

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

Held on 10 April 2014

PRESENT Mr. Cooper Mrs. Ansell Mr. Hussell Mr. Carter Mr. Lyndon

ALSO Mr. Stitson Mr. Matthews Mr. Tubb
PRESENT 2 Parishioners Mrs. McDonough
(Clerk)

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

OPEN FORUM

Police report- PCSO Potter advised that the following crimes had been reported for March 2014:

Newton Ferrers- JI/14/223; 19th March. Non crime domestic.

Noss Mayo -no reported crime

Neighbourhood Plan-the Chairman of the RYDA, Mr. Lunn, provided an update on arrangements being undertaken for an initial public consultation. He was waiting to receive confirmation as to availability for one of the speakers and two Parish Council Members. It was hoped the meeting would take place between 12-21 May. Mr. Matthews offered to chair the public consultation meeting in the event the Chairman of the Parish Council was unavailable.

Steerpoint Brickworks- Mr. Lunn advised that there had been some confusion over the deadline for responding to the application. The Planning Officer had advised that the deadline for responses was 23 March. Brixton Parish Council had been given until 16 April. The public could comment until 16 April, which would enable the planning officer to include them in her report. She would however take comments up until the day before the Planning Committee Meeting on 4 June when she would be able to give a verbal summary. It was understood investigations may be taking place into a potential alternative route for contractors' vehicles through Kitley Estate.

Newton & Noss Environment Group- Mr. Holland spoke in support of a grant application made by the group for financial assistance to meet the fees to hire Newton Ferrers Primary School Hall for Newton & Noss Energy Savers Workshops in April and May. The hire fees would total £264 to run 8 sessions.

88/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –there were apologies for absence from the Chairman, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Evans

89/14 MINUTES –the Minutes of the 13 and 27 March Meetings were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

90/14 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED - members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. Mr. Stitson and Mr. Tubb declared an interest in the grant application made for the River Yealm Regatta Fireworks by virtue of being on the Regatta Committee.

91/14 DISPENSATION REQUESTS- none were made.

92/14 PROPOSAL TO VARY THE AGENDA- RESOLVED; items relating to Noss Voss maintenance work should be considered in committee. (*Vote; Unanimous.*)

93/14 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILS

It was agreed unanimously that the Vice Chairman would write to Mr. William Mumford to express sorrow at his resignation as County Councillor and to thank him for his service to the Parish.

93.1 Highways/Transport – including

i) Bridgend Wall-a response was awaited from Mr. David Hornblower, Senior Professional Engineer for Bridge Maintenance at Devon County Council, to the request for a site meeting and for confirmation of the position as to funding. Mr. Mumford had advised that monies were still available from his former Locality Budget and Invest in Devon funding but the decision on spending would depend on his replacement. It was thought that in order to apply for lottery funding through Awards For All, ownership of the wall would need to be established. It was agreed to press Mr. Hornblower for a site meeting, but that enquiries as to Devon County Council funding would need to wait until after the County Council Elections in May.

ii) Road flooding- between Widey and Collaton. Devon County Council Highways had advised that a request had been made for their gully emptying machine to attend and jet the system. No time estimate had been given. Mr. Matthews and Mr. Hussell advised that they would visit the area to see what action could be undertaken by hand. Reference to the availability of TAP funding secured for gully clearance was made.

iii) Noss Hard- South West Water had visited Noss Hard and cleared two manhole covers of silt following reports of sewage leakage.

iv) Newton Hill- Mr. Hussell referred to concerns over the “Dead End” sign at the top of Newton Hill being obstructed by the Co-op’s storage racks/wheelie shelving. Mr. Lyndon agreed to report the matter to the Co-op.

v) Butts Park flooding- Devon County Council Highways had confirmed that confirmation was awaited as to when a “hot box” would be in the area for repairs to be undertaken to a resident’s drive.

vi) Holy Cross War Memorial – Mr. Matthews had spoken with the Chairman of the River Yealm branch of the Royal British Legion regarding their request for double yellow lines on the road in front of the War Memorial at Holy Cross

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Church. Members had been concerned over the existing lack of parking in the area. It was agreed that the River Yealm Branch of the Royal British Legion could place a discreet sign being on one of the roadside step risers requesting respect be given to the War Memorial and to only park there on Church business. It was understood Reverend Legge was content with the proposal. Mr. Matthews would report back to the Chairman of the Royal British Legion Yealm Branch.

vii) Court Road/Parsonage Road junction- concerns were expressed about near miss accidents by those using the junction approaching from Court Road and from Parsonage Road. A site meeting with Devon County Council to look at safety improvement options would be requested, Mr. Hussell agreeing to attend.

93.2 Waste/Recycling- Members considered a request from a parishioner to bring pressure on Plymouth City Council to enable South Hams residents to use Chelson Meadow. Members felt there was no action the Parish Council could undertake to persuade Plymouth City Council to reconsider the position.

93.3 Locality Budget- following the resignation of Mr. Mumford as County Councillor, the application for Locality Budget funding for the Sports Pavilion had been returned by Devon County Council. A further application would need to be made to the new County Councillor following the elections in May. The Pre School had also made an application for Locality funding to purchase new IT equipment to enable the children to develop IT skills. It was agreed to refer the Pre School to Cllr. Cooper with respect to her District Council Locality Budget or to the new County Councillor following the May elections.

93.4 Devon County Council Library Service review- Members had no response to make in respect of the consultation.

93.5 Devon Childrens' Centres- Members had no response to make in respect of the consultation.

93.6 District Councillor's Report- there was no report.

93.7 SHDC Asset Transfer/Parish Asset land registration- Curtis Whiteford Crocker had advised that the agreement was now in an approved format with engrossments awaited from SHDC. Their written advice regarding the title issues would follow shortly.

93.8 Village Housing Initiative- there had been no response to the letter to Gary Streeter M.P. for the request for assistance to set up a meeting with Tor Homes/SHDC. It was agreed the Vice Chairman would telephone Mrs. Holloway at Tor Homes for an update.

93.9 SHDC Public Conveniences- Mr. Stuart Jellings, SHDC Environment Manager, had written to advise that they would be arranging further meetings in May when various options would be discussed. Further information was to be put together which would be forwarded in the meantime.

93.10 Community Safety Forum event- no Members were available to attend.

94/14 PLANNING

94.1 Neighbourhood Plan- SHDC had confirmed that the application to designate a Neighbourhood Plan Area for the Parish had been validated. The proposed plan area would be available for comment for six weeks for people living, working and carrying our business in the proposed area commencing 4th April – 16 May 2014. The application was available to view on the SHDC website. Site notices had been placed in various locations around the Parish by the Clerk, circulated to the Parish Council database, included in the Parish Magazine, sent to the RYDA /RYHA, included in "Up the Creek" newsletter for the Primary School and in the Beacon Advertiser.

94.2 DCC/3638/2014 Steer Point Brick Works- the Parish Council had received copies of the letters of objection from South Devon AONB and the Chairman of the Devon branch of the CPRE. The Parish Council had, to date, been kept advised of the position by the Chairman of Brixton Parish Council.

94.3 Town and Parish workshop- planning for the future. Friday 2 May. It was agreed the Vice Chairman and Mr. Matthews/Mrs. Ansell would attend subject to their commitments.

95/14 ADMINISTRATION

95.1 End of Year Accounts- the end of year bank statement had been received the preceding day. The cashbook had been completed for the year end and circulated with the end of year budget comparisons to the accounts inspection/budget working group Members. It was agreed, unanimously, that the Vice Chairman would undertake the end of year accounts inspection in conjunction with Mr. Carter in view of the Chairman being away. It was hoped to circulate the end of year accounts and draft annual return to the Parish Council prior to the next Parish Council Meeting. The accounts and supporting papers were to be made available for public inspection from 28 April- 27 May. The papers were to be delivered for internal audit to Ken Abraham on 29 April. The Annual return was to be submitted to Grant Thornton by 2 June.

95.2 Councillor vacancy- SHDC had advised that the requisite number of electors in the Parish had not submitted a request in writing for an election to be held. It was open to the Council to fill the vacancy by co-option. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy with a view to making the decision whether or not to fill the vacancy by co- option at the Meeting on 12 June.

95.3 Insurance- a schedule of insured assets had been circulated to the Parish Council. RESOLVED: to notify the Parish Council's insurers that upon renewal it was not considered necessary to insure the Parish Council/Parish notice boards but that the insurance figures for the bus shelters at Butts Park and Yealm Road should be increased to £6100 each.(Vote; Unanimous)

96/14 GRANT APPLICATIONS

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96.1 River Yealm Regatta. RESOLVED: To make a grant of £75 by means of contribution to the River Yealm Regatta Fireworks 2014 (*Vote 6 in favour*). Mr. Tubb and Mr. Stitson took no part in the discussion or vote.

96.2 Environment Group- RESOLVED: To make a grant of £132 to Newton & Noss Environment Group representing one half of the hire fees for the Newton Ferrers Primary School hire fees to run 8 workshops. The grant was on the basis that it should be considered as a "one off" payment and that the Council would not expect to be approached for further funding of this nature again. If a decision was made not to continue with some/all of the workshops the Council would expect a suitable proportion of the grant to be returned. (*Vote; 6 in favour, 2 objections*).

97/14 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 98/14.

98/14 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Santander Current Account :	Total balance at 1.4.14	£55791.32
The balance includes: Hedge Cutting Bond		£3000
Monies held on completion of Newton & Noss Play Park Improvement Project		£36.02
Monies held in respect of the maintenance of the Revington Memorial Seat		£500

The following cheques were authorised totalling: **£5022.96**

Chq No	PAYEE		AMOUNT
1781	Newton & Noss Village Hall	Hire- NNPC Meeting 10 April 2014	£20.00
1782	Newton & Noss Village Hall	Hire- NNPC Meeting 24 April 2014	£20.00
1783	Newton and Noss WI Community Hall	Grant- WI Hall refurbishment	£3,000.00
1784	Getmapping PLC	CANCELLED	
1785	Getmapping PLC	ParishOnline Annual fee	£33.60
1786	S.McDonough	Net salary-March	£1,155.72
1787	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks monthly Tax & National Insurance	£274.29
1788	Devon Association of Local Councils	Annual subscription 1 April 2014-31 March 2015	£420.35
1789	M.Hingston	Cleaning; Newton Voss & steps March 2014	£82.00
1790	NALC	LCR subscription renewal	£17.00
		Total	£5,022.96

*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments:£0 Total to date;£00.00

99/14. MEETINGS ATTENDED:

99.1 Harbour Authority- Mr. Carter advised that work to resurface Bridgend Quay would start on 27 April. The slipway on the west end of the quay was also being done. Costs were expected to be £23,000.

99.2 Halls- Mrs. Ansell, on behalf of Newton & Noss Village Hall, advised that further quotes were being sought for roof resurfacing. The AGM would take place on 30 April 2014 when a new Chairman would be elected. The Vice Chairman advised contractors were now on site with completion of works being anticipated as 29 August 2014 for the WIC Hall.

99.3 IDALC AGM and Business Meeting- the Vice Chairman advised that the meeting had decided to reduce subscriptions to £5 per parish as a one off due to the level of bank reserves. Section 106 agreements would now need to be published with development applications. The Chairman of Brixton Parish Council had sought support against the proposed development. Objections included lack of consultation, it being in an AONB, traffic and the type of waste. Grants were available for the Great War Commemoration. It was thought the Yealm Branch of the Royal British Legion would be commemorating the end of the War rather than the outbreak. It was now legal to record Council Meetings. The next meeting would be on September 24th.

100/14 MAINTENANCE

100.1 Footpaths- Agenda May.

100.2 WI Hall- RESOLVED: To agree to the placement of a skip on The Green outside the WI Hall for the hall refurbishment. (*Vote; 6 in favour*). Mr. Matthews and the Vice- Chairman did not take part in the vote.

100.3 Big Slip- it was agreed the Clerk would submit three invitations to tender to effect storm damage repairs and to improve security for kayak owners. Mr. Carter would approve the tenders and would meet potential contractors on site to discuss the work to be undertaken.

100.4 Trees- by the footpath leading from Point to Noss Voss would be reviewed once in leaf.

100.5 Manhole cover- Mr. Stitson would inspect the damage to the manhole covers by Noss Voss footpath

100.6 Noss Hard- the contractor who had been storing plant at the Voss had advised that the digger had gone. It would however be back in the next couple of months to undertake a job on neap tide. The dumper would still be present to deal with a large amount of material coming in for work at Point View between 7th April- Easter. Work on site would then be complete. It had not been possible to keep plant on site as the driveway had been kept clear for deliveries- to keep vehicles off road.

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100.7 Other areas for consideration-

i) Signs- Mr. Lyndon reported the sign at the bus turning bay by Noss Green was disintegrating. It would be reported to DCC Highways.

ii) Noss Green- it was understood a request to SHDC would be made by Mr. and Mrs. Barnett to hold a game of rounders /cricket on Noss Green on Sunday 1st June as part of their son's wedding celebrations involving 40/50 people. Members had no objection to the request.

iii) Defibrillator- it was understood a working group had been formed to seek funding for the placement of defibrillators on Newton hill and Noss Hard.

In committee

100.8 Noss Voss- Mr. Stitson advised that the person who had expressed an interest in maintaining Noss Voss/Pope's Quay was away. He would speak with him before the next Council Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm