

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWTON & NOSS PARISH COUNCIL

Held on 14 April 2011

PRESENT Mr. Cooper Mrs. Hinchliffe Cllr Cooper Mr. Carter Mr. Gough
(Vice-Chairman)
Mr. Taylor Mr. Hussell Mr. Buckland Mr. Tubb
ALSO Mrs. McDonough
PRESENT (Clerk)
9 parishioners were present for part of the Meeting

OPEN FORUM

Police Matters- PCSO Sid Lawrence advised that there had been no recorded crimes for the month. Concern was raised over parking issues in the Parish. PCSO Lawrence advised that the police could take action if there was a roadside obstruction. Obstruction was categorised as willful, unnecessary or necessary. The police had not as yet had any calls regarding obstruction issues.

Senior Council- a representative from the Senior Council gave an update on the second meeting of the Steering Group which was looking into the setting up of a Memory Café for the Wembury, Brixton, Yealmpton, Holbeton and Newton & Noss area. Devon had the worst incidence of Dementia in the country with the area around Ivybridge forecast to be the worst in the country by 2020. Information was being gathered as to need, costing and funding.

Village Housing Initiative- a parishioner asked for some additions to the unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 24 March 2011. The parishioner asked that the discussion in Open Forum be detailed and to record the exchanges which took place. The parishioner was advised that Open Forum did not form part of the Meeting itself. A summary was provided rather than detailed Minutes recorded. The Parish Council could debate within the subsequent Meeting whether any amendments should be made to the summary of the Open Forum.

In the absence of the Chairman the Meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman Mr. Alan Cooper.
101/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –apologies for absence were noted from the Chairman Mr. John Young, Mr. Stitson and Mr. Matthews.

102/11 MINUTES – the Parish Council considered the suggested amendments to the Open Forum summary of the 24 March Meeting made by the parishioner in Open Forum. A proposal was put forward and seconded to amend the wording in accordance with the suggestion made by the parishioner. *Vote; 2 in favour, 2 against, 5 abstentions.* The Chairman had a casting vote, voting against the proposal. The Minutes of the Meetings 10 and 24 March 2011 were then confirmed and signed as a correct record.

103/11 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED

Members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. Cllr. Cooper declared an interest in the planning application relating to “Sevenstones”.

104/11 PROPOSAL TO VARY THE AGENDA –

RESOLVED: that items relating to consideration of quotations for hand rails for the Donkey Path should be considered in Committee. *(Vote: Unanimous)*

RESOLVED: that matters relating to the changes to the No. 94 bus timetable required immediate attention and should be discussed. *(Vote: Unanimous)*

105/11 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILS

105.1 County Councillor’s Report.

i) **Crime-** Cllr Mumford reported an increase in theft of metal and warned the Parish to be vigilant.

ii) **New England quarry-** Cllr Mumford had attended the site visit. The Devon CPRE Chairman had given a very good presentation on the impact of the proposal on the River Yealm. It was thought that there was a compelling case against the proposal.

iii) **No. 94 Bus-** Tally Ho had been asked to amend their last bus timing slightly following the removal of the 1815 service. They had been asked to put back the last bus from 1715 to 1740 and to have an additional stop just above Bretonside Bus Station near the old Post Office. It was hoped this would help those who finished work at 1730. The proposed changes could take 60 days to go through the Traffic Commissioners and to change the timetable. A suggestion had also been made to remove the middle of the day routes in and out of Plymouth and to use the savings to reinstate the 0715 and 1815 services. If there were further cut backs the Parish Council could consider subsidising the service.

iv) **Rural Broadband-** the bid for funding for Rural Broadband improvements had been submitted the previous Monday. People were encouraged to respond to support the bid;
www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk.

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105.2 Public Transport- the Chairman gave a report of the meeting held with Tally Ho/DCC regarding potential amendments to the No.94 timetable .There was a possibility of removing the middle of the day service. Tally Ho would review usage figures to look at demand patterns and then hold a further meeting. It was thought there would be commercial benefit to retain the 0715 and 1815 service and that those using the middle of the day services may be able to adapt their timings more easily.

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the hire fee for the meeting venue (£10) (*Vote: Unanimous*)

105.3 Bus stops- further correspondence from a resident from Butts Park expressing concerns about the bus shelter/parking restrictions at Butts Park was considered and the Chairman, Mr John Young's, personal response was noted. The two alternatives presented as viable by Devon County Council Highways Department had been considered unsuitable by Members following a site Meeting on 6 October 2010.Cllr. Mumford felt it unlikely that the bus shelter could be moved to the water tower- a proposal which had been considered unworkable by DCC Highways at the site meeting. It was agreed that the Parish Council's position remained and that the parking restrictions and bus shelter should remain in situ.

Highways-

105.4 Traffic speed- concerns expressed by a parishioner regarding the speed of vehicles along B3186 by Collaton were considered. Cllr Mumford would make enquiries into whether the speed limits could be reduced.

105.5 Road closures- the proposed closures for Stoke Road, from junction of Pillory Hill to outside Nosside, Stoke Road, Noss Mayo from 14/06/11 to 16/06/11 and a section of Court Road from Briar Hill Farm to the rear of Holy Cross Church from Monday 6 June-Friday 10 June 2011 were noted.

105.6 Collaton-Butts Park Link –the estimate requested for further latches and infill was awaited-the Clerk would make enquiries. The transfer of the land outside 1 Butts Park was progressing slowly. A suggestion was made that a meeting be set up with some of the residents at Butts Park, prior to commencement of work on the final section outside 1 Butts Park, to ensure that nobody parked or obstructed the path and that the contractors made the kerbs high enough to prevent this.

105.7 District Councillor's Report- Cllr. Cooper had no report.

105.8 Village Housing Initiative- Copies of the report prepared by the Clerk following the Design Workshop Meeting on 5 April 2011 with Tor Homes and SHDC, the Information Sheet prepared by Tor Homes regarding site constraints and the most up to date plans presented at the Design Workshop Meeting were given to all members of the public in attendance, having been circulated to Parish Council Members. The Chairman, Mr. Alan Cooper, gave a report of the second meeting and advised that the plan with the properties at right angles to Parsonage Road had been rejected mainly because there was no back entrance for the residents, residents would need to pass one another's front doors to get to their houses and that the design was not good enough for the people who were to live there. The plan devised by a local architect had been rejected by DCC Highways Department due to potential difficulties with the positioning of the entrance to the North and South parts of the development. The Parish Council representatives accepted the amended plan shown at the workshop which showed the south terrace staggered and set back slightly from Parsonage Road. Tor Homes had been asked if the houses could be set back further. Tor Homes had advised that the houses could not be set back any further due to the topography of the site including the position of a sewage pipe and an electricity cable. It would also restrict the size of the gardens.

It was pointed out that a decision needed to be made and that affordable housing was needed for the village. The Design Workshop had been advised that funding for the project was in danger of being lost. Concern was raised that the consultation had come in too late and that it should have been undertaken a year ago. A Member had requested a copy of the site plans to see if he could assist with particular reference to a costing of £100,000 given for a retaining wall. Tor Homes had refused the request.

RESOLVED: to support the team from the Parish Council who attended the design Workshop Meeting on 5 April 2011 and to agree the plans referred to as Option 1--: Southern terrace running parallel to Parsonage Road referred to on plan A-NB-09.03.11.(*Vote;7 in favour,2 abstentions*).The Clerk was to write to Tor Homes/SHDC to this effect.

It was accepted that once the plans had been submitted, comments or objections could be submitted to SHDC.

Correspondence received from parishioners regarding the siting of the project and parish consultations were considered. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the parishioners concerned enclosing a copy of the latest plans, the notes from the Design Workshop and Information Sheet on the site constraints provided by Tor Homes.

105.9 Noss Play Park- Mrs. Hinchliffe reported on the Hedge Planting Day thanking those who had attended. The wooden fencing adjacent to the road had collapsed when the Leylandii Hedging had been removed. It had been felt, for reasons of public health and safety, that the fencing should be removed as quickly as possible. Mr. Simon Cawse was thanked for his help. The fencing had been stored, was available for inspection and the matter reported to SHDC immediately. It was agreed to press SHDC in this respect as there was now no longer a stockproof fence along the road side. In addition a stock proof fence had not been maintained along the border adjacent to Mr. Cawse's land.

Mrs. Hinchliffe confirmed that she would be prepared to agree to be co opted on to the Play Parks working group to preserve continuity at the annual Parish Council Meeting in May.

106/11 PLANNING:

106.1 29 The Fairway 37/0682/11/F Householder application for amendments to planning approval 37/1529/10/F for erection of single storey rear extension. DECISION: No objection (*Vote: 8 for, 1 abstention*).

Cllr Cooper left the Meeting.

106.2 Sevenstones, Newton Hill 37/0774/11/F Householder application for alteration and extension of roof including 2 new dormer windows. Two Letters of objection had been received DECISION: Objection due to loss of light for neighbouring property "The Observatory", loss of symmetry, impact on the street scene and concern about impact on the adjoining property. (*Vote: 7 in favour of objecting 1, abstention*). *Cllr Cooper returned to the Meeting.*

106.3 Women's Institute Community Hall 37/0771/11/F Erection of replacement village hall. The Meeting was advised that the basic plans had been submitted in support of a grant funding application and in respect of which support was sought from the Parish Council. DECISION: Support (*Vote: 7 for, 2 abstentions*)

It was agreed that the Clerk would send a letter in support of the plan to the Chairman of the WIC Committee.

4Tremorva, Revelstoke Road 37/0819/11/F -Householder application for extension and alterations to upgrade and refurbish the existing house and replacement of exiting garage. DECISION: Objection due to predominant flat roof and inappropriate glazing. (*Vote: 7 in favour of objecting 1, abstention*)

107/11 ADMINISTRATION

107.1 Council Tax- it was agreed the the Clerk would write to SHDC to clarify why Council Tax bills show the Parish precept to have risen by 2% when there had been no rise.

107.2 Assets Register- the assets register was considered. It was agreed no amendments were needed to the list or the valuations given.

107.3 Local Council Elections Thursday 5 May uncontested – it was noted that the election of eight Councillors had been uncontested leaving four vacancies. Members noted with disappointment that there were no Councillors from Noss Mayo, Collaton or Membland. It was hoped the vacancies could be filled by co option.

108/11 MEMORY CAFE- the Council Members noted the update from Mrs Jo Booth the Parish Council representative on the Steering Group. The Dementia Friendly Group had met during the week of 18 March to talk about what support was needed in all the parishes for people and carers with memory loss. An article had been written for the Parish Magazine.

109/11 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

109.1 Exercise Class- a request from the exercise class to retain the grant monies to secure the future of the classes. RESOLVED: Newton & Noss Carers Support Group should permanently retain the payment of £200 given by means of financial assistance to underwrite physiotherapy classes. (*Vote; Unanimous*)

109.2 Community Council of Devon –an invitation to join their Members Forum was considered. No Members were available to join.

109.3 Audit Commission- the consultation document on the audit commission which suggested fundamental changes to the way local councils were audited was noted. It was not considered necessary to make a response.

109.4 Minerals Core Strategy—it was not considered necessary to respond to the options consultation paper.

110/11 FOOTPATHS AND SEATS

110.1 Definitive Map Review-Mr. Taylor advised that all the footpaths which the Council had asked to be included for consultation were on the consultation map. The PROW officer was consulting with landowners and signs had been placed on all of the proposed paths advising about the consultation.

110.2 Devon Tithe Map Project and Tithe Apportionment Transcription by volunteers- a letter from Devon County Council requesting a volunteer from the Parish to transcribe the apportionment details was considered. Mr. Taylor agreed to speak to the Archivist to obtain more information. It was agreed that once further information had been obtained then a note should be put in the Parish Magazine requesting a volunteer.

110.3 Parish Online- the order for online mapping has been completed. It was agreed Members would give a list of items for inclusion to the Clerk.

111/11 MAINTENANCE

111.1 Yealm View Road- The Clerk had received one telephone call in support of the request for a dog bin, following a consultation notice being placed at the Yealm View Road end of "Pathfields" footpath .Another resident had expressed concern about the bin being placed in view of the houses along Yealm View Road and had suggested it be placed further down the path. The Clerk had spoken to SHDC who had advised that the only suitable place would be attached to the post at the top of the path taking into account the distance for their operatives, the pole was on Devon County Council land, a bin could not be placed on private land, the potential blockage hazard further down the path and that it would not cause a nuisance.**RESOLVED:** To request SHDC to place a dog bin in their preferred position on the pole at the top of the Yealm View end of the Pathfields footpath.*(Vote: 8 in favour, 1 abstention)*

111.2 Revelstoke Railings- the Clerk had been in communication with the contractors who had undertaken work along Riverside Road East and who had at one point offered to reinstate damage caused to the Revelstoke Railings. The contractor had since advised that some residents along Riverside Road East had requested that the railings were not reinstated. It was agreed that the Clerk should write back to the contractor and refer to the decision regarding the repair of the railings, or otherwise, was a not a matter for an individual parishioner and to reiterate the Council's acceptance of their company's offer to reinstate the railings.

111.3 Noss Hard- the Clerk would contact the contractor for an update on the start date for the resurfacing work.

111.4 Other areas for consideration- none were raised.

112/11 GRANT REQUESTS

112.1 National Coastwatch Institution- it was agreed that in light of the valuable work undertaken, individuals should be encouraged to make personal donations.

112.2 Yealm Guides- Members considered a request for financial assistance with start up costs for a new pack in Yealmpton. Whilst Members were keen to support, it was agreed that the Clerk should ask for further and better particulars of the startup costs and whether other parishes had been approached for assistance.

112.3 Yealm Community Sailing- it was agreed that the Parish Council's contribution would remain as resolved at the Meeting on 11 November 2010(*Min 320.1 refers*).

113/11 TWINNING- Mr. Matthews report was read to the Council. The Twinning Association had reached critical mass. From 28-30 April, 42 visitors from Trebeurden would be hosted by families in Newton and Noss. Many of those families visiting would include young people from pre-school age to teenagers. Equally, those involved at this end included a number of families with children in the same age groups. The visitors and their hosts would have the opportunity to watch the Royal Wedding in the Yealm Yacht Club. On Friday evening a meal and music would be provided in the Village Hall in Noss.

114/11 MEETINGS ATTENDED: To receive brief reports regarding the following:-

•**Harbour Authority-** Mr Carter reported that a yearend meeting with their accountant had taken place. The office was converting accounting package. It had been decided to undertake insurance for the Directors of the Harbour Authority at a cost of £400. Five replacement sections for the pontoon in the Pool would cost between £36,000-£40,000. Police liaison had raised the possibility the area would now come under Plymouth rather than Ivybridge.

•**Halls-** the Chairman referred to the WIC Hall planning application. (*Min 106.3 refers*)

•**Primary School-**Mrs. Hinchliffe reported that the School was on Easter Holidays. The children would be having a Royal Wedding Lunch on 28 April. The Federation of 5 schools had been designated as special support. Aveton Gifford Primary School had lost their head teacher. One of the Newton Ferrers Primary School's senior teachers was going to Aveton Gifford for 4/5 terms to provide support. The part time staff at Newton Ferrers would step up to replace her. The cricket club had donated a cricket set to the school and offered support.

• **CPRE AGM-** Cllr Cooper had been unable to attend.

• **New England Resource Recovery Centre Site Visit and Site Meeting-** *min 105.1 refers.*

115/11 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS – Cheque payments were authorised and signed in accordance with the schedule prepared by the Clerk, checked by Mr. Hussell and listed in Minute 116/11.

116/11 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Alliance & Leicester Current Account :
£57054.22

Total balance at 1.4.11

The balance includes: Hedge Cutting Bond
£3000

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**The following cheques were authorised totalling:
£1843.22**

Chq No	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
1288	Newton & Noss Village Hall	Hire NNPC Meeting 14 April 2011	£20.00
1289	Newton & Noss Village Hall	Hire NNPC Meeting 28 April 2011	£20.00
1290	J Allen	Cleaning: Noss Voss & Popes Quay March 11	£47.00
1291	M.Hingston	Cleaning:Newton Voss & steps March 2011	£82.00
1292	Tilly Institute Devon Assoc of Local	Hire;Bus timetable meeting 7 April 2011	£10.00
1293	Councils	Membership Fees 1 Apr 11 - 31 Mar 12	£390.80
1294	Devon Playing Fields Assoc	Membership Fees 2011/12 Newton & Noss Network Community Sailing	£35.00
1295	Mount Batten Boathouse Ltd	Grant	£233.75
1296	S.McDonough	Expenses: Office stationery & postage	£31.65
1297	S McDonough	Net salary-March	£965.02
1298	D Goodchild	Grass cutting: Half of the Green-March11	£8.00
Total			£1,843.22

**Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments: Nil. Total to date: Nil*

In Committee

117/11HANDRAILS- Mr. Taylor wished to consider the quotations received for the hand rails for the Donkey Path in more detail. Agenda 28 April.

Clerk's Employment Contract- given the changes in the number of Parish Council Meetings held, Mrs. Hinchliffe suggested that a review of the Clerks contract be placed on the Agenda for the next full Meeting, together with the issue of overtime.

The Meeting closed at 9.25pm