

Newton & Noss Parish Council

The Chairman's Report - 2012

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen, Welcome to the 1st Annual Meeting of the New Parish Council.

In May, 2011, the District and Parish Councils Local Elections were held throughout the country and regrettably after many years of service to our community, we said 'Goodbye' to our outgoing chairman John Young, George Buckland and Sue Hinchcliffe

I would like to thank them for all the hard work they did, and still continue to do for our Community.

Here in the Parish of Newton and Noss we did not actually have enough Candidates to have an Election, therefore the Council advertised for Volunteers. Co-incidentally all the returning Councillors live in Newton Ferrers, but happily we were able to fill our 'Vacancies' by 'Co-option' and we welcomed Alison Ansell, Roger Barnett, Peter Stitson from Noss Mayo and Colin Lyndon from Butts Park.

For the past year we have been negotiating with SHDC the transfer of three parcels of SHDC Land into the ownership of the Parish. Butts Park Playing Field complete with Pavilion, the Children's Play-park and the 'Green' in Newton Ferrers.

The Car Park, The Tennis Courts and the Field alongside (with the New Community Orchard) and Gypsy Meadow in Noss Mayo.

The Parish had already owned the Noss Play-park, but will now take over the 'Management.'

Newton & Noss Parish Council have very recently appointed a Firm of Solicitors to 'Act' on our behalf.

'The Village Housing Initiative'

Finally! With crossed Fingers, everything has been agreed and the 'Project' has gone out to 'Tender'

Despite my weekly 'Enquiries' we do not have a 'Start Date', but I have been assured that they have the Opening Planned! and that it will be 'Soon'! This Project has taken over nine months for the Lawyers to agree the 106 agreement!

Those eligible for the houses will have to be from the Parishes or prove a connection

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The Collaton-Butts Park link Footpath

This has now been completed and the opening is planned for 11:00 hours on May 25th. Please come along.

Cllr. Alan Cooper and Cllr Tom Taylor were hampered by the seemingly inability of the DCC Lawyers and Torr Homes Lawyers to agree ownership of the final section of the footpath..

I am willing to bet that it was the same set of Lawyers that was working on the affordable housing scheme.

Allotments

Regrettably, although we have tried hard by contacting all local landowners, we have not managed to locate a suitable piece of land that we could use to provide Allotments for the Villages.

Planning Applications.

Despite the 'Recession', although the number of Planning Applications has dropped, they have not stopped. They continue to take up time and play a big part in Council's Business.

The Diamond Jubilee

Sunday 4th June - Gypsy Meadow: The Jubilee Lunch

Monday 5th June - YC Yacht Sail past followed by The Jubilee Beacon lighting at the Tea House

Our Priorities for next year

- ✓ Take ownership of the Assets mentioned earlier
- ✓ See parishioners move into affordable homes
- ✓ Give some attention to the Butts Park Play area, fields and Pavilion
- ✓ Start discussions on the need and location for the next tranche of affordable homes

Finally

I would like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors and Clerk for all their hard work during the year

Thank you

Suzie Cooper