

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWTON & NOSS PARISH COUNCIL held on 9th November 2006

PRESENT: Mr Brown Mr Buckland Mr Carter Mrs Cooper Mrs Hinchliffe Mr Stitson
Mr Taylor Mr Tubb Mrs Wilcox Mr Woodd-Walker Mr Young

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Hallett Rear Admiral Hogg (CHWG and RYDA) Mrs Eschbaeher (Clerk)
Three parishioners attended part of the Meeting, also Mr Woodford (GHK) & P.C. Cook

APOLOGIES: Mrs Roe Cllr Mumford

POLICE REPORT P.C. Cook confirmed he was no longer stationed at Ivybridge and outlined the new system for community policing. P.C. Richards would attend future meetings as part of the new PCSO team covering Newton & Noss. P.C. Cook was thanked for his invaluable assistance over the past few years and his support for the Boatwatch scheme.

OPEN FORUM

Planning applications:

a) Old Cellars 1320/03/F double garage and boat store - Following an inspection by the SHDC Enforcement Officer, it was understood that the owners had been asked to submit a planning application to regularise discrepancies between the approved plans and the new development. A parishioner's comments about the development were noted, in particular the availability of secondhand bricks and conservation grade Velux windows. [Min.179.1 refers]

b) Berberis, Lower Court Road – Pre-application drawings had been circulated to Members prior to the Meeting and were discussed with the architect. Particular comments concerned fenestration and the need for anti-glare glass. Members had concerns about the proposals for a boathouse to be constructed below the Leas Path.

c) Tenemara, Yealm View Road – 2107/06/F – A parishioner's objections were noted. [Min.179.8 refers]

d) Yealm Cottage, Newton Hill 1730/06/F – Following discussions with his neighbours, the applicant had submitted revised drawings which incorporated a hipped roof at the northern end adjacent to "Renarc". Therefore, Mr & Mrs Randle had withdrawn their planning objections. [Min.179.7 refers]

172/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE The reasons for absence were approved.

173/06 PREVIOUS MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th October were confirmed and signed.

174/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Mrs Cooper declared a personal interest in the pre-application drawings for a boathouse at "Berberis".

Mr Woodd-Walker declared a personal interest in item 8., the planning application relating to Yealm Cottage.

Mr Buckland declared a prejudicial interest in item 8. Yealm Cottage as the owner of the property, and withdrew from the Meeting during consideration of this item.

As a member of the Village Hall Management Committee, Mr Brown declared a prejudicial interest in item 10. Grant Requests and withdrew from the Meeting during consideration of this item.

Mr Stitson declared a personal interest in item 13. concerning Revelstoke Road.

175/06 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILS

175.1 Request for an HGV sign at Bridgend – RESOLVED: To pay DCC's charge of £30 for a blue HGV sign at the Bridgend/Widey Hill junction. [Vote: all in favour]

175.2 Sign at Stoke Road/Junket Corner [Minutes: October 2006 page 1, item e) refers] - In view of the obstruction caused by vehicles parked in the passing space, it was RESOLVED: To accept Mr Halliday's offer of a sign "Passing Place – Do Not Park". [Vote: 8 in favour and 3 abstentions]

175.3 Collaton Cross Bus Shelter [Minutes: October 2006 page 1, item g) refers] – Subject to sight of the plans for the proposed bus shelter to check the location and visibility at the junction, it was RESOLVED: To accept responsibility for future maintenance and insurance of the new wooden structure. [Vote: all in favour]
It was suggested that the side of the shelter might be appropriate for advertising local events. Also it was noted that there were some anomalies in the bus route which could be confusing to visitors. **Agenda: December Meeting**

175.4 Collaton – Butts Park Link – The results of the recent survey asking the Collaton residents for their opinions about the proposed pedestrian/cycle link were:- 11 in favour and 4 against. 17 had not responded. Therefore it was RESOLVED: That the link should be progressed but, if possible, the route should not be formally recorded. [Vote: all in favour] **Agenda: January Meeting**

175.5 B.3186 request for road markings [Minutes: October 2006 page 1, item b) refers] – As DCC had not responded to the Clerk's recent requests for an update, it was assumed that an evaluation of new markings requested in April by the Parish Council had not been carried out.

175.6 Report from Cllr Mumford – In Cllr Mumford's absence, the Clerk reported on the following two items.

175.7 Passage Road – Referring to the previous Minutes, Mrs Wilcox had been unable to contact either Mr Brunning or Mrs McCarty; also the Meeting noted Cllr Mumford's personal interest in traffic issues concerning Passage Road.

Cllr Mumford did not have any suggestions to reduce traffic speed but he had noted the ineffective sign clutter at the Noss Hard end of the road. Also, he and Mr Halliday had agreed that sleeping policemen were unlikely to make much difference. However, he suggested some traffic cones at the foot of the hill might help to maintain a clear access into Passage Road. Perhaps some narrowing of the road to limit speed might be considered within the proposed TRO [see below].

175.8 Yealm Steps parking restrictions – DCC had agreed to restore the parking restrictions and introduce an enforceable Traffic Regulation Order in time for the summer season. Mr Halliday had invited the Parish Council to submit new (and/or amend existing) restrictions for inclusion in the Order. **Agenda: December Meeting**

175.9 Parish Cluster Meeting – The Clerk would attend the meeting at Bittaford.

175.10 Report from Cllr Hallett – The Inspector had conducted a very thorough Appeal concerning the planning application for a new dwelling on land east of "Courtside", Court Road – his decision was awaited. The Inspector's Report into the LDF Core Strategy was due shortly. An SHDC appraisal of the Conservation Areas in Newton & Noss would commence before the end of the year.

176/06 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

176.1 Update on progress – Since the October Meeting, the CHWG's Final Report had been added to the website and thanks were extended to Rear Admiral Hogg and his Committee for their excellent contribution. The proposed letters to SHDC and the landowners had been drafted for final approval by the Chairman. Cllr Hallett confirmed that the extent of the Coastal Preservation Area could be altered by SHDC if necessary, whereas the AONB was fixed.

176.2 Community Land Trusts – Mrs Cooper and Mrs Hinchliffe had attended a recent seminar and their comments were noted. It was understood that SHDC could fund a feasibility study and although there were doubts about the potential commitment required to run a trust effectively, it was RESOLVED: To contact SHDC to clarify the basis of the offer. [Vote: all in favour] **Agenda: December Meeting**

176.3 Sketch drawings – Drawings prepared for general comment had been circulated to all Members and would be returned to the Chairman for discussion with Stewart Green.

177/06 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

177.1 Yealm Estuary Management Plan 2006-2011 – The publication of the Draft had been delayed.

177.2 South Devon AONB Action Programme Review 2007/09 – Responses were invited by 13th November. Mr Woodd-Walker would check the AONB website and comment if necessary.

178/06 BISHOPS COURT

178.1 Licence to the Health Centre – The Clerk would contact Mr Cherry.

178.2 Use of the Consulting Room – RESOLVED: The hire charge for a single session (between one and four hours) should be £20.00 regardless of use.

179/06 SHDC PLANNING DEPARTMENT

179.1 Old Cellars 1320/03/F double garage and boat store – [Open Forum item a) refers] – As requested, the Clerk read a letter of concern from a neighbouring landowner. Members were also concerned that the building appeared to be out of line and completely inappropriate. Formal comments would be submitted to SHDC when the plans were received.

179.2 Bambara House, Court Road – It was noted that the approved plans were to be checked by the Planning Officer.

179.3 Braemar, Pillory Hill 1797/06/F – Demolition and construction of replacement dwelling. Revised plans had been received but the Planning Officer had not requested comments; she was recommending approval.

179.4 Land at Hannaford 1867/06/F – Construction of parking and unloading area and improved access. It was noted that this had been a retrospective application to regularise the large amount of spoil which had been disposed of in the AONB.

Decision: The proposals had been accepted subject to an appropriate fence line and suitable landscaping to screen the area.

179.5 46 Noss Mayo 1934/06/F – Creation of a parking bay.

Decision: To support the application subject to some stone walling (not the proposed railing) around the area to screen the parked vehicle when viewed from the river. [Vote: all in favour]

179.6 Upper & Lower Deck, 97 Yealm Road 1972/06/F – Change of use to one dwelling, with alterations and extensions.

Decision: No objection but the public footpath must remain open at all times - especially in the summer - and be protected; any damage should be repaired. [Vote: all in favour]

179.7 Yealm Cottage, Newton Hill 1730/06/F [Open Forum item d) refers] - Although revised drawings had been submitted to SHDC and sent to the Clerk, they had not been received. RESOLVED: In view of the previous decision [Min.161.4], it was agreed that no further comments would be made unless requested by the Planning Officer. In that event, a site meeting would be held to consider the revised drawings. [Vote: all in favour]

179.8 Tenemara, Yealm View Road 2107/06/F – Extension to dwelling. *It was noted that this application replaced the previous drawings 1866/06/F which had been withdrawn.* The proposed dormers had been removed.

Decision: The ridge height must be specified and strictly adhered to; the removal of the proposed dormers would have gone some way to reducing the massing effect of the higher roof; otherwise, no comment.

[Vote: 10 in favour and 1 abstention]

180/06 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED The following items concerned:-

180.1 Nymet, Pillory Hill – Three Members had received preliminary drawings for a replacement boathouse which would be circulated.

180.2 Berberis, Lower Court Road – Having discussed the preliminary drawings with the architect, no further discussion was necessary.

180.3 The future of Local Government – The White Paper had been published and details would be circulated.

180.4 Countryside Alliance – Support for the campaign to save rural Post Offices had been requested. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Minister responsible for Post Offices – Jim Fitzpatrick MP.

180.5 Climate Change Action Day – RESOLVED: A reservation would be made for Mr Buckland - £25.00.

180.6 Ivybridge Town Council – The Clerk would respond to a letter from the Mayor concerning facilities for young people and local transport difficulties between the village and Ivybridge.

181/06 GRANT REQUESTS

181.1 Village Hall –

a) Kitchen refurbishments - RESOLVED: To pay the contractor's account for £3,825; this represented the budgeted amount outstanding for 2006/07. An additional VAT amount of £669.38 would be reclaimed.

[Vote: all in favour]

b) Christmas lights – RESOLVED: In line with previous years, contributions towards the external Christmas lights would be paid to the Village Hall and WIC Hall - £20 each. [Vote: all in favour] [LGA 1972 s137]

181.2 Milestone at Bridgend – Peter Phipps had offered to supply the stone and it was agreed in principle that the Parish Council would pay the small labour charge to install it. [Vote: all in favour]

181.3 Community Learning U3A Meeting – RESOLVED: To pay the hire charge for the open meeting on 17th November: £10.00 (invoice awaited). [Vote: all in favour]

181.4 Inter Parish Quiz – RESOLVED: To contribute £25.00 towards the administration costs. [Vote: all in favour]
[LGA 1972 s137]

181.5 Community Housing Working Group – RESOLVED: To pay Mr Hogg's costs for stationery, copying and printing - £35.57. [Vote: all in favour]

182/06 COMMUNITY LEARNING – NEWTON & NOSS NETWORK (NNN)

182.1 Progress Report – Twenty-four learners were attending the two computer classes and there was sufficient demand for a third course. Watercolour Painting for twelve learners would start in January. It was proposed that once the ROLI grant had been spent, the Network should become independent; a volunteer had offered to take over the administration and obtain grant funding. It was suggested that Bishops Court could be used as a base on two half days a week with I.T. facilities available as a community resource.
Note: Budget 2007/08

183/06 FOOTPATHS

183.1 Doctor's Steps – A site visit would be arranged. **Agenda: January Meeting**

183.2 Axworthy Steps – A site visit would be arranged. **Agenda: January Meeting**

183.3 Footpath Inspection – No urgent items had been highlighted but Mr Taylor would report in more detail at the December Meeting. **Agenda: December Meeting**

184/06 MAINTENANCE

184.1 Kilpatrick Steps – review of outhauls – A list of outhauls was handed to the Clerk for checking.

184.2 Sports Pavilion – RESOLVED: To authorise Mr Leonard's invoice for £275. [Min.167.1 refers]
Internally the building needed some maintenance. **Note: Budget 2007/08**

184.3 Popes Quay [Min.167.4 refers] – The initial response from Devon Renaissance had concluded that funding would only be available to support a commercial venture. AONB funding might be an option with co-funding. The outline figures discussed at the previous Meeting were only a guide. RESOLVED: Mr Buckland would prepare a formal proposal as a basis for tenders; funding applications would then follow. **Agenda: January Meeting**

184.4 Trees at The Green – The Tree Consultant's report was awaited. **Agenda: December Meeting**

184.5 New Seat at Kilpatrick Steps – Mr Stitson's offer to clear the overgrown plinth was accepted.

184.6 Revelstoke Road – It was agreed that no action would be taken regarding the overgrown boundary hedge.

184.7 South West Water – An apparent water leak had been noted in Hannaford Lane. Also there appeared to have been a problem on the B.3186 outside Broadmoor Farm which might have been rectified.

185/06 MEETINGS ATTENDED

185.1 Harbour Authority – The main items reported by Mr Tubb concerned the following:- The finances were good and there had been over 5,000 visiting boat nights. Speeding at Cellars had been noted, un-used moorings had been identified, and a new launch would be purchased in 2007. The rules concerning mooring licences were being strengthened.

185.2 Halls – There was a good profit from the Masked Ball at the WIC Hall. The Reading Room finances were good and the sea wall repairs had been carried out.

186/06 ADMINISTRATION

186.1 Budget 2007/08 – The Budget Committee would meet on 24th November. **Agenda: December Meeting**

186.2 Accounts 2006/07 – Mrs Hinchliffe had completed her mid-year check of the Accounts and did not have any concerns. The supporting papers were passed to Mr Carter [and subsequently returned to the Clerk with no queries].

187/06 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.188/06.

188/06 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Alliance & Leicester Current Account	balance at 1.11.06	£	11,241.08
Portman Building Society Capital Fund	30 days' notice	£	34,191.77
Portman Building Society Gratuity Fund		£	9,006.70
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The following cheques were authorised totalling		£	1,982.88
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Demon Broadband	Annual service fee	239.84	
R Wooderson	Cleaning: Newton Voss and steps	68.75	
J Allen	Cleaning: Noss Voss/Pope's Quay	39.00	
J Eschbaecher	Net salary and back-pay	1,090.63	
Royal British Legion	Remembrance wreath and donation	50.00*	
Robin Hogg	CHWG to reimburse expenses	35.57	
John Leonard	Sports Pavilion repairs	275.00	
Garden Services	Grass cutting: The Green – October	29.00	
Ricoh UK Limited	Photocopier rental + copies	49.70	
J Eschbaecher	Expenses: postage and notepads	15.40	
WIC Hall Management Committee	Contribution to Christmas lighting	20.00*	
Newton & Noss Village Hall	Contribution to Christmas lighting	20.00*	
Devon Conservation Forum	Seminar: Climate Change Day	25.00*	
Inter Parish Quiz	Grant for administrative expenses	25.00*	
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- s.137 payments £115.00 Total s137 payments to date £2,277.50

5/11/06.....Chairman

The Meeting closed at 10.40pm

