

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWTON & NOSS PARISH COUNCIL
Held on 9 September 2010

PRESENT Mr. Young Mr. Cooper Mr. Stitson
(Chairman) (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. Matthews Mr. Tubb Cllr Cooper Mrs. Hinchliffe Mr. Carter
ALSO Mrs. McDonough
PRESENT (Clerk)
9 parishioners were present for part of the Meeting

OPEN FORUM

Police- P.C. Batchelor advised that the following crimes had been reported:

Jl/10/772: Between 26th August - 27th August a car had its window smashed on a street in Newton Ferrers.

Jl/10/809: Between 5th August and 8th of August an outboard engine was taken from a boat moored at the pontoon.

Enquiries were continuing in respect of both crimes.

Speed checks had been completed in the last month on Parsonage Road. Most drivers had been travelling at the 30mph speed limit. Some drivers had been slightly over and had been issued a verbal warning. He had noted from his patrols that drivers were exceeding the speed limit in the evening or later at night. He would continue to monitor this.

Although there had been a theft of an outboard engine, there had only been two reported thefts in the summer season. Although it was still disappointing it was a significant reduction from last year. He thanked vigilant members of the public who reported possible thieves on the river which resulted in the Police helicopter, himself, officers from Ivybridge and a Ministry of Defence Police boat becoming involved. This had acted as a huge deterrent and those suspects had not returned.

Disabled Bay, Court Road- a neighbouring resident expressed concerns over access difficulties were the requested disabled bay to go ahead.

Planning application, St. Louis, Riverside Road West- a parishioner spoke in support of the revised planning application and advised that there had been 23 letters in support. Significant efforts had been made to address concerns.

Emails- a parishioner raised concern that his reference to the "leak" of privileged information contained in emails between Parish Councillors had not been referred to in the unconfirmed Minutes of the 5 August Meeting. A Council Member reiterated that the information contained in the e mails had not been privileged and there had therefore been no "leak". However, to alleviate the parishioner's concerns the unconfirmed Minutes of the 5 August Meeting would be amended and presented to the next Meeting for signature.

The Swan- the landlord expressed his intention to triple the extent of the decking outside The Swan. It was suggested that the landlord may wish to consult with South Hams as to whether planning permission would be necessary.

Bus Stop, Butts Park- two residents confirmed that they were available to speak regarding representations for the moving of the bus stop.

240/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Reasons for absence were noted from Mr. Hussell, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Buckland and Mr. Brown.

241/10 MINUTES – It was agreed the unconfirmed Minutes of the 5 August Meeting would be amended to address concerns over matters raised in Open Forum and to correct a typographical error at minute 230/10.

242/10 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED

Members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. Mr. Matthews declared an interest in matters pertaining to South West Water and the Chairman and Mrs. Hinchliffe in planning applications relating to 64 Court Road and 7 Newton Close respectively.

243/10 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILS

243.1 County Councillor's Report - Cllr Mumford had advised that he would be late.

Highways-

243.2 Yealm Road-Concerns raised by a parishioner regarding extended overnight parking by the Yealm Steps and the removal of the "No Overnight Parking" sign were discussed. It was thought that such signs were unenforceable and that there was no action that could be undertaken.

243.3 Disabled Bay- The Council heard further written representations made by parishioners following their request made for a Disabled Parking Bay outside 12 Court Road, Newton Ferrers. The applicants had made a similar application in 2009. Whilst the Council had then expressed their sympathy for the applicants, because they had no space directly outside their house, they had felt unable to support the application. The position of the proposed bay was a narrow public highway and there was alternative parking at the bottom of the Fairway. Following receipt of the applicants' 2010 application, the Council had again, in July 2010, resolved not to support the application, but would support any application made for a disabled bay to the rear of Holy Cross Church. The Members took account of the letters from the applicants and the concerns of the neighbouring resident. It was appreciated that any disabled bay

would be advisory, could be removed at the Council's request if the applicants were to move and would be paid for by DCC Highways Department. However, Members agreed that the Council's position had not changed and that their Resolution made on 8 July 2010 should stand.

243.4 HGV's – A member reported further difficulties with Co-op HGV usage of Wrights Lane. On several occasions he had been unable to get past the parking bay on Court road as Co-Op lorries had come across builders' lorries travelling in the opposite direction.

243.5 Bus Stops- Proposals put forward by DCC for the change of positioning for the bus stop at Butts Park and written representations and a petition from Butts Park residents were considered. DCC had the budget to deal with the work in the current financial year but would need to give 3 months notice to undertake work on the highway. The Council heard representations from two Butts Park residents in support of moving the bus stop who advised that those who used the bus would be happy for the bus stop to be moved. Council Members expressed concerns regarding the two alternative proposals put forward by DCC. Proposal 1 involved positioning the bus stops near the turning to Gunsey Lane. The distance from the water tower to the outbound stop would be 218m and 190m inbound. Proposal 2 suggested the stops be positioned near the 30mph gateway- 286m from the water tower for both outbound and inbound stops. DCC had not considered it appropriate to propose a stop near the water tower due to the distraction of the pedestrian crossing and the junction. Concern was expressed about the number of times the road would need to be crossed to get to Proposal 1, and for both proposals the difficulties for the elderly. No bus shelters had been proposed. **RESOLVED:** Application should be made to Devon County Council Highways Department to lift the clearway parking restrictions for the bus stop outside No 6 Butts Park and for the bus shelter to remain where it was. (*Vote; 8 in favour, 1 abstention*).

243.6 Collaton-Butts Park Link –

i) Tor Homes had advised on 3 September 2010 that the draft transfer should be with the DCC solicitor by 7/8 September. The transfer had not been received to date.

ii) The request for pedestrian warning signs for the crossing point would be raised with Cllr Mumford upon his arrival.

243.7 Rural Broadband- it was agreed investigations should be conducted into possible Broadband speed improvement if the Parish expressed sufficient interest. Enquiries would be placed in the Parish Magazine, "The Nose" and "Up the Creek News".

243.8 District Councillor's Report- Cllr Cooper advised that the affordable housing proposal was progressing. It was hoped the plans would be submitted before the end of the month.

243.9 Noss Play Park-Mrs. Hinchliffe gave a report on progress:

i) The application for Big Lottery Funding was being processed. SHDC had £10,000 set aside for funding for play park refurbishment in the Parish. The Landscape and Leisure Department had advised that some equipment at Butts Park would need replacing in the near future. Members noted however that significant funds had been spent on the play area at Butts Park relatively recently whilst the condition of Noss Play Park was extremely poor. **RESOLVED:** To advise SHDC Landscape and Leisure that the entirety of the £10,000 funding for play park refurbishment in the Parish should be used for Noss Play Park. (*Vote: Unanimous*).

ii) Landscape Architect Fees- a suggestion had been put forward that the fees for phase 1 of the refurbishment project could be paid direct from the SHDC funding. It was agreed that the quotation provided by the architect would be reviewed at the Meeting on 23 September 2010.

243.10 Transfer of SHDC Assets- The Chairman provided a report of the meeting held with Lorna Wilson from SHDC on 25 August. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Hussell had attended but Mr. Ross Kennerley from SHDC had not.

An interest was expressed in acquiring SHDC held land assets in the Parish on a freehold basis. It was suggested that the RYHA may be interested in SHDC owned land at the Yealm Steps. SHDC were asked for the last 3 play parks inspection reports. SHDC would be putting forward proposals in writing.

243.11 Noss Tennis Courts: The Clerk had been advised by SHDC that refurbishment of the tennis courts had been considered but then not included in the final capital programme due to budget constraints. A suggestion was made that SHDC Property Services could be asked to review the condition of the tennis courts under their repair and maintenance programme in the next financial year.

244/10 ALLOTMENTS/COMMUNITY ORCHARD-

244.1 Allotment Group- Mr. Stitson advised that two landowners may be prepared to consider whether they had land available for allotments. A suggestion was made that the triangular piece of land near the Butts Park play area could be suitable were the play equipment to be rearranged.

244.2 Community Orchard – there had been no response to date to the Parish Magazine article asking for expressions of interest in forming a working group to take the idea of a Community Orchard forward. A parishioner at the Meeting advised that she would be prepared to help. Mrs. Hinchliffe advised that she would make contact with the parishioner for the idea to be looked at in conjunction with Noss Play Park improvement proposals.

245/10 PLANNING

Applications received –

245.1 St. Louis, Riverside Road West 37/1726/10/CA-Conservation area consent for demolition of existing bungalow and replacement house to incorporate disabled flat for relatives. **DECISION;** No objection, (*Vote; 5 for, 2 abstentions*)

St. Louis, Riverside Road West 37/1729/10/F-Resubmission of 37/0142/10/F for demolition of

existing dwelling and replacement house to incorporate disabled flat for relatives. DECISION; No objection, (Vote; 5 for, 2 abstentions)

245.2 7 Newton Close 37/1707/10/F-Householder application for extension to dwelling. DECISION; No objection, (Vote; 5 for, 2 abstentions)

245.3 64 Court Road 37/1708/10/F-Householder application to construct car port. DECISION; No objection, (Vote; 5 for, 2 abstentions)

245.4 70 Court Road 37/1691/10/F-Retrospective application for additional weatherboarding to front of the house, alterations to one front window and addition of window to rear. DECISION; No objection. (Vote; 6 for, 1 abstention)

245.6 Coombe Cottage 37/1753/10/F-Resubmission of planning application 37/0792/10/f for replacement of greenhouse and workshop with garden room and utility area and study. DECISION; No objection, (Vote; 6 for, 1 abstention)

245.7 7 Rowden Court, Stoke Road 37/1794/10/LB- Listed building to replace 1980's casement windows with new wooden frame windows to match existing with a double glazed element (inc wood surround). Replace 1980's front door with new wooden frame and door to match existing. Application affecting a Listed Building. DECISION; No objection, (Vote; 6 for, 1 abstention)

245.8 32 Court Road, 37_62/1831/10/F- application to fit velux window- GGL centre pivot 98cm x 55cm. DECISION; No objection. (Vote; 6 for, 1 abstention)

246/10 ADMINISTRATION

246.1 Standing Orders and Financial Standing Orders - the review of both sets of Standing Orders continued.

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246.2 Meetings 2011- Members considered arrangements for Meetings in 2011 and agreed that two full Parish Council Meetings per month should continue, save for August and December.

246.3 Budget 2011/2012- a meeting of the budget working group to begin considerations would be arranged for October.

246.4 Car allowance- the increase in National Joint Council car allowances for 2010/2011 was noted as were tax implications. RESOLVED: The car allowance would remain at 40 per mile. (Vote: Unanimous)

246.5 Ordnance Survey- It was agreed to postpone the application made to Parish Online pending commencement of the Public Sector Mapping Agreement (from 1 April 2011).

247/10 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Devon Association of Local Councils: It was agreed the Chairman would attend the DALC Annual General Meeting

248/10 CONSULTATION

248.1 Council Tax- the Council had no response to make to the consultation re referendums to veto excessive council tax increases.

248.2 Big Lottery Grant Funding- the Council had no response to offer to the consultation on proposed changes to Big Lottery Grant Funding

249/10 FOOTPATHS AND SEATS

249.1 Footpath Inspection- Mr. Taylor had requested that all remaining forms be passed to him. **Agenda October.**

249.2 Yealm Steps- Mr. Taylor had arranged for emergency repairs to one of the steps to be undertaken by Mr. Mark Wilson.

249.3 Public seats- RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the invoice received from Mr. Neil Shepherd (Vote; Unanimous).

250/10. MAINTENANCE

250.1 Malthouse, Broken Way (Pumping Station), Big Slip Quay – RESOLVED: To authorise payment for the invoice received from Garden Services (Vote: Unanimous)

250.2 South West Water – Mr. Matthews left the room whilst this matter was discussed. The response received from SWW to a letter written expressing concern about suspect sewage discharge into Newton Creek was noted. It was agreed the Clerk would write to the Environment Agency and Environmental Health to enquire into the method /procedure by which the creek could become designated under either the bathing or shellfish waters regulations.

250.3 SHDC cleansing services- the letter from SHDC dated 2 August 2010 regarding proposed new arrangements for cleansing services and a proposed partnership agreement outlining the terms of engagement between the Councils was noted. The Chairman was authorised to sign the agreement on behalf of the Parish Council

250.4 Other areas for consideration: Cllr Cooper made reference to weeds growing in the riverside walls at Bridgend. It was felt that the weeds would tie back with autumn imminent.

251/10 County Councillor' Report-

i) Spending review- it was difficult to prejudge the likely implications. There were thoughts the review could be based on whether services were statutory or discretionary. The key issues were likely to be decided towards the end of October which would make time tight for budgeting. A lot of "quango" organisations had been dispensed with.

- ii) **Education**-reference was made to the option of schools becoming academies. Ivybridge Comprehensive School had appeared to be in favour. There was a period of consultation to go through. It would prove difficult for the education authority as those schools who had appeared interested in becoming academies were in disparate locations.
- iii) **Highways**- modifications had started at the Deep Lane Junction at Plympton. These were mainly to deal with maintenance and safety until the outcomes of Langage and Sherford were known.
- iv) **Viridor**- the quality of objections had been very strong. Viridor had had to provide more information and it was unlikely that the application would be determined this year. The MOD had demonstrated positive interest for the Dockyard site.
- v) **Mobile Library Service**- there had been 50% reduction in usage over the last 4-5 years. It was hoped to encourage interest by reducing the number of stops but extending the time spent at each stop.
- vi) **Street Lighting**- there appeared to be strong support for the reduction and timing out.
- vii) **Collaton/Butts Park pedestrian signs**- Cllr Mumford said he would press this.
- viii) **Bus Stop-Butts Park**- Cllr Mumford agreed that repositioning the bus stop near the water tower could be held to be too dangerous. He was also aware of the parking difficulties at Butts Park with drivers parking. Cllr Mumford was advised of the decision to request parking restrictions be removed from the existing bus stop at Butts Park and for the bus stop to remain where it was.
- ix) **Disabled Bay**- Cllr Mumford was made aware of the Council's position.

252/10 U3A ENVIRONMENT GROUP- Authorisation was sought for the Parish Council to sign the SDCLAG Contract and Project Implementation Agreement for funding for the renewable energy feasibility surveys for community buildings in the Parish. The item would be put back whilst Mrs. Hinchliffe collected the contract for the Parish council to consider. *Mrs. Hinchliffe left the Meeting.*

253/10. Emergency Plan.

253.1 Update – Mr. Carter advised that he had been to Yealmpton and looked at the enormous amount of people they had involved with their Emergency Plan. Members discussed the necessity of having a core group of people with complementary skills and a list of resources. Mr. Tubb agreed to join the working group to continue with the preparation of the plan.

253.2 Emergency Planning Support Meeting- The Chairman and Mr. Carter agreed to attend the Meeting on 23 September at the Glazebrook Hotel, South Brent. *Mrs. Hinchliffe returned.*

254/10. U3A ENVIRONMENT GROUP- Mrs. Hinchliffe advised that the work had been completed and the reports received. The terms of the agreement were considered. **RESOLVED:** Mrs. Hinchliffe was authorised to sign the SDCLAG Contract and Project Implementation Agreement for funding for the renewable energy feasibility surveys for community buildings in the Parish. *(Vote; Unanimous)*

255/10 GRANT REQUESTS-

Young Devon- **RESOLVED:** To make a grant of £50.00 by means of financial assistance for the Young Carers Project supporting young people in Ivybridge and the surrounding area. *(Vote: Unanimous)*

256/10 MEETINGS ATTENDED: To receive brief reports regarding the following:-

256.1 Harbour Authority- Mr. Carter reported that boat nights had been down, but was still expected to come in on budget. There had been no meeting in August.

256.2 Halls –Mr. Cooper advised that survey had been undertaken on the WIC Hall and there was to be a meeting the following Tuesday to discuss the results.

256.3 Primary School- Mrs. Hinchliffe advised that the school had received a letter from Ofsted stating that based on the evidence available, the school was deemed to be at least good and would not receive an inspection in the current round. The earliest date for the next inspection would be September 2011.

256.4 Ivybridge and District Association of Parish Councils – Mr. Cooper told the Meeting that there had been much discussion of the proposed plans put forward for Lee Mill by Viridor. The annual fee of £8 for membership of the organisation was being maintained.

257/10. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS –

Cheque payments were authorised and signed in accordance with the schedule prepared by the Clerk, checked by Mr. Stitson and listed in Minute 258/10

258/10 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Alliance & Leicester Current Account :	Total balance at 1.09.10	£49295.29
The Gratuity Fund is held within the Current Account:		£16,396.07

The following cheques were authorised totalling: **£2845.52**

4/9September10.....Chairman

CHEQUES DRAWN 9 SEPTEMBER 2010

Chq No	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
1186	WI Community Hall	Hire NNPC Meeting 9 September	£20.00
1187	WI Community Hall	Hire NNPC Meeting 23 September	£20.00
1188	J Allen	Cleaning: Noss Voss & Popes Quay August 10	£44.80
1189	S McDonough	Net salary- August	£939.83
1190	R Wooderson	Cleaning: Newton Voss & steps August10	£79.00
1191	S McDonough	Expenses: office stationery & anti-virus software	£79.95
1192	Garden Services	Grass Cutting; The Green 13 July 2010 Cutting/clearing around seat at Malthouse Cutting/clearing Big Slip Quay Cutting/clearing from Junket Corner to Yew Tree Cottage	£189.00
1193	Neil Shepherd	Refurbishment: public seats	£440.00
1194	A. Cooper	Reimbursement; Travel expenses	£32.00
1195	Ivybridge & District Assoc of Local Councils	Annual subscription 2010/2011	£8.00
1196	South West Water	Public Tap: Pillory Hill 12/5/10-19/8/10	£17.21
1197	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax and National Insurance	£820.42
1198	Ricoh Capital Ltd	Photocopier lease 29/10/10-28/01/11	£145.31
1199	Tilly Institute	Hire NNPC Meeting 5 August	£10.00
		Total	£2,845.52

The Meeting closed at 9.30pm

5/9September10.....Chairman