

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF NEWTON & NOSS PARISH COUNCIL**

Held on 8 December 2016

**PRESENT** MRS. ANSELL      MR. COOPER      CLLR. GREEN      MR. HUSSELL      MR. CARTER  
MS. ADAMS                      MR. TUBB                      MRS. GRANT

**ALSO PRESENT;** 4 parishioners, Mrs. McDonough (Clerk).

**Mrs Wendy Grant was welcomed to the Parish Council.**

**OPEN FORUM**

PCSO 30540 Andy Potter had sent apologies and the following report;

**Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo Parish Council Report Nov 2016**

Newton Ferrers

Overnight 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> two dwelling burglaries enquiries ongoing CR/079510/079533/16

Overnight 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> theft of an outboard motor from a boat moored on the River Yealm CR/081820/16

Overnight 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> theft of red diesel from a farmyard CR/081970/16

Overnight 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> burglary dwelling [unoccupied new build] CR/083051/16

Noss Mayo

No reported crime

**Newton Ferrers Primary School**-a resident from Archers Court expressed concern about internal and external lights coming on within the school grounds in the early hours of the morning, causing him to wake up due to their brightness. He had telephoned the school and written to the Federation Head Mr. Jones. Matters would improve for a couple of weeks before the lights starting coming back on. The resident advised the lights were bright and powerful and suggested that they must be using a lot of electricity. The Tawny Owls nesting nearby had left. It was suggested the resident seek advice from Environmental Services at South Hams District Council. The matter was on the agenda for discussion within the meeting.

**282/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**- there were apologies from Cllr. Baldry, Cllr. Blackler, Mr. Lyndon, Mrs. Cooper, Mr. Parry-Smith and Ms. Longworth.

**283/16 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED** - members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. Mr. Hussell declared an interest in the planning application for Briar Hill Farm by virtue of owning a neighbouring property.

**284/16 DISPENSATION REQUESTS**- RESOLVED: Mrs. Wendy Grant should be granted dispensations to speak and vote on the following matters;

i) To consider and settle the Precept

ii) To consider allowances, travelling expenses and indemnities for Members

For four years or until the next ordinary elections whichever was the earlier. *(Vote; 6 in favour.)Mrs Grant took no part in the vote.*

**285/16 VARIATION OF AGENDA** – RESOLVED: matters relating to Noss Play Park repairs and planning enforcement/pre planning applications should be considered in committee. *(Vote; Unanimous.)*

**286/16 MINUTES** – the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 November 2016 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**287/16 DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**287.1 Councillor reports**- both Councillors had sent apologies.

*Mr. Tubb arrived.*

**287.2 Village Housing Initiative- Parsonage Road.** DCH had advised that they expected the development providing a mixture of 4 x 2 bed, 3 x 3 bed and 1 x 4 bed houses for affordable rent to be ready around April 2017. All properties would be advertised through Devon Homechoice. Prior to advertising, DCH had organised a “drop in” on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at the WI Hall. The event would run between 3pm and 6pm and there would be representatives present from the DCH lettings team, DCH sales team and from Devon Homechoice.

To be eligible for these properties applicants would have to have a local connection to Newton Ferrers as below. Only households banded A – D were eligible to apply, in accordance with the Section 106 agreement and the South Hams District Council allocations policy.

- The person had lived in the parish/town for 3 out of 5 years preceding the allocation.

- The person had immediately prior to the allocation, lived in the parish for 6 out of 12 months.

- Immediate family of the applicant had lived in the parish for 5 years preceding the allocation (Immediate family was defined as parents, siblings or non-dependent children)

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- The person had permanent employment in the parish with a minimum contract of 16 hours per week which had continued for at least 6 months preceding the allocation, without a break in employment of more than 3 months and including self-employment. Employment needed to be of a permanent nature.
- Any periods of ordinary residence in the parish.

To bid applicants had be registered with Devon Homechoice.

The Clerk had sent sent to the Primary School for inclusion in "Up the Creek", put on the Parish Council website notice board, included in the January Parish Magazine and circulated to the Parish Council email database. Notices would also be put up on the Parish Council notice boards.

**287.3 Public Space Protection Orders-** Honey Foskett, SHDC Senior Specialist, Environment Services had advised that there were Dog Control Orders in place which would convert to Public Space Protection Orders which would apply to the following areas:

Newton Ferrers

- Butts Park Play Park – if the play park was fenced it would be subject to the dog exclusion order.
  - Butts Park Playing Field – would be subject to the dogs on leads order when organised sport was in play.
  - A green area by Dillons at the Green – in general where there were 2 or more commercial/shop premises dogs should be on leads. She thought it more likely that the area may be subject only to the Fouling of Land by Dogs Order.
- Noss Mayo
- Noss Green – as for the green area by Dillons.
  - Noss Mayo car park – dogs must be kept on leads in car parks.
  - Noss Mayo Tennis Courts – dogs were excluded from tennis courts where the courts were fenced, hedged or walled.
  - Noss Mayo Play Park – as above.
  - Community Orchard – as for the green area by Dillons.

She advised that if the Parish Council was considering about applying for specific orders on specific sites it should consider the right of dog owners to have somewhere to exercise their dogs and the obligation on the community to provide such a facility. With regard to the right of dog owners to have somewhere to exercise their dogs, the right to run freely and exhibit normal dog-like behaviour were both considered the duty of owners under the Animal Welfare Act. With regard to the second point, when dog control orders were introduced in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs stressed that they should be considered only if a council could show them to be a "necessary and proportionate response to problems caused by dogs and their owners".

The secretary to Revelstoke Rangers Football Club had contacted the Parish Council regarding dog excrement in the field which had to be cleared both before and sometimes during matches. Reference was made to professional dog walkers who used the playing field to exercise many dogs in their charge. Some members felt there should be an outright ban on dog owners using the playing field. It was agreed to contact Ms. Foskett and ask for the procedure for an outright dog ban/ requirement that dogs should be kept on leads at all times.

## **288/16 PLANNING**

### **288.1 Newton & Noss Neighbourhood Plan (N3P) –**

Cllr. Green was thanked for agreeing to assume responsibility for the submission of the Locality Funding application. The Steering Group would be meeting on 14 December. Cllr. Green confirmed that the leaflet relating to nomination of green spaces was being delivered to every household. People were invited to nominate local greenspaces for protection from development.

#### **Planning decisions**

**288.2 The Old Sail Loft, Bridgend 2424/16/VAR-** application for removal or variation of condition No 2 following grant of planning consent 0178/16/HHO. Design and use improvements over original with little difference in appearance. SHDC; Granted.

**288.3 The Coach House, Membland 2891/16/HHO 2892/16/LBC-** householder application/Listed Building Consent for proposed lean-to conservatory. SHDC; Granted.

**288.4 Seagulls Stoke Road 2720/16/HHO-** householder application for alterations and extension to an existing dwelling. SHDC; Granted.

**288.5 Pellows, Parsonage Road 2877/16/FUL-** application for renewal of extant planning application 37/2056/13/F for construction of first floor flat and alterations to shop front. SHDC; Granted.

#### **Planning applications received;**

**288.6 Briar Hill Farm Court Road 3352/16/FUL-** construction of storage building associated with general maintenance and management of adjoining holiday lodge site. Neither Mr. Tubb (having declared an interest by owning a neighbouring property) nor Mr. Hussell took part in the debate or vote. DECISION: Objection;

1. The proposals lay outside the Village Development Boundary.
2. The development would lie within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Under the National Planning Policy Framework guidelines, the proposals would not enhance the AONB.
3. The Parish Council fully supported the points detailed in the letter from the River Yealm District Association dated 6 December 2016. (*Vote; 5 in favour, 1 abstention.*)

**288.71 The Point 2768/16/HHO** READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans received).Householder application for the replacement of garden shed with summerhouse over garage roof. DECISION: Objection. The Parish Council's objections made in respect of the plans submitted remained. Members did not consider there had been any substantial change to the development proposals in the revised plans. (*Vote; Unanimous.*)

**288.8 Midvale, Revelstoke Road 3041/16/ HHO** READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans received).Householder application for an extension to balcony and terrace to include developing basement rooms, and new access to first floor of property off parking level to include loft conversion. DECISION: No objection to the revised plans. (*Vote; 6 in favour, 1 objection, 1 abstention.*)

**288.9 Swan Inn, road from Swan Inn to head of Noss Creek 3792/16/TCA-work to trees in a Conservation Area.**T1: Ash - Crown lift to 3m, crown height reduction by 1m and reduce horizontal spread of crown by 1m; T2: Sycamore - Fell; T3: Sycamore - Remove smallest stem. Lift crown to 4m, reduce height and spread of retained crown by 2m; T4: Oak - Diameter at 1.5m above ground 250mm. Remove lowest limb. T5: Sycamore - Fell; T6: Sycamore - Fell; T7: – Sycamore - Lift crown to 3.5m, reduce height of retained crown by 2m and spread by 1m; T8: Elm - Reduce height of crown by 2m and spread of crown by 1m; T9: Ash - Diameter at 1.5m above ground 430mm, Lift crown to 5m, reduce height of crown by 2m and spread by 1m.DECISION: The Parish Council wished to follow the South Hams District Council Tree Officer's recommendations.(*Vote; Unanimous.*)

**288.10 Western High, 10 Perches Close3734/16/TPO-** Work to Tree Preservation Order Trees. G1: Sycamore - Coppice group and manage regrowth for conservation purposes; G1.01: Sycamore - Coppice; G1.02: Sycamore - Coppice. Replace with 1x Castanea sativa and 1x Quercus Robour. DECISION: The Parish Council wished to follow the South Hams District Council Tree Officer's recommendations. (*Vote; Unanimous.*)

**288.11 Stable Barn, Brownstone near Yealmpton 3038/16/HHO-** householder application for new garage block with bedroom over and link to existing accommodation at first floor of barn. DECISION; No objection. (*Vote; Unanimous.*)

**288.12 Christmas break arrangements** RESOLVED for those applications in respect of which the Parish Clerk was unable to secure an extension from SHDC planning control to 13 January 2017 for the Council to respond, Members should submit their comments to the Clerk and the Chairman, the Clerk then having delegated authority under Section 101, Local Government Act 1972 to submit those comments on the Parish Council's behalf to South Hams District Council. However should any controversial planning applications arise in respect of which an extension cannot be secured the Council may consider holding an EGM. (*Vote: Unanimous.*)

**288.13 Glenhaven Cottage Riverside Road West 3557/16/HHO-**householder application for the proposed erection of garden room. Application affected the setting of a Listed Building. Application affected a Conservation Area. The application had been received following the setting of the agenda. The planning officer had not been prepared to grant an extension for the parish council to respond to 13 January 2017.Members had no objections in respect of the revised plans. The Clerk would respond to SHDC accordingly.

**288.13 AONB planning protection-** Cllr. Green gave a report of the meeting on 2 December. The purpose of the meeting had been to explore the organisation being more proactive and to do more to protect unwanted development in the AONB. The meeting had been extremely acrimonious and had not appeared to achieve the desired result.

## **289/16 ADMINISTRATION**

**289.1 Events applications-** no applications had been submitted.

**289.2 Budget 2017/2018-** the working group had met to consider some preliminary figures which would be refined in the early new year. It was hoped to circulate the draft budget to members prior to the meeting on 12 January. Members were advised that a large increase in the Precept would be needed with the forthcoming assumption of grounds maintenance responsibility from SHDC in June 2017. The quote agreed for grounds maintenance from June 2017 had been over £13,000.

## **290/16 CORRESPONDENCE**

**290.1 Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm-** RESOLVED; To make a grant of £100 to Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm for the help and support to families in the Parish. (*Vote; Unanimous.*)

**290.2 Newton Ferrers Primary School-** in respect of the matter raised by a resident relating to night time lights, it was agreed to write to the school to enquire as to the reasons for the lights coming on and the action being taken to prevent neighbouring residents from having their sleep disturbed.

**290.3 Lloyds Bank-** Members had been made aware of the concerns raised by Modbury Town Council regarding local branch closures.

**290.4 Broadband-** Mr. Jeremy Brown provided an update. At least 32 voucher applications had been submitted to Connecting Devon & Somerset. Mr. Brown and his wife had hand delivered leaflets to some of the outlying areas in the Parish about Broadband vouchers Mr. Brown provided and discussed an indicative relief map of Newton & Noss additional Broadband coverage requirement. A draft letter to potential contractors had also been circulated to Members.Mr. Brown suggested the draft letter be further amended to refer to the potential inaccuracy of the CDS website relating to coverage The letter proposed holding a public information session where interested suppliers could inform parishioners of their preferred solutions to remedy the deficiencies in coverage. Mr. Brown suggested the meeting was held in mid-January and before the Parish Council meeting on 26 January. Phase 2 rollout should be announced by the end of January. Members agreed the draft letter and that the Clerk should send out letters to the 19 potential Broadband suppliers listed on the CDS website by post the following day. The Clerk would also contact those

who had notified the Parish Council of their voucher applications of the meeting planned. RESOLVED; to agree to set up a public information session for Broadband Rollout and to pay for the hire fee for the hall. (*Vote; Unanimous.*) The matter would be reviewed on 26 January. Mr. Brown was thanked for his considerable assistance.

**290.5 Four Rivers Dementia Alliance-** no members were available to attend the meeting Wednesday 11 January. It was agreed to support their request to support a Tap Fund application for £1500 to cover the cost of hiring rooms for the Alliance to hold their planning and development meetings and to set up 2 conferences in 2017-018 promoting dementia friendly communities and to be able to respond to requests for awareness training from the community in dementia awareness as required.

*Ms. Adams left the meeting.*

**290.6 BT payphones-** SHDC had advised that Mobile Locality Officers had fixed the draft decision notice to remove, due to low usage, on the outside of the telephone box at Butts Park. The final decision would be made in mid December. Each notice publicised the opportunity for individuals to have their say by completing a short survey on their website. The survey would be open until midnight 11 December. Feedback would be collated to inform a final decision.

## **291/16 COUNTY COUNCIL**

**291.1 County Councillor report-** Cllr. Hosking had not yet arrived.

### **291.2 Highways/Transport**

**i) Snow Plan/risk assessment review-** Mr. Clark, the Parish Snow Warden was in attendance. All the grit bins were full and there was plenty of salt. The gritter had been greased and sprayed annually. Mr. Clark was in discussion with the Local Highways Officer, Mr. Nick Colton, about the position of the grit bin at Pillory Hill.

**ii) Control of Waiting Amendment Order-** a resident of Newton Hill had raised concern regarding the positioning of the proposed yellow lines on Newton Hill. It was his suggestion that the current hatching outside the butcher's shop should be preserved and repainted. It was agreed to make representations to Devon County Council on that basis.

**iii) Pothole repair funding-** Cllr. Green referred to potential funding and that Devon County Council was seeking volunteers to undertake pothole repairs. It would require Chapter 8 training. The Parish Council had sought volunteers on a couple of occasions but no one had come forward.

**iv) Membland signage-** a Membland resident had requested signage to Membland at The Green and Bridgend. Mr. Tubb advised that there were outstanding repairs to be undertaken to the fingerpost sign at The Green. The matters would be referred to Mr. Nick Colton, Local Highways Officer.

**v) Junket Corner-** a resident along Creekside Road had enquired if she could place, at her own expense, a mirror on a telegraph pole near Junket Corner to facilitate safe manoeuvring at the junction. The matter would be referred to Mr. Colton.

**291.3 Waste Management consultation-** members considered the consultations in respect of changes to the Community Composting Rate and proposed minor modifications to the Chargeable Waste Scheme, vehicle restriction and non- acceptable waste policies at Devon County Council Household Waste Recycling Centres. In respect of the latter, it was agreed to respond to the consultation advising that it was the Council's view that this would lead to more fly tipping.

**292/16 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 293/16.

### **293/16 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS**

<b>Balance in Unity Trust Deposit account</b>		<b>£21000.41</b>
<b>Santander Current Account :</b>	Total balance at 30/11/16	<b>£64809.76</b>

The balance includes:

<b>Monies held on completion of Newton &amp; Noss Play Park Improvement Project</b>	<b>£36.02</b>
<b>Monies held in respect of the maintenance of the Revington Memorial Seat</b>	<b>£390</b>
<b>Sustainable Communities Locality Fund held for Butts Park Play Park refurbishment</b>	<b>£500</b>
<b>Butts Park Play Park Appeal</b>	<b>£2338.25</b>
<b>SHDC Section 106 monies for Butts Park Play Park refurbishment</b>	<b>£8775</b>
<b>Devon County Council Invest in Devon Grant Butts Park Play Park</b>	<b>£2000</b>
<b>Revelstoke Community Trust Butts Park Play Park</b>	<b>£1500</b>
<b>Monies granted by Parish Council/ Revelstoke Community Trust/Ryda for Neighbourhood Plan</b>	<b>£888.40</b>

**The following cheques were authorised totalling:** **£13365.69**

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No	PAYEE		AMOUNT
2207	Newton & Noss Village Hall	Hire fee NNPC Meeting 24 November 2016	£24.00
2208	S.McDonough	Net salary-November 2016	£1,224.86
2209	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerk's Tax and National Insurance November	£294.66
2210	South West Water	Sports Pavilion 12/6/16-18/11/16	£15.97

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2211	The Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual subscription	£157.00
2212	Sovereign Design Play Systems Ltd	Interim payment for play park equipment	£7,730.64
2213	WI Community Hall	Hire Fee Butts Park Play Park toy Sale 12 /11/16	£30.00
2214	Came & Company	Butts Park Play Park new equipment insurance	£29.36
2215	M. Hingston	Newton Voss and steps cleaning November	£82.00
2216	Flete Gardens	Butts Park Play Park-groundswork & tree planting	£3,715.20
2217	South Hams Garden & Property Services	Grass cutting; The Green 3 & 17 November 2016	£32.00
2218	South Hams Garden & Property Services	Bus shelter repairs	£30.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£13,365.69</b>
DD	EDF	Sports Pavilion	<b>£10.00</b>
DD	B & C E Financial Services Ltd	Employee/employer Pension contribution November	<b>£16.88</b>
SO	Reading Room	Storage facilities	<b>£40.00</b>

\*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments: £0 total to date; £370.

### **294/16 MEETINGS ATTENDED**

**294.1 Harbour Authority-** Mr. Carter advised 28 applications had been received for the post of Harbour Master. This had been reduced to 3 applications which would be going before the Committee the following week. The new Harbour Master would start in tandem with the existing Harbour Master in March.

**294.2 Halls-** no reports.

### **295/16. MAINTENANCE**

**295.1.1 Maintenance working groups-**including

**i) Sports Pavilion-**no report.

**ii) The Green/Dillons Green-** no report.

**iii) Play parks**

**Butts Park Play Park-**an update by Mrs Wheatley had been circulated.

**i) Big Greenspace Challenge-** planting had been completed 5.12.16. Mr Campbell had been generous with his time and materials, outside that included in his quotation. For instance, Mr Campbell has not charged for his time and fuel for collecting the tubing for the grass mound tunnel and had had to return to the play park on two occasions to repair damage to the grass mound (storm damage caused by a strong easterly wind and vandalism resulting from people removing the anchoring stakes keeping the turf in place whilst taking root.

Flete Gardens work was very weather dependent. The mound, tunnel and turfing had been completed as planned week commencing 7 November. Due to mild weather bare root trees and hedging plants could not be lifted until dormant. Recent cold, frosty weather had allowed for the trees and plants to be lifted and planting had been completed 5 December. EcoSci mulching would follow. Mr. Campbell had not included the willow whip supply within his original quotation of 22 September. This item had been added to the 17 October costed delivery plan for the Big Greenspace Challenge having taken advice from permaculturalist Tess Wilmot. Ms. Wilmot had offered her help with the community planting event in Feb/March 2017 for which she would not be charging her time. Supply was discussed subsequently with Mr. Campbell and he had sourced and was storing the willow whips at his Modbury Premises and would supply when needed. Mr. Campbell had invoiced for work to date. The amount of £406 would not be invoiced until the willow whips were supplied. Mr. Campbell would care for them in the meantime. As agreed he would also invoice, annually, for 2017, 2018 and 2019 maintenance of £226 p.a. plus VAT.

**ii) Funding applications** submitted to Devon Community Foundation and, Greggs Foundation had been refused. Tesco Groundwork-Bags of Help, One Family Foundation, South Hams TAP fund applications remained to be determined. Mrs. Wheatley would be drafting the Community Re-investment Projects Fund application this month. Lottery Awards For all had made a grant of £9990 for outdoor exercise equipment and a table tennis table. No further fund raising events were planned.

A progress report and January Park closure would be included in the Parish Magazine, Up the Creek and delivered to all Butts Park Residents. The Toy Sale Banner donated by Ullman Sails, Plymouth could be used for other activities. Signs for plant species and Lottery funding signs need to be considered and placed in spring 2017.

The Vice Chairman advised that the mound had been done very well. Flete Gardens had been very quick to undertake minor repairs. The Zip Wire, Rota Net and Nest Swing would be installed on 3 January. Fundraising continued for the outdoor gym. The Vice Chairman would be attending the Tuesday Lunch Club the following week which had pledged £500 for a single piece of equipment. An application to the Family Foundation Group had been short listed with Members and children being invited to a photoshoot at Butts Park Play Park the following Sunday at 11.15am. A pre installation survey was being undertaken by Sovereign on Monday 12 December. The Clerk had asked for a quote from Sovereign for age appropriate signage for the new equipment.

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RESOLVED; to delegate any spending from contingency funds for the installation of the new play park equipment from Sovereign, subject to a maximum of £2100 plus VAT, to the Vice Chairman and Ms. Longworth in the event such spending became necessary before the date of the next Parish Council Meeting. *(Vote; Unanimous.)*  
There was the possibility of an offer of additional free fruit trees via the Community Orchard Group. The Vice Chairman was opposed to the idea in light of space limitation. Cllr. Green referred to Ms. Longworth and Mr. Scott Dooley being in support of the idea. It was agreed to clarify whether the fruit trees were available and to revisit the matter at the next meeting.

Mr. Dooley had requested access though the play park in Easter 2017 to facilitate the delivery of a summer house.  
RESOLVED: To agree to Mr. Dooley's request for access though Butts Park Play Park to facilitate the delivery of a summer house to his back garden subject to the following;

1. Confirmation of the contractor's insurance details (should any of the play park equipment be damaged during delivery)
2. Provision of the contractor's risk assessment for delivery to the play park and health and safety policy.
3. That delivery should only be during a prolonged dry period to minimise any damage to the ground in the play park
4. Replacement of any fencing taken down to facilitate delivery.
5. To confirm the delivery date once known.
6. On the understanding Mr. Dooley had agreed to make good any damage caused. *(Vote; Unanimous.)*

## **296/16 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Cllr Hosking advised on the following;

**i) Broadband-** the contract for Phase 2 was to be awarded on 16 December to two different contractors. Residents would be able to identify from the Connecting Devon & Somerset website if they were in one of the areas to be connected. The final 5% rollout was due following completion of Phase 2 – but there was no funding as yet to achieve this.

**ii) Devolution-** the suggestion coming down appeared to be in favour of elected Mayors- something which the Devon & Somerset bid had been against. Some South Devon Local Authorities may make a separate bid for Devolution with an elected Mayor. There would be a meeting with between the South Devon local authorities and the Devon and Somerset Consortium the following day.

**iii) Skanska-** the contract was due to be in effect from mid-January 2017 until 2024 with the right to extend for three years if both parties were happy. A Skanska briefing had been given that day- their philosophy appeared to be cooperation with the client and re equipping and taking on South West Highways staff.

**iv) Puslinch/A379 repairs-** Cllr. Hosking was asked when repairs would be effected. Mr. Hosking did not have that information to hand. Repairs should be in the programme for spring.

**v) Budget-** the process had been initiated. There were no details of the Local Government Settlement as yet but Devon County Council was anticipating a reduction of twenty two million. The Council would look to increase Adult and Childrens' Social Services. There would be an increase in Council Tax.

**vi) Drakelands Mine-** Cllr Hosking had attended the site meeting. Planning consent had been given allowing the mine to operate virtually 24/7. It was felt that there was unlikely to be any significant disruption caused by the proposal and there did not appear to be potential pollution in the River Yealm- this would be monitored.

**v) Tree Growth-** the Local Highways Officer was looking into potential work on DCC owned land adjacent to Bridgend Hill.

## **297/16 MAINTENANCE**

### **297.1 Noss Recreation Areas-**

**i) Tennis Courts** the Tennis Club had accepted the final draft Licence. The Licence and covering letter from the Chairman of the Tennis Club had been circulated to members. RESOLVED; to authorise the Vice Chairman Mr. Alan Cooper to sign the terms of the Licence for use of the Noss Mayo Tennis Court by Newton & Noss Tennis Club on behalf of the Parish Council. *(Vote; Unanimous.)*

**ii) Community Orchard-** members were advised of the workshops planned for early new year for the construction of the new bench.

**297.2 Other areas for consideration-** no areas were raised.

**297.3 Footpaths-** Mr. Parry Smith had reported on the meeting with the P3 Liaison Officer for DDD and representatives from Brixton and Yealmpton Parish Councils. Many parishes in Devon had taken responsibility for the maintenance and improvement of Public Rights of Way within their parishes. DCC could provide a grant for the expenses incurred. The total budget available to be divided out over several hundred parishes was £60,000 at present. Mr. Parry Smith felt that by Newton & Noss joining, the budget would merely be stretched further. It was agreed to retain the existing system and to report difficulties with footpath to DCC PROW department.

### **297.4 Tree Inspections**

**i) The Green-** the Vice Chairman reported that the trees at The Green and Dillon's Green appeared to be in order and of no danger. The new tree was growing well.

**ii) Noss Green-** the Chairman advised that a branch was overhanging the Boules Piste.

**iii) Collaton footpath-** a large branch had fallen and been pushed back into the hedge.

**iv) Butts Park Play Park-** the Vice Chairman suggested that work on the trees bordering the park should be undertaken.

- v) **Kilpatrick's Steps/Ferry Wood-** Mr. Carter suggested that when planning any tree work, the contractor should take a look at the shoreline trees bordering the steps.
- vi) **Community Orchard-** the Chairman advised that the trees were in order.
- vii) **Broken Way-** Mr. Carter advised there was no work necessary.
- viii) **Butts Park Playing Field-** an inspection was outstanding.

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**297.5 Noss Play Park-**the strimmer damage had been reported to SHDC, with a copy of the invoice quotation for repairs having been included. A response had been received from the Project Manager from Eden Design who had been the contracts administrator for the Noss Play Park Improvement Project.

**298/16 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT/PRE PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The latest list of planning enforcement matters was considered.

*The Meeting closed at 9.15pm*