



NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee
Held at 7.30pm in the Town Hall on Tuesday 6th June 2023

Present:

Cllr Mike Kelly (Chair)
Cllr Shelley Rider
Cllr Jonathan Duckworth
Cllr Steve Robinson

Minutes:

Deputy Clerk

Apologies:

Cllr Paul Francis
Cllr Ros Mulhall

Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations

Cllr Duckworth stated that as he has interests in town hall activity he will be unable to vote on any town hall matters.

To consider introducing a new hire rate for one off bookings of the Main Hall in the Town Hall (paper available)

The recommendations were to consider the following

1. To introduce the £15 per hour/£60 per session rate from 1st July for one off bookings only, in line with other venues
2. To keep the £10 per hour/£40 per session rate for regular users of the Main Hall

A discussion was held regarding the town hall prices. It was agreed that there need to be clearer clarification of what a one off hire is. It was recommended that occasional users are more than 2 a week, pay the higher price. Change the term "one off" to "occasional" hire.

Recommendation 1 and 2 agreed with one off changed to occasional.

To consider the introduction of a permanent available pitch in Mortimer Gardens for £15 per session (paper available)

Recommendation

1. To recommend the introduction of a permanent pitch in an area of Mortimer Gardens for £15 per session
2. To review this arrangement in six months' time (5th December Rec & Am Committee)

A discussion was held regarding the use of the open area at the clock tower by Hobbs pay for the use of the clock tower. It was stated that Hobbs pay a licence fee for the use of the area.

NO Observations all agreed



To approve the carrying out of periodic Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) on all NTC areas at a cost of £1,755 (paper available)

Due this being a regulatory requirement all councillors agreed

It was highlighted that the paper for this item should have stated for information only.

To consider NTC's grass cutting contracts (paper available)

Most of the grass cutting on NTC's open spaces is carried out by two contractors. With the ride on mower beginning to cost more in repairs, this is a chance to re-examine how this work is carried out.

Options

1. To rationalise NTC's grass cutting contracts, bringing all grass cutting under two contractors
2. To dispose of the ride on mower (possible second-hand resale value)
3. To investigate the purchase of a new ride on mower at a possible cost of £5,000

Recommendation

1. To rationalise NTC's grass cutting contracts, bringing all grass cutting under two contractors
2. To dispose of the ride on mower (possible second-hand resale value)

A discussion was held regarding the playground grass length and will it be kept at an acceptable length. As part of the contract the length of the maximum length of the grass will be stipulated. Contract monitoring will be carried out to ensure the contract is managed correctly.

It was also agreed that the groundsman can be utilised for other tasks across the estate that are of higher importance.

Options 1 & 2 agreed

To note the use of the Main Hall by Nailsworth News (paper available)

New arrangements for Nailsworth News to hire the Main Hall at the Town Hall for packing and distribution of the newsletter, once a month for the price of £48 per session.

No Observations

To note the Committee's action plan for 2023-2024 (paper available)

The Recreation & Amenities Committee action plan for the next year, based on NTC's Strategic Priorities, with updates on progress. At the Full Council meeting on 18th October 2022, Nailsworth Town Council reviewed its strategic priorities and visions, to guide work from 2021-2024. The next step is to put NTC's priorities into an action plan so that progress can be monitored. Working parties are asked to note their responsibilities and actions, and to give updates on progress by sending reports to the Clerk or Deputy Clerk.

The Deputy Clerk explained the action plan, what will be entered in the plan and how it will be managed by the office and the council.



The Youth services agreement was discussed, and it was suggested that the entry on the action plan is set as medium as the inspector is due to come again should this not be set as high priority. It was suggested that this item should be set as high priority as it impacts on funds.

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Chair of Recreation and Amenities committee
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