

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWTON & NOSS PARISH COUNCIL

Held on 14 October 2010

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

In the absence of the Chairman, the Meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman Mr. Alan Cooper.

271/10 PROPOSAL TO VARY THE AGENDA- Pursuant to Standing Order 15.**RESOLVED:** Matters relating to the County Council should be considered first in light of Cllr Mumford’s commitments. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

272/10 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

272.1 Budget and spending review- Devon County Council would need to make hard decisions to take one hundred million pounds out of their budget. It was thought the implications of the spending review would be less clear than first thought. The speed by which schools converted to Academy Status would have an impact on the Education Authority’s budget.

272.2 Disabled bay request- Court Road. Cllr Mumford was advised the site meeting proposed by DCC was on the Agenda for 28 October Meeting.

272.3 Brixton-Yealmpton Footpath- it was hoped the proposed path to the north of the A379 was close to getting the landowner’s agreement.

272.4 Collaton/Butts Park Link- Cllr Mumford suggested the issue of signposts for the crossing could be reviewed in conjunction with his Locality Budget for the Parish.

272.5 New England Quarry- their application would be determined next year. A presentation had been made by waste management providers at Devonport of which the Ministry of Defence had been very supportive.

272.6 Junket Corner- complaints received about a white car parked on Junket Corner had been passed to PCSO Sid Lawrence.

OPEN FORUM

Women’s Institute- the President of the W.I. addressed the Council about plans for the 90 year old WIC Hall. A survey had been undertaken. An estimate had been received to update the Hall (in 2014) for £70,000. To demolish and replace with a prefabricated type building would be £250,000. She had been asked by the WI Membership to raise the issue of the potential opportunity afforded by “The Collett” coming on the market for sale. It gave scope to build a modern larger building incorporating both sites with additional parking. There was support from several community groups. The Parish Council was requested to consider the position and put forward suggestions and ideas to raise funds to purchase “The Collett”. Members suggested that the sale process was advanced. It was thought sealed bids were due to be opened on 31 October. Members, whilst recognizing the potential opportunity, could not see a means of raising sufficient funds in such a short time frame. It was suggested that an approach could be made to a benefactor who may be prepared to financially support the proposition in the short term or to seek the views of the landowner.

Planning-65 Court Road- a resident, having copied the Parish Council in on his letter of objection, raised concerns in particular its proposed size and the impact of proposed north facing windows on the privacy of neighbouring properties.

Police- Sergeant Teakle had sent apologies. P.C. Batchelor advised that the following crimes had been reported: JI/10/830: Between 1800 hours on the 14th September and 1200 hours on the 15th September a number of items were taken from a work yard in Newton Ferrers totaling £2100. Enquiries were ongoing.

The police had been regularly patrolling the Parish and monitoring speed of vehicles in the village. They had been working with a local family to assist them with a vulnerable child and had been receiving more intelligence regarding drink drivers in the area. They would be actively targeting those responsible.

273/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Reasons for absence were noted from Mr. Young, Mr. Carter, and Mr. Stitson.

274/10 MINUTES – The Minutes of the 9 September Meeting were confirmed and signed as a correct record

275/10 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED

Members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. Mr. Matthews declared a personal and prejudicial interest in matters relating to South West Water.

276/10 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILS

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276.1 Butts Park Bus Stop- Members considered a report of the Meeting held on 7th October with respect to proposals put forward by DCC for the change of positioning for the bus stop at Butts Park. The Members found the two alternatives proposed by Devon County Council Highways Department unacceptable. No other locations had proved viable. RESOLVED: that the Butts Park Bus Stop and Clearway should remain in situ. (VOTE: Unanimous)

276.2 Collaton-Butts Park Link –:

i) Devon County Council Legal Department had received the Transfer Deed from Tor Homes and were hoping to look at it shortly.

ii) It was agreed the **Clerk** would obtain a quote for pedestrian warning signs for the crossing point.

276.3 District Councillor's Report- Cllr Cooper advised that the Affordable Housing Scheme proposed for the village currently incorporated 5 part share homes, 9 to let with one to be sold to assist with funding the scheme. A local connection to the Parish would be needed to be eligible. Once the plans were agreed, Cllr Cooper would arrange for them to be brought to the Council. It was hoped t the application could be dealt with under delegated powers.

276.4 Play Parks-

i) Mrs. Hinchliffe reported that the first stage of the application for Big Lottery Funding (£49,999) had been successful. The group was looking at making other funding applications for specific projects e.g. a wildlife trail. Public Consultation sessions would be taking place at the Primary School the following day and at the Village Hall on Saturday 16 October. Mr. Buckland confirmed that he had investigated reports of further drainage difficulties in the play park. Mr. Buckland had dug a 4 metre trench to divert it. Bill Daniels would do one extra spur to connect. The budget agreed by the Council for the original works would not change. Mr. Daniels had agreed to do the additional work limited to the contingency figures provided for in his original quotation. The area that had slumped would be dealt with at the same time. The area had been reseeded. The Council agreed with the course of action undertaken by Mr. Buckland. RESOLVED: To pay for the hire of the Village Hall for a public consultation Meeting on Saturday 16 October. (Vote: Unanimous)

ii) The play park inspection reports received from South Hams were considered. It was apparent that two pieces of equipment at Butts Park were in need of replacement/refurbishment. It was agreed the **Clerk** would contact SHDC to ascertain what works had been/were intended to be carried out on the play parks as a result of the inspection reports. The Parish Council would then investigate quotations for replacement/refurbishment.

276.5 Butts Park Playing field- a recommendation by a parishioner to resolve dog fouling difficulties the playing field was considered. It was agreed that the Parishioner would be thanked for her suggestion and the matter would be reviewed once clarification over potential responsibility for the playing field had been established.

276.6 Transfer of SHDC Assets- no correspondence had been received from SHDC.

276.7 Bonfires- concerns raised by a parishioner regarding nuisance bonfires were noted. The Clerk advised that a note had been placed in the Parish Magazine for November.

277/10 ALLOTMENTS/COMMUNITY ORCHARD-

277.1 Allotment Group- Mr. Stitson was not present at the Meeting to give an update on approaches made to local landowners.

277.2 Community Orchard – a parishioner had offered assistance and was working in conjunction with the Play Park Improvement Group.

278/10 PLANNING

Applications received –current applications were considered:

278.1 The Lodge, Beacon Hill 37/2067/10/F- Demolition of existing dwelling and garage replacement detached dwelling with integral garage and rooms in roof space. A copy of one letter of objection had been received. The Vice Chairman declared an interest by virtue of knowing the objector and took no part in the vote. DECISION: No objection (Vote; 5 in favour, 3 abstentions.)

278.2 65 Court Road - 37/2110/10/F-Householder application for extension and alteration to exiting dwelling. Three copies of objection letters had been received DECISION: Objection.

1. Massing and overbearing impact on neighbouring property /adjoining land
 2. North facing windows would result in loss of privacy for neighbouring property.
- (Vote; 5 in favour of objecting, 3 abstentions.)

278.3 1 Coastguard Cottages 37/2148/10/F-Householder application for demolition of part of a garage block and rebuilding. No objection (Vote; 7 in favour, 1 abstention.)

278.4 Co Operative Development- the current position was considered. A letter sent to the Co-Op asking for an update on 12 April 2010 had received no response. It was agreed the **Clerk** would write further requesting a response, emphasising the strength of feeling in the community were the Co-Op to close and that the Council would be happy to assist with logistics.

279/10. ADMINISTRATION

279.1 Standing Orders and Financial Standing Orders- both sets of Standing Orders were being reviewed.

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279.2 Harvest Festival- a vote of thanks was made to Mrs. Young for undertaking the flower arrangement at Holy Cross on behalf of the Parish Council. RESOLVED: to authorise payment of Mrs. Young's expenses (£20.00). (Vote: Unanimous)

279.3 DALC AGM- RESOLVED: to authorise payment of the invoice for attendance of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman (£15 per delegate). (Vote: Unanimous)

279.4 Councillor Vacancy- The requisite number of electors in the Parish had not requested an election be held. It was agreed the **Clerk** would advertise the vacancy in the Parish Magazine, on the Parish Council notice boards and the Primary School's publication "Up the Creek". Applications should be received by 10 November and would be considered at 11 November Meeting

279.6 Bishops Court

i) An expression of interest in the hire of the Consulting room by a holistic therapist/ reflexologist was noted. RESOLVED: To offer the consulting Room for hire to the reflexologist at a special introductory rate of £15 for the first six months. (Vote: Unanimous)

The appropriate charging rate to be offered to the physiotherapist for the hire of the room following the expiration of the introductory rate was considered. It was agreed to authorise the **Vice Chairman** to speak with the physiotherapist and agree an appropriate rate with her in light of the difficulties she had experienced in gaining access to the room.

ii) Signpost had introduced a rent increase applicable from 25/6/10-24/6/11 equating to 5.5% (£162.65 per annum). Difficulties had been experienced in the methodology by which the Service Charge had been calculated and this would need to be clarified by Signpost. Due to Mr. Matthews being unavailable, it was agreed **Mrs. Hinchliffe** and the **Vice Chairman** would meet with Signpost.

279.7 Training- RESOLVED: to authorise the **Clerk** to attend a training course on elections 9 November 2010 together with payment of the fee (£25.00+VAT) (Vote: Unanimous)

280/10 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED The main items received concern:-

280.1 Fish and Chips- a proposal for a mobile fish and chip shop to include the Parish on their round was welcomed.

280.2 Strategic Defence and Security Review- a letter from Devon County Council regarding the implications of the review upon Devonport Naval Base and Dockyard was noted. RESOLVED: The **Clerk** would write to Dr Liam Fox to support the letter from Devon County Council in support of Devonport Dockyard. (Vote: 7 in favour, 1 against)

281/10 FOOTPATHS AND SEATS

281.1 Footpath Inspection- Mr. Taylor had not received all of the completed forms. **Agenda November.**

281.2 Seat request- a request from a parishioner for placement of a memorial seat on The Green, Newton Ferrers was agreed. **Mr. Taylor** would speak with the parishioner concerning arrangements.

282/10. TREES

282.1 Broken Way- the quotation sought from an Arboriculturalist to attend a site Meeting at Broken way, to review safety concerns and to prepare an updated management plan was awaited. The **Clerk** would chase.

282.2 The Green- RESOLVED: to authorise payment of the invoice received for work undertaken on the trees at the Green. (Vote: Unanimous).

283/10. MAINTENANCE

283.1 Noss Play Park – the invoice received for weed killing and reseeding was awaited.

283.2 South West Water – the response received from SWW to letters written expressing concerns following difficulties at the Pumping Station, Pillory Hill and suspect sewage discharge into Newton Creek was noted. It was agreed that the **Clerk** would reply in the form of a "holding" response pending further investigation. In the interim **Mr. Buckland** would look into provisions and evidence regarding bathing water/shellfish designation.

283.3 Other areas for consideration- a report was made of attention needed for a lay by near Collaton. The **Clerk** would report the matter to Devon County Council.

284/10 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Arrangements for attendance at the Remembrance Day Service were made. RESOLVED: to make a grant of £100 to the Royal British Legion by means of a donation and wreath. (Vote: Unanimous).

285/10. GRANT REQUESTS-

Newton & Noss Carers Support Group – RESOLVED: to make a payment of £200 to the Newton & Noss Carers Support Group by means of financial assistance to underwrite physiotherapy classes on the basis that any surplus was returned to the Council as a priority. (Vote: Unanimous).

286/10. MEETINGS ATTENDED:

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286.1 Harbour Authority- the Harbour Master had given notice. The position had been advertised. The owner of a speedboat which had been seen speeding during the Regatta had been tracked down and reprimanded.

286.2 Halls –Mr. Stitson was not present to report on the Village Hall. The position regarding the WIC Hall had been referred to in Open Forum.

286.3 Primary School- Mrs. Hinchliffe reported on the PTFA Bonfire Night Event on 5 November.

286.4 Devon Association of Local Councils- the Vice Chairman gave a report of the meeting. An interesting talk had been given by a representative from the University of Gloucester regarding local councils as community developers. The need for younger people as Councillors was also referred to.

286.6 Emergency Planning Support Meeting- neither the Chairman nor Mr. Carter were present to give a report.

287/10. 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 288/10

288/10 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Alliance & Leicester Current Account :	Total balance at 1.10.10	£65448.00
The balance includes receipt of the half year precept:		£19622.50
The Gratuity Fund is held within the Current Account:		£16,396.07

The following cheques were authorised totalling: £1365.49

CHEQUES DRAWN 14 OCTOBER 2010

Chq No	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
1203	Village Hall	Hire NNPC Meeting 14 October	£20.00
1204	Village Hall	Hire NNPC Meeting 28 October	£20.00
1205	J Allen	Cleaning: Noss Voss & Popes Quay September 10	£44.80
1206	CANCELLED	ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR	
1207	R Wooderson	Cleaning: Newton Voss & steps September 10	£79.00
1208	J.Young	Reimbursement; Travel expenses	£34.00
1209	DisplayKit	Replacement Clips for Display Panels	£34.06
1210	DALC	AGM & Seminar- fees for 2 delegates	£30.00
1211	Young Devon	Grant for Young Carers Project *	£50.00
1212	Richard Prowse	The Green: Tree works	£94.00
1213	KJM Young	Reimbursement: Expenses for flowers for Parish Council	
		Window Holy Cross Harvest Festival*	£20.00
		Total	£425.86

*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments:£70.00

Total to date:£620

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