

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWTON & NOSS PARISH COUNCIL
held on 12th January 2006

PRESENT: Mr Buckland Mr Carter Mrs Cooper Mrs Hinchliffe Mrs Roe Mr Stitson Mr Tubb
Mr Young

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Hallett Mr Lomax (RYDA) Mrs Eschbaeher (Clerk) Eight parishioners

APOLOGIES: Mr Brown Mr Taylor Mrs Wilcox Mr Woodd-Walker

**Mr Tubb chaired the meeting in Mr Brown's absence.
The recent death of County Councillor Ted Mitchell was recorded.**

POLICE REPORT

8 crimes had been reported in 29 days, three of which had involved Internet fraud when residents had been the victims.

OPEN FORUM

There was a lengthy discussion regarding inconsiderate parking in Passage Road, Coach Road and Coombe Down Lane in particular [and Creekside Road to a lesser extent] resulting in difficulties for residents and restricted access for large emergency vehicles which was a very serious concern. P.C. Cook explained that although nothing could be done about inconsiderate parking, the Police could enforce an offence/obstruction; if a patrol car was unable to attend, at least the restriction would be logged and photographic evidence was useful. He would endeavour to visit with the Traffic Warden whenever possible. [Min. 04.2 refers]

Mr Crow outlined his various concerns regarding proposed alterations to 4 Perches Close and presented a copy of his objection letter addressed to the SHDC Planning Department. [Min. 08.6 refers]

The queries raised in Mr Spooner's letter were answered and would be referred to during the Meeting; Members did not know whether the privately owned seat outside Bettisons was to be replaced.

01/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE The reasons for absence were approved.

02/06 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th December were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

03/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare interests in the items to be discussed during the course of the Meeting; one was recorded as follows:-

Mrs Cooper declared a prejudicial interest in item 14. as a member of the W.I.

A Discussion Paper concerning the future of Standards of Conduct legislation had been received from ODPM.

04/06 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILS

04.1 Review of speed limit signing – To comply with legislation, the 30mph sign at the Butts Park gateway would be replaced without delay. Various design options were considered and the preferred sign was agreed. [Vote: all in favour] Other minor sign maintenance work was due to be carried out by DCC as soon as possible. Because the B.3186 was to be resurfaced in February, the Parish Council had been asked to consider whether the buff coloured strips should be replaced; this would be agreed at a later date when results of the proposed speed limit monitoring were available.

Agenda: May Meeting

04.2 Parking difficulties in Noss – Referring to the issues raised during the Open Forum discussion, three letters of concern and an email had been received together with photographs of Coach Road taken on 26th December; they confirmed the residents' concerns about restricted access for emergency vehicles and lack of action by the Police. It was agreed that **Mr Stitson** and others would gather the following information for consideration in February:-

- a) A survey of residents' parking habits,
- b) Evidence of support for formal parking restrictions, e.g. yellow lines, restricted zones.

Agenda: February Meeting

- 04.3 Newton Hill/Yealm Road junction** – DCC would contact the owner of the granite post to offer a reflector.
- 04.4 Noss Green** – An SHDC quote for moving the car park gate was still awaited.
- 04.5 Butts Park Play Area** – An SHDC quote for lining the basketball court was still awaited.
- 04.6 Parish Heritage Appraisal** – The Parish had been invited to join a project funded by the Life into Landscape scheme to research, record and map a local historical feature(s) in conjunction with a range of community events. Professional archaeological support would be available. Francis Bennett would attend the initial meeting and Mel Ellis would also be invited.

05/06 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mr Buckland reported the Working Group's intentions to:-

- a) As soon as possible, prepare a brief appraisal of each potential site for inclusion in SHDC's L.D.F. documents.
- b) Assist with the promotion of the proposed Briar Hill scheme.

06/06 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS The following would be considered:-

- a) National Planning Policy Statement PPS3 for reply by 27th February. **Chairman, Mr Buckland, Mrs Wilcox**
- b) SHDC Draft Supplementary Planning Documents for reply by 2nd February.....
 - i) Open Space, Sport and Recreation **Mr Stitson**
 - ii) Validation of Planning Applications **Mr Buckland**

07/06 BISHOPS COURT

- 07.1 Lease negotiations** – A cheque for £350 for search fees had been sent to the Solicitors together with a signed copy of their Terms as requested.
- 07.2 Official Opening** –10th March (*to be confirmed*). A show flat would be available for inspection from February.
- 07.3 Allocation of units** – Cllr Hallett's explanation about purchase, renting and capital requirements was noted.

08/06 SHDC PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- 08.1 Middlecombe Lane spoil heap** – In September spoil had been removed from Globe Cottage to a field adjacent to Middlecombe Lane. The landowner had been advised that retrospective planning permission was required and was waiting to hear from SHDC.
- 08.2 Omega, 101 Court Road** – The Planning Officer had recommended approval of the application but the Development Control Committee would visit the site on 23rd January. Mrs Cooper would represent the Parish Council.
- 08.3 45 Noss Mayo** – The Grant of Planning Permission and Conservation Area Consent had been received. The incorporation of a drain for the public water supply had been included in the Conditions.
- 08.4 St Olaf's Chapel, Puslinch** 2219/05/CU – car park extension. *Decision:* No comment.
- 08.5 Stoke Cottage** 2220/05/F – general alterations. *Decision:* No comment as plans were not available.
- 08.6 4 Perches Close** 2221/05/F – extension.
Decision: Not made as plans were not available. However, the neighbour's concerns were noted. [Open Forum refers]
- 08.7 Appledore, 84 Court Road** 2230/05/F – holiday flat over garage. *Decision:* No comment.
- 08.8 Land east of Courtside, Court Road** 2240/05/F – erection of dwelling. 31 copy letters of objection had been received. *Decision:* Objection; the reasons for SHDC's refusal in October 2005 still applied.
- 08.9 Cross Trees, Pillory Hill** 2307/05/F – extension and alterations. Compared with the previous application, some amendments had been submitted but made little difference to the overall effect of the proposals.
Decision: If the neighbours were concerned, objection as November 2005.

- 8.10 **Coastguard Station**, Collaton 2313/05/G – demolition and replacement of single garage. *Decision:* Support.
- 8.11 **Shop at the Green** 2266/05/CU – change of use to tearoom. *Decision:* No comment.

09/06 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED The main items received had concerned:-

- 09.1 **Pope's Quay** – At the suggestion of the Harbourmaster, the Parish Council had been asked to take sole responsibility for the quay, i.e. insurance, arranging and logging inspections and maintenance. **Agenda: February Meeting**
- 09.2 **Modbury Tourist Information Centre** – Members felt unable to agree to a request for financial support.
- 09.3 **Citizens' Advice Bureau** – Details of training in welfare benefits were noted.

10/06 FOOTPATHS

- 10.1 **FP7 Voss Steps [Newton]** – Candy tiles would be replaced in the spring. **Agenda: March Meeting**
- 10.2 **FP21 Bridgend to Rowden** – John Allen reported that the landowner had declined his permission for the erection of a tall way marker at a midway point.
- 10.3 **FP28 Warren Cottage** – A reply from The National Trust confirmed that signing around Warren Cottage would be investigated to assess whether improvements were necessary; the map board in the car park was not considered to be misleading. Concern about the dilapidated cottage gates would be raised with the leaseholder. The Clerk would contact Simon Garner to discuss progress. The National Trust's letter of 2nd December 1997 was also noted:- "...the definitive path is on the original line of Revelstoke Drive and passes through the two gates in front of Warren Cottage."
- 10.4 **Doctor's Steps** – Mr Wooderson would be invited to sweep the steps.

11/06 TREES

- 11.1 **Noss Green** – Mr Spooner had offered to tidy the trees alongside the car park.

12/06 MAINTENANCE

- 12.1 **Kilpatrick Steps** – Mr Carter would check the ownership of the moorings between the Parish land boundaries.
- 12.2 **Sports Pavilion** – The meeting with user representatives was being arranged. **Agenda: February Meeting**
- 12.3 **Play Area, Noss** – SHDC would be asked to repair the roadside gate and provide a new field gate padlock.

13/06 MEETINGS ATTENDED

- 13.1 **Harbour Authority** – The main items reported by Mr Carter concerned the following:- It was anticipated that at least part of the debt would be cleared by the end of the year. An outboard had been stolen from Noss Creek.

14/06 GRANT REQUESTS

- 14.1 **WIC Hall** – Two estimates had been obtained to upgrade the electrical wiring, and one for carpentry to enclose the meters. It was noted that the Parish Council had paid £350 net of VAT for a new door in June 2005.
RESOLVED: to grant £250 [Vote: all in favour/one abstention]
- 14.2 **Newton Ferrers Primary School** - A letter from the Headteacher was read to the Meeting. Members were asked to consider releasing £1,000 for extra curricular drama activities as per the 2005/06 Budget Contingency.
RESOLVED: A cheque for £1,000 was authorised. [Vote: unanimous] [LGA 1972 s.137 payment]
- 14.3 **The Post Office** – RESOLVED: In accordance with the April Min. 54/05, a cheque for £1,500 was authorised in respect of engineering drawings. [LGA 1972 s.137 payment]

15/06 ADMINISTRATION

15.1 Budget 2006/07 – Final estimated expenditure figures were circulated for consideration. Cllr Hallett stressed the importance of Parish Council funds to support local needs and applications for grant funding from other sources. RESOLVED: To request a Precept of £37,000 representing a 0% increase on the previous year. [Vote: unanimous]

15.2 Transfer of funds – RESOLVED: To authorise the transfer of £6,000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account. [Vote: unanimous]

15.3 Clerk's overtime – RESOLVED: To pay the Clerk for 27 additional hours worked in 2005. [Vote: unanimous]

15.4 Review of annual payments and fees 2006 – The following charges/payments were agreed for 2006:-

1. **CONTRIBUTION TO CHAIRMAN'S EXPENSES:** This would be deferred until the **February Meeting**.
2. **CONTRIBUTION TO CLERK'S OFFICE EXPENSES:** £250 to reflect the costs for light/heat/power/Council Tax for one room.
3. **BOAT CHARGES:** As agreed in February 2005 [Min. 27/05].
4. **MEMBERSHIP FEES:** Eight regular payments would be renewed in 2006 in accordance with the list compiled by the Clerk.
5. **CLEANING OF NEWTON VOSS/NOSS VOSS/VARIOUS STEPS/POPE'S QUAY:** The monthly payments to Mrs Allen and Mr Wooderson would be increased by 3%.
The Clerk would confirm with Mr Wooderson his list of duties.

16/06 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

Cheque payments were authorised and signed in accordance with the schedule prepared by the Clerk, checked by Mrs Hinchliffe and listed in the Financial Statement Min.17/06.

17/06 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Alliance & Leicester Current Account	balance at 3.01.06	£	7,681.59
Portman Building Society Capital Fund	30 days' notice	£	44,912.49
Portman Building Society Gratuity Fund		£	4,432.68
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The following cheques were authorised totalling		£	4,437.15

Foot Anstey	Bishops Court Lease: search fees	350.00
J Allen	Cleaning: Noss Voss/Pope's Quay	37.80
J Eschbaecher	Net salary	744.10
British Telecom	Clerk's telephone	58.98
Garden Services	Grass cutting: The Green and Bridgend tidying	14.50
S.L.C.C.	Clerk's membership renewal	108.00
Newton Ferrers Primary School	Grant	1,000.00*
Inland Revenue	Income Tax and N.I. re the Clerk	585.61
J Eschbaecher	Expenses: postage and supplies	12.16
C.P.R.E.	Annual membership fee	26.00*
N Harris	Post Office extension: drawings. <i>Grant agreed April 2005</i>	1,500.00*

*S.137 total paid: £2,526

*S.137 payments to date: £3,370.50