's report template asks for details of costs and budget sources.
- An Internal Check and Internal Control visit by an appointed cllr needs to be arranged.
- The whole of the precept has been received for this financial year.
- Council's General Fund (free reserves) was lower than recommended at 1st April 2024.
- Grants of c.£60,000 have been awarded this financial year to support council projects

Impact: 3 Probability: 2 Rate: Low

13. Banking/Cash and Petty Cash

Potential Impact

- Payments not made by hirers
- Increase in administration, dealing with cash

Management/Control of Risk. Action Required

- The office does not accept cash payments and the petty cash account has been closed
- Most hirers have accepted bank transfer as a method of payment. Occasional long-standing hirers don't yet pay online
- The Lawn Tennis Association's (LTA) booking app for the tennis courts takes away the need for cash payment
- Expenses claims are used instead of petty cash
- Procedures are in place for TIC volunteers to sell tickets on behalf of local groups. All
 activities are monitored and recorded.
- Civic Centre and the TIC are both used as a ticket office for local events as appropriate.
- Party bookings are now being paid for in advance following non-payments.
- Due to the change in cllrs, there will be a reduced number of bank payment authorisers. This could impact on payments.
- Councillors are reminded to ensure any banking paperwork/authorisation links requested are completed quickly.
- NTC will be changing banking supplier. This will be a planned process so that NTC's many customers are kept informed.
- A new savings account is being set up as part of the planned change of banking supplier.

Impact: 2 Probability: 2 Rate: Medium

14. Dependency on income sources/lettings

Potential Impact

- Cash flow & budget impact of loss of income source
- Hirer income is not covered by insurance

Management/Control of Risk. Action Required

- Council isn't solely reliant on hirer income to operate
- Town Hall business tenants offer a regular source of income; tenancies will be reviewed in 2025.



- The Annual Budget for 2024-2025 reflects changes in income from hire charges.
- Grants are applied for where possible.
- Grants of c.£60,000 have been awarded this financial year to support council projects

Impact: 2 Probability: 2 Rate: Low

15. Public concern and fear

Potential Impact

- Increase in panic and confusion
- Mistrust of the council

Management/Control of Risk. Action Required

- There are regular updates on NTC's website
- Civic Centre window display is changed regularly and used to communicate positive messages. The Civic Centre noticeboard is used to communicate important information to those with limited access to the internet i.e. Bus routes, SDC/GCC contact details
- Articles are sent to Nailsworth News, Stroud Times, SNJ and other media
- Regular contact with NTC volunteers such as TIC and Archives helps to reassure people that NTC can be trusted
- Staff recognise the importance of small, positive actions.
- Staff reassure callers to the office.
- NTC are involved in various initiatives to boost local confidence and celebrate the town.
- Annual Town Meeting is an opportunity for the public to meet cllrs and ask questions
- All NTC agendas, papers and minutes are available on the website.
- Councillor surgeries and walkabouts increase awareness of council roles to residents.
- Quarterly ASB meeting are held with all relevant stakeholders to discuss issues and what actions can be taken to prevent ASB.
- A new TIC working party will be set up to move forward NTC's service for visitors and residents.
- The office staff report ASB, graffiti and damage incidents to the police. Incidents are currently low.

Impact: 1 Probability: 2 Rate: Low



Agenda Item 16a

Meeting of Full Council

Meeting date Tuesday 18th March 2025

Subject To receive a report from the Mayor

Author Cllr Peter Bodkin

Status Information

Summary

The Mayor's report for March.

Detail

Nailsworth and District Twinning Association

I attended the AGM at the Arkell Centre on Friday 7th March, followed by a showing of the French film "Associes Contre Le Crime" (Partners in Crime).

At the AGM, a revised constitution was passed by the members; a minor change to update how monies are handled and to acknowledge the fact that most transactions are now online.

The Chair and Hon Sec (Isobel Hie) presented a report of the year's activities. These included the visit from members of the Twinning Association in Leves in May 2024. A visit to the Woodchester Vineyard and a meal at the Long Table in Brimscombe were particularly well received by the visitors from Leves.

Keith and Sharon Mansell had attended the 80th Anniversary of the liberation of Leves in September. They were warmly received and represented Nailsworth at the commemorative events.

Remi Martial, the Mayor. Joel the Deputy Mayor and the Chair of the Leves Twinning Association (and others) had attended the Remembrance Sunday Service in November 2024 at St George's and laid wreaths at the memorial following the service.

The Twinning Association had forged new links with Nailsworth Primary School and particularly with the French Club and the French Lead at the school, Anna Moore. Most recently, members visited to take part in pancake day with a French twist. A message from the school following the event described the event as a "very special visit to the French Club which the children very much enjoyed." This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the signing of the Charter between Nailsworth and Leves in 1995. To mark the occasion, a framed collage of the Charter, a photograph of the two Mayors at the time signing and other memorabilia has been commissioned and will be presented as a gift from the Town Council of Nailsworth and the Twinning Association to the Town Council and Twinning Association of Leves during the Nailsworth visit to Leves in early May. NTC has contributed to the cost of this gift. I shall be representing the Town Council on the visit which, in addition to the Twinners, involves over 30 members of the Nailsworth Silver Band.

Accounts were presented and approved. Fundraising activities would be held again this year to help replenish financial resources.

The Committee was reappointed.

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Agenda Item 16c

Meeting of Full Council

Meeting date Tuesday 18th March 2025

Subject To receive the County Councillors monthly report

Author County Councillor Steve Robinson

Status Information

Summary

The County Councillor's report for February.

Detail

Devolution in Gloucestershire

I understand that the submission from the seven authorities in Gloucestershire, due to be presented to Central Government by 21st March, will include the three options.

The three options are:-

1 Unitary Authority, Gloucestershire divided into two Unitaries (east and west), and the Gloucester Donut.

Highways

I am pleased to say that the following major resurfacing will take place on the following dates:-

George Street – from 17th until 22nd April (not including weekends). Road closed between 7pm and 7am (night working)

Tinkley Lane – from 29th until; 22nd May. Road closed daytime, except weekends. This will include an extra £100k to include foundations and tarmac in the unofficial passing places.

The only reason these two projects are taking place in April is that I have agreed to put all my Local Highways contribution for 2025/26 towards these schemes.

Station Road Car Park

The owner of Station Road has recently been enforcing No Parking on the road. With this in mind, I have asked Public Rights of Way to include a sign stating that the car park is for users of the cycle track only, when the refurbishment takes place.

ENDS

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Agenda Item 16d

Meeting of Full Council

Meeting date Tuesday 18th March 2025

Subject To receive an update on NTC office activities.

Author Clerk/Deputy Clerk/Office staff

Status Information

Summary

Activities by NTC staff to support council business and residents, and the activities of key town organisations.

Detail:

Year End and Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

March, April and May are particularly busy times of year with the annual audit, annual report and other statutory duties taking place.

Preparation for closing the accounts for Year End has begun and by the end of April the office team plans to have completed all the Year End reports, initiated the new financial year and arranged a date for the Internal Auditor's visit. The Clerk will complete the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) in time for the Annual Meeting on Tuesday 13th May where it will need to be signed by the Mayor.

Supporting documents and information, including specific questions raised by the external Auditor will be submitted after the Annual Meeting.

Buildings and facilities: repair and maintenance

The Town Hall fire alarm system continues to cause concern. Some work has been carried out, but further investigations are required to locate the source of a problem. A contractor has been called and has carried out some additional investigations into Zone 4 (1st Floor and the roof space). It has been suggested that the new panel may be too sensitive for the older sensors. Further investigation is being carried out to ensure the system is operating correctly. The contractor has returned and carried out a further adjustment and there have been no more incidences, so all is now sorted. We are continuing to monitor.

The entrance gate to the play area in the KGV malfunctioned and required repairing. Thankfully, a repair kit was available, and the groundsman managed to complete the repair without any major disruption to users.

12 March 25 - The boiler at the Town Hall has stopped working, a contractor has been called to investigate the issue. We are awaiting information regarding the investigation.

Green Spaces

The work being carried out in the Mortimer Gardens continues; the majority of the planting has taken place. Some more perennials will be planted in March. The new flower bed contains dye plants which will eventually be highlighted in signage as part of the Textile Trail. The flower bed transformation has been very well received with plenty of positive comments from reisdents.

Flood alleviation work has been carried out at Shortwood. This work was designed to be a small Natural Flood Management scheme taking rainwater off the highway. Three 'grips' (wide, shallow channels) have been made to take rain onto a grassed area by All Saints churchyard. The work was checked during heavy rainfall and has been a complete success.



Removal (coppicing) of a large Hazel on the same piece of ground has taken place, with the coppiced branches forming a 'dead hedge' as a useful haven for small mammals, birds and insects. This and the Natural Flood Management work has helped to protect the piece of land – part of the ancient Commons – from unlawful parking.

Work was completed at the end of February on the central path at Miles Marling Field. NTC have received several comments regarding how the new path has improved access to the amphitheatre are for residents. Investigation will continue into funding for the replacement of the remaining path.

Green Gifting

The new Green Gift procedure is being trialled, with three applications currently being processed. The procedure is working well so far and small changes will be made as needed, to make it an easier process for residents to follow.

ENDS.



Agenda Item 16e

Meeting of Full Council

Meeting date Tuesday 18th March 2025

Subject To receive a report from the Town Hall Major Projects Working Party Author Deputy Clerk

Status Action

If you have any questions about this item and the information is not included in this report, please contact the Clerk or Deputy Clerk by 10am on the Monday before the meeting.

Summary

To receive a report for the Town Hall Projects Working Party on project progression

Detail

The working party met, and it was agreed to provide an update on all Town Hall projects and how they are progressing.

Retaining Wall

There was an initial survey carried out in the summer of 2024. The report recommended that two trial pits were dug at the rear of the building to investigate the makeup of the ground below the asphalt. Unfortunately, the trail pits did not produce the results we had hoped for. The ground under the asphalt was made up of rubble and gravelled clay.

It was therefore recommended that 4 additional trial pits should be dug by the retaining wall (2) and in the garden of Folly Cottage (2) to investigate the structure and thickness of the wall. The quotes for these trail pits are yet to be received. The contractor has been informed that the trail pits and remedial work at Folly Cottage is the council priority.

In addition, two the trial pits it was recommended that a Point Cloud survey be carried out of the retaining wall to ascertain the current positioning of the wall. This was carried out and the WP have reviewed the results.

Folly Cottage Privacy Fence

Investigations have been carried out into the ownership of the privacy fence in Foollyu Cottage garden. SDC Planning were approached and could not provide any information regarding the erection of the fence or ownership.

Window replacement

Several contractors have been approached and have submitted quotes for the replacement of the windows. These quotes range from £120K - £200k dependant on the material and design. Due to the Town Hall being in a Conservation Area, the design and material of the windows will need to be approved by SDC Planning. If possible, a meeting will be arranged with SDC Planning to discuss options prior to any planning being submitted. This will ensure NTC funds are not expended on numerous planning applications.



Gas Boiler Replacement

Several repairs have been carried out in the few years to keep the boiler running. During the last routine maintenance, it was highlighted that the boiler is on it's last legs and should be replaced as soon as possible. Several option have been investigated.

- 1. Replacing the boiler approx. (£15K)
- 2. Replacing the boiler with an electric boiler. Due to the size of the building an electric boiler would use be approx. 3-4 times more expensive than gas.
- 3. Remove boiler and replace with electric heaters. Again a more expensive option, although it would remove the consumption of fossil fuels, solar panels would not provide enough power to run the heaters. Therefore, there would be consumption form the national grid at an expense.
- 4. Install air sources heat pumps. Cost approx. £39K plus running costs. Due to the size of the pumps, further investigation is under way to ascertain the quantity and location of the pumps on the building. Additionally, as the building is in a conservation area, planning would need to be approached prior to installation.
- 5. Install ground source heat pumps. There are two options, surface area and bore holes. This is still under investigation as the bore hole option has not been considered.

Solar Panels

A meeting was held with Gloucester Community Energy Co-Op (GCEC) several months ago. This meeting provided NTC with the option of leasing the Town Hall roof to GCEC for 25 years. GCEC would install the solar panels and NTC would buy the energy from GCEC. There would be an option to buy the panels during the lease or wait 25 years and NTC would own the panels. This option would see NTC make a saving of approx. 10%pa on energy costs.

Purchasing solar panels. NTC have approached three companies have been approached and have provided quotes for the installation of solar panels.

Contractor 1 24 panels, 10kWh battery (£17k) minimum requirement

Contractor 2 36 panels, 10kWh battery (£18.7) This option allows for additional panel and selling

power back to the grid.

Contractor 3 39 panels , 12kWh (£24k)

Stage Lighting and sound

Due to the age, ownership and hirer access to the stage lighting, it was decided to investigate replacing the lights. This has been investigated and several options that have been provided by a local specialist.

Lighting Rig

50 RGBAL lights x 8 @ 339.25 = £2714 + VAT

Stage

PAR 60 4Q x 4 @ £295.12 = £1180.48

(For additional special lighting possibly ACT profile 50 RGBAL x 2 @ £459.94 =£919.88)

Distribution Box

Distribution box x 1 @ £926.75

Repair of stage rig £420

Control panel

Stage CL x 1 @ £1710

Or

ADJ Link requires iPad with control software x 1 £582.50

Option 1 - Cost of lights with Stage Cl control panel £6951.23



Option 2 - Cost of lights with ADL link and iPad £5823.73 (cost of software unknown)

Option 3 - Option 1 plus Addition spec lighting £7871.11

Option 4 – Option 2 plus Addition spec lighting £6743.61 (preferred option) further investigation required with contractor.

Replacement sound system. The sound system in the main hall is currently fit for purpose but could be improved in the future to make the hall more attractive to hirers. One option would be to have a Bluetooth sound system with a PA system. These range from £520- £760. These systems have between 8 and 12 4" speakers with a base unit with USB, SD, Bluetooth and MP3 features.

Council Chamber

The current tables and chairs are dated and should be replaced with a modern conference type table and chair. Quotes for the replacement of the tables and chairs in the chamber rage from £4000 - £6000.

The Mortimer Room also requires replacement tables and chairs; to save funds the council chamber could move to the Mortimer Room (once WiFi has been installed). This would allow for the current chamber to rented out, this would increase Town Hall income.

The projector does not work to the required standard and should be replaced (£1000+ for a good system).

Kitchen Refurbishment

The kitchen is dated and not attractive to hirers. Initial investigations have been carried out in the replacement of the kitchen. These investigation have been carried out online, no local contractors have yet been approached.

Costs for units and appliances vary between £5000 and £6000. Installation costs can be up to £6000. Further investigation required.

Rear Area Flooring

The storage area at the rear of the stage, top landing, stairs and Lower landing flooring area is aged, the carpet worn. The lower landing does not have any flooring. A contractor has been approached and has provided a quote to carpet all 4 areas. The cost would be approx. £2000.

Archive Modernisation

This room although it meets its purpose it requires some modernisation and updating, a plan has been produced with a new layout. This will require new racking, decoration, office furniture and a different layout. No costing has been sought for this project.

Rear Door

The current door at the rear of the hall is not fit for purpose. The current door does not meet the requirements for building security and should be replaced with a security fire escape door. Estimated cost £400 - £1000 plus installation.

Additional Information

NTC have been in contact with <u>South West Net Zero Hub</u> (SWNZH), they provide free strategic and technical support to the public sector and communities to develop, finance and deliver net zero energy projects. They highlighted funding lines that could be utilised by NTC to assist with the decarbonisation of the Town Hall. They are the <u>Low Carbon Skills Fund</u> (LCSF) and <u>Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme</u> (PSDS).

Both of these funding lines are due to be released for 25/26FY shortly. The grants run in conjunction, with the LCSF being phase 1 and PSDS being Phase 2. SWNZH have provided NTC with guidance on the specific information required for the completion of grant applications. This information is being gathered and retained.

If NTC were to be successful in receiving an LCSF grant, the grant would cover 100% of the costs of a decarbonisation feasibility study and an installation design for the town hall. The plan and design



would provide NTC with information on all elements of the buildings (Heating, windows, walls and possibly solar), leading into phase 2 a PSDS grant application.

A consultant has been approached and requested to draw up a proposal for a decarbonisation feasibility study of the Town Hall. This will ensure NTC have all the relevant information required should the council agree to an LCSF grant application being submitted.

The PSDS grant covers approx. 40% of the overall costs of the project. Therefore, additional funding lines may need to be considered if NTC were successful.

The council are requested to approve an LCSF grant be applied for when released by the government.

Options

1. To agree further investigations of the items should be carried out and passed to council for approval.

Replacing the main hall lighting Replacing the main hall sound system Replacing the rear door with a security fire escape door Relocating the council chamber to the Mortimer Room

2. To agree an application for LCSF grant funding should be submitted when released by the government.

Recommendation

3. To **agree** further investigations of the items should be carried out and passed to council for approval.

Main hall lighting
Main hall sound system
Replacing the rear door
Relocating the council chamber to the Mortimer Room

4. To **agree** an application for LCSF grant funding should be submitted when released by the government.

ENDS.

Ser No	Date added	Strategic Plan	Vision	Priority	Location	Task detail	Comments	Budget	Estimated Cost	Minute Reference	Documents	Owner	Projected completio n date	Status
37	09-Oct-23	Y	1,7	Med	Civic Centre	Register all NTC land	09 Oct 23 NTC Deed packets have been assessed and an estimate received for this work. Council decision and budget allocation needed. 15 Nov 23 Assessment of the deeds is nearly complete some questions to be asked and further investigation to be carried out 15/16 Nov 23 . 27 Nov 23. Approx 60% of the work has been completed. Contractor has meeting scheduled with clerk 28 Nov to review progress. 14 Feb 24 All land can be registered in 8 registrations. Clerk gathering information required. 23 Apr 24 Clerk hastening contractor for completion date. 03 July 24 Contractors visited for hopefully the last time. awaiting confimation of task completion. 21 Oct 24 additional documentation to be scanned and forwarded to contractors. 12 Nov 24 Final copies of documents have been passed to the contractor. 11 Dec 24. Contractor visited the office and discussed the final deatils with the Clerk on 10th December 24. They will return on the week of 16th December for final meeting.	General Fund	£5,000.00	2023/108		Clerk	01-Oct-24	Not started
38	09-Oct-23	N	7		Civic Centre	Internal audit checks by cllr	09 Oct 23. Next appointment to be arranged (quarterly checks and reports). 02 Jan Inspection due for December was daleyed until January, date not yet set. 14 Feb 24 audit scheduled for 20th Feb. 11 Mar 24. Check carried out and report passed to council. 07 Jan 25 Agenda iten or the council meeting on the 14 Jan 25.	none	£0.00		Finance Policy	Cllr Colleen Rothwell		ongoing
39	09-Oct-23	Y	8	Low	Civic Centre	Local Council Award Scheme								
41	09-Oct-23	N	2, 3, 6		Civic Centre	Support for Town Services monitoring	09 Oct 23. First meeting held. Monitoring forms being drafted and discussed. 03 Jul 24 Reports have been received, awaiting feedback before passing on. 12 Nov 24 A meeting has been held with the Youth Club to discuss the content and the way forward.	Annual Budget				STS working party		
62	12-Jun-24	Y	2	Med	Civic Centre	Cllr Visibility	Cllrs should be more accessable to the residents of Nailsworth. Consideration should be given as to how this will be achieved. 12 Nov 24 Counillors attended the market at the end of October. There was lots of interaction with residenst and market stall holders. Several points were raised and actioned.							