



**NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Environment Committee**  
Held at 7pm in the Town Hall on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

**Present:**

Clr Shelley Rider (Chair)  
Clr Julian Dennis  
Clr Louis Nicolas  
Clr Peter Bodkin (ex officio as Mayor)

**Minutes:**

Clerk

**Apologies:**

Clr Luke Stewart

**Not present:**

Clr Tyler White

**Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations**

There were none.

**To consider two replacement benches for the Clocktower Garden**

There was a discussion about the evident need to replace the two benches, the style of the benches and their possible decoration by residents.

The need for street furniture to meet certain standard was touched upon alongside the potential for a local company to be used to make a bench.

The Committee were happy with the style of bench chosen.

The Committee agreed that a cllr together with the Clerk will work with the residents to come up with designs and a method of decorating the benches which is suitable.

Clr Louis Nicolas undertook to work with the Clerk to approve the designs for the bench decoration.

It was **recommended** that the two Clocktower Garden benches are replaced at the same time.

All agreed.

It was **recommended** that the request for a dedicated bench is approved with additional decoration by the residents

All agreed.

**To consider participation in the VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

The scale of the proposed event was discussed and the appropriate audience for a VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> celebration. The Committee agreed that the educational aspect of the event was most important and that mixing generations – school pupils and older generation – is most likely to achieve the best result.

There were some ideas mentioned, such as using the Mortimer Room and Library; approaching Nailsworth Primary School to encourage them to focus project work on the day; connecting with the Town Archives, Cotswold Costumes and Nailsworth History Society.

Clr Phil Sullivan offered to help plan the event alongside the Deputy Clerk.



It was **recommended** to allocate a budget of £1,000 for Nailsworth to participate in the VE Day 80 Celebrations on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 .

All agreed.

It was noted that funds can be taken from this year's budget and placed in an earmarked reserve for use next financial year.

**To receive a report on a proposed 'textile trail' to improve access to Dunkirk Mill Museum from the town centre**

There was a discussion about how the Trail can tie in the new Town Maps so that there is a cohesive style.

Cllr Louis Nicolas undertook to work with the Clerk on this project.

**To report on Summer events to promote biodiversity**

The report was noted and details of the next Nailsworth Wildlife Group will be circulated.

**To inform the committee of the tree works identified by the annual tree survey**

It was noted that tree B218 in the report isn't on NTC land, however if the landowner can be identified, they will be informed that work needs to be carried out to make it safe.

**To review Environment Committee [Environment Action Plan](#)**

The action plan was reviewed.

There was a discussion about how the outcomes of projects can be understood and whether they can be evaluated afterwards.

It was recognised that some projects need more action e.g. TIC development, Emergency Planning and website.

Having been put in place in June/July 2024, it's time for the Strategic Plan to be reviewed and for any changes to be considered.

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