

**NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
 Meeting of the Town Council at the Town Hall, Nailsworth  
**on Tuesday 15 July 2008**  
**MINUTES**

Present	Cllr N I Kay (Town Mayor) * Cllr J R Nicholson * Cllr S Robinson Cllr Mrs S E Thorpe Cllr Mrs J M Way Cllr A G Wheeler	co-optee candidates Mrs DLM Binns Mr P Carter
Also present for part of the meeting	County Cllr J S Waddington District Cllr J T Jeffreys District Cllr Miss F Macmillan	
Apologies	Cllr J D Bratby Cllr B Jayes	District Cllr RTH Blackwell
Non attendance	Cllr J A Byrne	

\* Denotes absence from part of the meeting

**2008/51 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS**

Four candidates were interviewed by the panel and the Mayor proposed to unanimous approval that the chosen two be duly co-opted. Mrs Binns and Mr Carter were invited to join the meeting and signed their acceptances of office.

**2008/52 PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO TOWN CENTRE PARKING REGULATIONS**

The Mayor recapped on discussion at the last meeting and put forward the recommendation from NCP to make all parking in the Library/Old Market car park 3h, and have temporary trader parking in KGV field.

Cllr Nicholson recommended that NCP be thanked for its contribution but its proposal be rejected. He drew attention to the several different parking time limits that would result across the town. Cllrs had hoped that NCP would undertake a survey of the whole town parking situation, and no statistical information had been provided to back up the 3hr suggestion. Cllr Nicholson had established that the car park concerned (behind Library/Police Station and in front of Maple Tree Court) comprised 32 long stay and 18 short stay bays. With regard to NCP's suggestion to use KGV field for temporary trader parking, the Clerk had checked with the National Playing Fields Association which had written to reject the suggestion outright. If Cllrs had the time, the Mayor urged them to join NCP meetings to advise and guide its discussions.

PROPOSED Cllr Nicholson proposed, seconded by Cllr Wheeler to unanimous agreement that NCP be thanked for its proposal regarding the Old Market car park, but informed that this was rejected.

**2008/53 FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUTH SUPPORT IN NAILSWORTH**

The Mayor and Cllr Mrs Binns declared a personal but non prejudicial interest; Cllr Robinson declared a personal and prejudicial interest so would leave the meeting following his explanation of the documents which had been circulated to the meeting.

Three meetings had taken place with visits to the Youth Club by various GCC officials. It would appear that GCC's proposal was the best deal to be obtained under current cost-cutting

circumstances, and would at least achieve NTC's aim to make the Nailsworth youth worker a GCC establishment post. The current cost of £34,729 covered the youth worker's salary and pension contributions. GCC would pay for travel and training costs. If the Nailsworth incumbent became part of the area team, he/she might be seconded up to 10 days p.a. as part of the contract, and part time cover would be provided in his/her absence. Community Safety had agreed to contribute £1000 (it would be necessary to make sure this was paid direct to NTC so that it reduced Nailsworth's share of the costs). NTC would be required to fund 50% of the full costs, which would increase the currently paid amount of £12,300 to £16k.

\* Cllr Robinson left the meeting.

Cllr Nicholson was pleased to see the achievement finally of making the Nailsworth youth worker an establishment post and recommended agreement in principle to the proposal, despite it taking a larger amount of NTC money. NTC could continue to seek contributions towards the cost from other sources. The pension calculation was queried and a timescale for the agreement would need to be agreed. The 10 days secondment was questioned, and whether this was statutory across the County; as GCC was only funding half the youth worker for Nailsworth, it was felt it should only be able to second half the number of days of a fully funded employee.

PROPOSED            the Mayor proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Binns, to unanimous approval, that he and Cllr Robinson pursue negotiations with GCC as follows, in order to put a final proposal before council at the September meeting:  
 In principle NTC approves the proposal to enter into a Service Level Agreement with GCC and Nailsworth Youth Club in a partnership arrangement to provide a qualified Nailsworth youth worker commencing May 2009, subject to assurances that:  
 The Nailsworth youth worker will be a permanent member of the County youth service establishment.  
 The salary level and on costs will reflect the actual salary of the incumbent Nailsworth youth worker.  
 The youth worker's maximum time away from Nailsworth will be clearly limited and NTC's contribution during that time will only reflect the use of any part-time substitute staff provided by GCC.

\* Cllr Robinson rejoined the meeting.

#### **2008/54            COUNCIL MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 June were confirmed and signed.

\* Cllr Nicholson left the meeting.

#### **2008/55            INVITATION TO VISIT NYCE (minute 2008/30)**

Cllr Robinson, the Mayor and Cllr Mrs Way had taken up Mr Conroy's invitation to visit NYCE and had noted some improvements to the facility although a lot of structural work remained to be done. Mr Conroy's statement made at the last council meeting that 'a large part of the town's youth felt alienated' was challenged, and it appeared the comment resulted from a random survey of young people who were perhaps not typical of Nailsworth young people. Cllrs would like to ask for information on research that NYCE had done.

#### **2008/56            UPDATE FROM THE MAYORS REPORT (minute 2008/35)**

The Mayor had written to the senior partner at Prices Mill regarding the creation of a **patients' participation group**. He had circulated notes from Glos PCT, which was keen to be part of any discussion.

SDC had written to confirm that the **£85k from Redrow** was in safe hands and had now increased to something over £93k.

The Mayor had visited **Maple Tree Court**, which he felt would serve well enough for younger retired people, but kitchens and bathrooms were not appropriate for the less mobile. The building was not as overbearing as he had feared. He had spoken with the new warden (who was moving from a Gloucester facility) regarding NTC's parking concerns, and it was claimed that McCarthy & Stone had decided its Nailsworth parking ratio based on its experience with many such homes around the country.

**2008/57 UPDATE ON REPORT OF RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE (minute 2008/39)**

Cllr Mrs Way had reported to SDC her concerns over the **refurbished toilet block** and had been advised that, in the first instance, signs would be put up inside the cubicles explaining the locking system. The Clerk added that she had surrendered the one kitchenette key to the Chamber of Trade and Cllr Carter reported that the kitchenette door could not be opened from inside, although the SDC officer had disputed this fact.

The Clerk advised that SDC wanted to put up four **blue/white toilet icon signs** around town including one in Mortimer Gardens for which NTC's approval was sought. It was agreed that there were already several signs for the toilets, and on the finger posts, and the Clerk was asked to respond that no sign was needed or approved for the Mortimer Gardens.

**2008/58 FOREST GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE (minute 2008/40)**

AE Smith would be emailing a draft agreement to Redrow's solicitors tomorrow and the Mayor would contact Redrow to ensure this was passed on promptly in the hope of signing by the end of the week. If there were no significant alterations to the draft put forward by NTC, it was unanimously agreed that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and one other Cllr should sign on behalf of the council.

**2008/59 COUNCILLOR EXPENSES (minute 2008/41)**

The Clerk had made enquiries and confirmed that the payment of expenses to Cllrs was not a statutory requirement.

**2008/60 REPORT OF COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

**County Cllr Waddington** hoped that the Stone Fountain issue had been resolved; he was thanked for his intervention in obtaining a letter of authority from GCC to put forward with SDC's grant application to Glos Environmental Trust for the £8k shortfall in funding the project.

Cllr Waddington mentioned the lively meeting with residents to discuss solutions to the Jubilee Road/Star Hill traffic congestion, with the latest proposals now being looked at by officers.

On Monday he attended a flooding conference organised by Glos First to launch a Flood Resilience Forum aiming to get more cooperation from parties involved. £10million had been received from central government towards the estimated £19million cost of repairs to flood damaged roads, and a further £7million was hoped for. He expressed concern about the lack of support from central government for future defences and GCC had had to put a special levy onto the rates to provide for this. He noted that some residents were still not back in their homes following the floods last year.

Network Rail had agreed to fund dualing of the single track Cotswold railway line, but not the Kemble/Swindon line, although this had not been completely ruled out. GCC and other bodies were starting a large lobbying campaign to achieve dualing for the Kemble/Swindon line. Cllr Mrs Way added that dual tracks were particularly important in this area, and it was noted that Mr David Drew MP was participating in the campaign.

In response to a question from the Mayor, Cllr Waddington advised that the bidding process was underway for a share of the £110million granted by the EU to flood affected areas, which central government was not allowed to divert to other departments.

Cllr Waddington and Ms Sheila Booth would liaise over the list of previous representatives for the Cycling Forum to be revived at a meeting on 28 July. Cllr Waddington was concerned that representation from the voluntary sector needed to be increased and would ensure that the membership structure of the new Forum was comprehensive.

**District Cllr Jeffreys** reported that SDC Cabinet had met last week with regard to financial matters. The Social Enterprise Trust had reached the stage of applying to the Department of Health for approval to proceed. Various consultations were underway with GCC, such as the Public Spaces contracts.

Cllr Jeffreys noted the proposals by BT to remove 51 public telephone kiosks across the district and the consultation period and submissions were ongoing.

As part of its Healthy Lifestyles Agenda, the second Stroud Walking Festival would take place in September with 30 walks including the Meningitis Walk. On Saturday, Stroud Nature Festival 08 and Stroud Country Show would take place in Stratford Park, with the involvement of many local establishments.

The Annual Stroud District Arts Award had been won this year by Reinhilt Berter whose photographic exhibition would be touring the district and showing in Nailsworth library from 11 to 21 August. Thereafter the Award would be biannual.

The Mayor expressed concern that all initiatives emanating from Stroud were called 'Stroud this or that', ignoring the involvement of other parts of the district, and he would prefer the September walks for example to be entitled 'Stroud Valleys Walking Festival', since they were not limited to Stroud town.

**District Cllr Miss Macmillan** reported that a new dog waste bin would be installed at Bunting Way before the end of the summer. She proposed to promote the Car Club as a way of helping new Maple Tree Court residents resolve their car/parking situation.

#### **2008/61 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

#### **2008/62 REPORT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Cllr Robinson had attended the opening of the Lawnside MUGA on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, which included a good game of police –v- young people and the band playing. Forest Green residents Association laid on a buffet and it had been a very nice evening. Residents were getting used to the facility and further funding was awaited to make a few improvements such as additional netting.

#### **2008/63 REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

The Clerk had received the Great Western Ambulance Service annual review 07/08, which was passed to the Mayor, and minutes of the Chartered Parishes Group meeting held on 26 June at Shire Hall.

#### **2008/64 REPORT OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 30 June could not be approved as there were insufficient members present. Cllr Mrs Way suggested the word 'nonsensical' be removed from the middle of the penultimate paragraph on page 3. She drew attention to the committee's recommended expenditure to cover the cost of reprinting the 4 Circular Walks for sale at the TIC, and Tree work in Mortimer Gardens. The recommendations were unanimously approved.

**2008/65 REPORT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Cllr Wheeler presented the report of the meeting of the committee held on 19 June. Cllr Mrs Thorpe reported that the windows at Glendower had been boarded up. SDC was pursuing the case and the Mayor would have an informal chat with the owner of the house.

Cllr Wheeler advised that no more scrambling meetings would take place at Tinkley Lane this year. The organisers had agreed with SDC officers to a maximum of four meetings in any one year at the site, with at least two weeks in between.

The second meeting of the committee scheduled for 1 July could not take place as it was inquorate. The two new cllrs were invited to join the planning committee in the first instance.

RESOLVED that the comments made by the Planning Committee at its meeting held on 19 June 2008 be approved.

**2008/66 AUDIT ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008**

Supporting notes were circulated with the agenda and NTC was required to approve the Annual Return for year ending 31 March 08. The internal auditor had completed his review with no queries. His report would accompany the Annual Return together with other documentation requested by the auditors. The Annual Return was duly approved and signed.

**2008/67 ACCOUNTS**Item 124

Ms Bojaniwska had resubmitted her invoice to reflect the amount left in the budget and the Clerk pointed out that there was now no budget for further work on the Design Statement. Approval had been given to submit the £150 cost of producing three consultation documents for refund from the £2000 SDC grant and Ms Rachel Small had advised that NTC was at liberty to spend the balance as it saw fit.

It was noted that NCP was now incorporated and could claim from the above grant to commission Ms Bojaniwska to undertake the analysis of the consultation results.

Item 129

The Mayor reported that he had returned a broken sign to JSM Signs and had not had the opportunity to follow up on this.

RESOLVED that the list of accounts at 15 July 2008, excluding item 129, amounting to £19,404.39 be approved for payment.

**2008/68 SDC – Stonehouse Parish Cluster Meeting – 9 September**

Details of the next meeting were noted.

**2008/69 SDC – Community Safety Panel Meeting – 12 November**

Details of the next meeting were noted.

**2008/70 SDC – vacancy on Standards Committee**

Nominations were invited to fill this vacancy and terms of reference were available from the Clerk. Cllr Wheeler asked for a copy.

**2008/71 GCC – Decision for Whips Lane to become a BOAT**

Official notification confirmed the recommendation that Whips Lane be classified as a BOAT.

**2008/72 GCC minerals and waste development framework**

The consultation document on household waste treatment in the future would be passed to the Environment Committee for consideration.

**2008/73 Community Safety Panel meeting**

The last meeting had been attended by the Mayor and District Cllr Miss Macmillan, who planned to attend the next one. The Mayor felt this was an interesting exercise and other Cllrs were welcome to come along.

**2008/74 Council meeting in August**

It was proposed that no council meeting be held during August and that delegated power be approved for the Mayor/ Deputy Mayor, Chairmen of Committees as appropriate (minimum two), to take decisions on urgent matters which could not be deferred until the next meeting in September. The proposal was approved.

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Chairman