

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWTON & NOSS PARISH COUNCIL
Held on 24th September 2009

PRESENT Mr. Young Mr. Cooper Mr. Brown Cllr. Cooper Mr. Hussell
 (Chairman)
 Mr. Tubb Mr. Buckland
ALSO Mrs. McDonough Mrs. Eschbaecher
PRESENT (Clerk)
 2 parishioners were present for part of the Meeting

OPEN FORUM

Bishops Court – a relative of a Bishops Court resident raised concerns about the height of a row of Eucalyptus trees on a neighbouring property running along one of the boundaries. It was felt that the trees were dense and affected quality of light and life for some of the residents. The parishioner was advised that it would be helpful if the Bishops Court residents could provide written authorities for the Parish Council to look in to the position on their behalf

174/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Reasons for absence were noted from Mr. Matthews, Mr. Stitson, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Hinchliffe and Cllr Mumford. Mr. Carter was absent.

175/09 MINUTES – The Minutes of the September 10 Meeting were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

176/09 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED

Members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. None were declared. The Clerk advised that she lived next door to “Berberis”, Yealm Road.

177/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

177.1 SHDC planning decisions – The most recent decisions were noted.

Applications received –

177.2 CROWN YEALM, BRIDGEND 37/1448/09/F

Householder application for refurbishment and modification of existing dwelling and part B&B to single family house. Resubmission of 37/1233/09/F.

DECISION: No Objection. (*Vote: 6 for, 1 abstention*)

177.3 CHARNWOOD, STOKE ROAD 37/1449/09/F

Householder application for extension and alterations to dwelling.

DECISION: Objection. (*Vote: 5 for, 2 abstentions*).The members felt that the extension and alterations were of poor design. The proposed alteration projected too far forward on the river frontage side. The Council felt that the neighbour to the west of Charnwood should have his view and quality of life preserved.

177.4 PARSONAGE FARM 37/1529/09/LB

Listed building consent for replacement of windows and rear extension door.

DECISION: No objection (*Vote: 6 for, 1 abstention.*)

177.5 Applications withdrawn- applications withdrawn were noted which included Crown Yealm, Bridgend 37/1233/09/F and Hillside, Yealmpton 37/1157/09/F.

177.6 Crispin’s Appeal – The Chairman reported on the visit by the Planning Inspector to the Crispin’s site on 18th August. The following people had been in attendance; the Inspector – Mr. Pope, Gaille West SHDC, Stan Boulton and an associate (Architects) and 2 residents who had objected. The owners had not attended. Mr Young had introduced himself to Mr. Pope and thanked him for the invitation particularly as the Parish Council had not been advised of previous site visits for appeals. Mr. Pope apologised on behalf of the inspectorate for the omission. Mr. Young had been advised that he could speak a few words - not about the specifics of the development, but about other local matters connected with the site.

Mr. Young advised the Inspector about;

- i. The prominent position at Bridgend and that all Newton to Noss, and Noss to Newton traffic passed by. (It had been very busy at 12-12.30 when they were on the site.)
- ii. The feeling in the village. There had been 60+ letters of objection from all over the village not just from the neighbours.
- iii. The last family to live at Crispin’s had been very popular in the village which made the development more poignant.

7/09/09.....Chairman

The objectors had not been invited to speak. The Chairman had been impressed by the Inspectors thoroughness. The Inspector's decision of 9 September was noted with disappointment.

178/09 TREES

178.1 Tree Preservation Orders- the letter from SHDC dated 27 August 2009 advising that the TPO at Rose Cottage, Bridgend had not been confirmed was noted.

178.2 Noss play park – A resident had raised concerns about the safety of unsupervised children in the play park. The height of the hedge and tree growth reduced visibility of children playing in the park from the road and surrounding houses. It was agreed that the **Chairman** and **Mr. Brown** would visit the play park to review the position and what work would need to be undertaken to lower the hedge height and remove lower tree branches to facilitate a clear view of the park.

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179/09 NEW DEVELOPMENT

Briar Hill Farm - a meeting with the Parish Council had been requested by the owner of Briar Hill Farm to discuss potential new development. It was agreed that the **Clerk** would write to the owner of Briar Hill farm confirming that it was the policy of the Newton & Noss Parish Council not to discuss possible development with a land owner unless they had a formal planning application. Any such meeting would be with the Parish Council as a whole.
Mr Tubb left at 8.30pm

180/09 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

180.1 Development Control and User Group Meeting 14 October 2009 – no members were available to attend the meeting.

180.2 “Berberis”, Yealm Road –a letter from a neighbour regarding their concerns over the “Berberis” development was considered. It was noted that one of the owners from Berberis had subsequently advised of their intention to write to their immediate neighbours to apologise for the delay in the construction work. It was hoped to restart construction before the end of the year. The Members felt that this highlighted the disruption and inconvenience to neighbours when a complicated project was undertaken. However it was felt that any action the Parish Council could undertake was limited if the terms under which planning permission had been granted were being complied with.

RESOLVED: The Clerk would write a letter to the neighbor sympathising with their position and referring to the letter from the “Berberis” owner which it was hoped would give some reassurance. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

180.3 BT red telephone kiosks- correspondence from SHDC regarding BT's (new) proposal for the adoption of red telephone kiosks by local communities was considered. The Parish Council had no feedback for SHDC at this time.

180.4 Conservation and Design Review Panel- it was noted that there would be a meeting of the Conservation and Design Review Panel on 13 October regarding a proposed development at “Redlands”, Court Wood Road. Mrs Marchant had agreed to attend to represent the Parish Council. It was agreed Mr Brown, or if Mr Brown were unavailable Mr Buckland, would attend in place of the Chairman who would be away.

181/09. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

181.1 Development Sites DPD: Community Engagement Programme –the results of the Housing Questionnaires which had been formulated by Mr Brown were considered .The three most popular sites for new housing had been firstly site 9 (Collaton), followed in second place by site 5 (land at New Barn Farm) and third site 7 (land North of Butts Park). It was agreed that the Clerk would forward the results and parishioners comments to Mr Lee Bray at SHDC and copies would be posted on the Newton & Noss Parish Council web site. A summary would be provided for the Parish Magazine

181.2 Rural Services Network- the members considered whether to respond to the request for views on a “Rural Manifesto”. It was agreed that the matter was not pertinent to the Parish.

182/09 MEETINGS ATTENDED

Conservation and Design Review Panel –The Chairman made a report on the Meeting at SHDC 15 September 2009 regarding “Westerly”, Yealm road which he had attended with Mrs Marchant. The proposal put forward by the developer had been to pull the exiting house down and to replace it with a large four storey new build with annex, workspaces, garaging and indoor swimming pool. The Chairman had expressed his wish for the conservation of the existing building.

Meeting closed: 9pm

8/09/09.....Chairman