

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council
 Held at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Old Bristol Road
on Tuesday 15th October 2024

Present:

Cllr Peter Bodkin (Chair)
 Cllr Steve Robinson
 Cllr Phil Sullivan
 Cllr Tyler White
 Cllr Julian Dennis
 Cllr Paul Francis
 Cllr Louis Nicolas
 Cllr Shelley Rider
 Cllr Luke Stewart

Minutes:

Clerk

Apologies:

Cllr Ros Mulhall

Also present:

District Cllr Kate Kay, and a member of the public concerning a grant application.

2024/098**Public Participation**

A member of the public was present to support a grant application.

2024/099**Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations**

There were none declared.

2024/100**Consideration of Planning Applications received as follows:****CONSULTATION**

- a. S.24/1691/HHOLD. 2 Laurel Cottages, Church Street, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: Householder Application. Removal of existing extensions and erection of a single storey rear extension.
NTC comment: Support.
- b. S.24/1697/HHOLD. Laurel Cottage, Bath Road, Nailsworth, Stroud. Application: Householder. Erection of a detached single storey outbuilding.
NTC comment: NTC requests that the new building only be ancillary to the dwelling. There are concerns that biodiversity be considered, with reports of bats in the vicinity.

TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA

- c. S.24/1702/TCA. Mortimer Gardens, Fountain Street, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire. Application: Trees in a Conservation Area. Hornbeam tree requires a 10% reduction overall to maintain management of the tree and ensure safety of pedestrians.
NTC comment: It was noted this tree is owned by NTC.
- d. S.24/1727/TCA. Mortimer Gardens, Fountain Street, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire. Application: Trees in a Conservation Area. Felling the tree (T1) to street level. As the tree has small and sparse leaves.
NTC comment: It was noted this tree is owned by NTC. NTC plans to plant several new trees in Mortimer Garden during Winter 2024, as part of a replanting project for the garden.

2024/101**To confirm minutes of the Full Council meeting on Tuesday 1st October 2024**

These were noted.

All agreed

2024/102**To consider the recommendations of the Recreation and Amenities Committee of Tuesday 1st October 2024;**

To **recommend** the rental charge for the Town Hall offices be increased.

All agreed

To **recommend** that both leases are renewed with the two tenants.

All agreed

2024/103**Accounts****To agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed in the attached reports**

The payment list was reviewed.

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

All agreed.

2024/104**To consider a grant requests:****a) Grant request for Nailsworth Christmas Hall**

A member of the public spoke about this application.

It was clarified that grants cannot be given to individuals and that an organisation or business will need to be found to host the grant.

Some of the points raised during discussion with the applicant included;

- Contact with Community Development Worker at the Arkell Centre and The Long Table.
- how to identify the people in need
- whether other organisations were doing something similar
- useful contacts

After further discussion,

It was **agreed** to grant £500 for Nailsworth Christmas Hall at the Arkell Centre on the condition that a 'host' organisation be found to accept the grant.

All agreed.

2024/105**Reports for information (no decisions required):****Financial summary:**

- a) **Income and Expenditure report**
- b) **Budget comparison report**
- c) **Main bank account reconciliation report**
- d) **Premier bank account reconciliation report**

These reports were noted.

2024/106**To review NTC's Risk Assessment**

This was noted.

It was noted that the accepted minimum for the General Fund (also known as free reserves) is three months running costs. On 1st April 2024 NTC had £85,000 which is £28,000 lower than the minimum ideal sum (£113,000).

2024/107

Report from District and County Councillors

District Council:

Particular SDC news to highlight;

- Leisure Centres are coming back under SDC
- SDC have adopted a Cultural Strategy which comes with some funding (around £500,000) to get the strategy off the ground, with a big effort to make it a district wide effort rather than Stroud specific. Its purpose is to grow and develop ideas and community groups at grass roots level.
- SDC Crowdfunding is up and running, with the ability for community groups to ask for funds of up to £10,000.

There were some observations on the future of council housing, the New Homes programme and the creation of a Housing Oversight Board;

There will be consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework. Stroud will need to build 1/3 more houses than in the previous Local Plan. SDC will need to review the strategy which protected a lot of villages and market towns.

County Council:

Watledge drainage work (a spring which has been running across the road causing problems). Work will start on Wednesday – emergency road closure – to repair the pipe.

2024/108

To receive an update on NTC office activities

The report was noted.

The town is gearing up for Remembrance and Goodwill and the office is liaising with groups and traders for both these annual events.

2024/109

Review NTC [Action Plan](#).

The Action Plan was noted.

Next Tuesday 22nd October 6.30pm in the Council Chamber there will be a six-month review of NTC’s Strategic Plan.

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 Nailsworth Town Council
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