

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

Held on 11 April 2013

PRESENT Cllr. Cooper Mr. Cooper Mr. Taylor Mr. Carter Mr. Gough Mr. Lyndon

Mr.Hussell Mrs. Ansell Mr. Matthews Mr.Stitson Mr. Tubb
ALSO
PRESENT

Mrs. McDonough
(Clerk)

3 parishioners were present for part of the Meeting

OPEN FORUM

Police Report-PCSO Potter had made apologies on behalf of himself and P.C. Robert Batchelor. He had sent the following report for March;

Jl/13/206- Theft from motor vehicle. Between 1830 and 2200 on 24th a land rover parked up in The Warren National Trust car park had had its front bumper and winch attachment stolen. Paintwork of the vehicle had also been damaged.

Disabled Parking- a parishioner requested consideration be given to an allocation for a disabled parking space at the bottom of Newton Hill by Mr. Tubb's The Chemists. The Parishioner was advised that a similar request had been looked at previously, but consideration had been taken of the large turnover of traffic in that area and the possibility that it could be used as permanent disabled parking by residents in the area. The matter would however be put on the Agenda for the first Meeting in May.

74/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- there were apologies for absence from Mr. Barnett.

75/13 MINUTES –the Minutes of the 14 and 28 March Meetings were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

76/13 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED - Members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. None were declared.

77/13 DISPENSATION REQUESTS- none were made.

78/13 PROPOSAL TO VARY THE AGENDA- RESOLVED: To vary the Agenda such that quotes relating to repairs to the bus shelter at Collaton be heard in Committee. (*Vote; Unanimous*)

79/13 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILS

79.1 County Councillor's Report- Cllr. Mumford advised that his report would be short in light of the forthcoming Elections. An apology was offered for the traffic delays in Ermington/Ivybridge **caused** by the contractors having made unagreed diversion arrangements.

79.2 Highways/Transport

i) Butts Park- An update would be sought following the request for a "pinch point.No further action would be undertaken in respect of speeding/ traffic speed data collection.

ii) Playing field- SHDC had advised that the Council would shortly be publishing a series of dog control orders for public consultation. At this stage it was their intention for the generic orders to restrict access to playing pitches when sport was in play & to ensure that dogs were on leads at these times. In respect of fouling the usual penalties would apply. As the orders were to cover the entire District it was not their intention to ban dogs altogether from these areas, however the full responses to the consultation would need to be considered by Members before any final decision was made.

There would be an opportunity for localities to add supplementary legislation to the Council's generic orders and it was via this mechanism that the Parish Council could choose to vary the restrictions in place on the playing field. All parishes would be informed directly once the formal consultation period commenced. It was agreed that the matter should be reviewed once the Parish Council took over ownership.

The Vice Chairman advised that the newly formed football club were due to play a friendly match on 21 April 2013. It was agreed unanimously that there should be no charge made for using the facilities.

79.3 District Councillor's Report- Cllr. Cooper advised that she had arranged a Public Meeting in respect of the planning application made for "Point View" 37/0494/13/F at Newton & Noss Village Hall on 18 April at 2pm.Mr. Dean Kinsella, SHDC Development Control Officer would be attending. Reference was made to several other planning applications in respect of which objections had been raised including "Woodville" and "Myrtle Quay".

A consultation was ongoing in respect of potential Electoral Reform which could see the number of Councillors at SHDC being reduced from 40 to 30.

79.4 SHDC Asset Transfer/Parish Asset Land Registration- the Clerk had received the contract documentation from Trobridges that afternoon. It was agreed that the Clerk would review the documents which would then be passed to the working group to review.

79.5 Village Housing Initiative- the Chairman advised that SHDC were maintaining that construction would commence in the summer.

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79.6 SHDC Public Conveniences- SHDC had advised that it had taken tough budget decisions in recent weeks. The public toilet service, a discretionary service provided across the South Hams, cost around £800,000 p.a. to deliver. A decision had been taken to look at the level of provision in this service area, with a 4 month seasonal closure of all public conveniences outside of the 7 largest towns and villages in the South Hams, planned from autumn 2014. The closures would help to achieve a saving in the region of £80,000. This amount would equate to a rise in Council Tax of approximately 1.5%. The Council had agreed that any savings should not be realised until 2014/15, after due consideration of the service with localities. It was hoped that the long lead time would allow detailed discussions to take place with parishes who wished to consider the potential localisation of the service. The timeframe would also allow for Parish Councils to accommodate any service costs which they might wish to take on through their precept in 2014/15. It was agreed that the Clerk would make enquiries with Yealmlton Parish Council as to their Public WC cleaning arrangements and with SHDC as to the potential costs of keeping the Public WC's in Newton & Noss open over the proposed 4 month seasonal closure period.

80/13 PLANNING

80.1 Meetings - Point View 37/0494/13/F – a public meeting had been scheduled for 18 April 2013. *Min 79.3 refers.*

80.2 Consultation- SHDC Interim Planning Guidance for Prospective Developers: Renewable Energy. The guidance did not set out how much renewable energy would be permitted but did set out in detail the planning considerations developers would have to take into account. It was agreed the Clerk, in conjunction with Mr. Matthews, should respond to the consultation to the effect that the Parish Council welcomed the guidance and considered it to be well written and thought through.

81/13 ADMINISTRATION

81.1 End of Year Accounts- the accounts for year 2012/2013 had been finalised and the final bank reconciliation performed. The accounts and supporting documentation had been inspected by the Chairman and were to be passed to Mr. Carter. It was hoped the Accounts and Annual Return could be placed for approval by the Council at 25 April Meeting. The internal audit was due to be undertaken by Mr. Ken Abraham on 28 May 2013. The Annual Return was due to be submitted to Grant Thornton for the Audit Commission by 10 June 2013.

81.2 Annual Parish Meeting- it was agreed that in light of poor attendance figures over the past few years, that the Annual Parish Meeting would, in future, take place before a routine Parish Council Meeting.

82/13. CONSULTATION/CORRESPONDENCE

82.1 Broken Way- it was understood that whilst the bench and “private” signs had been removed, the fencing remained. It was agreed the Clerk should write a further letter to the parishioner concerned, thanking him for the removal of the benches and signs, but reminding him to remove the fencing.

82.2 Neighbourhood Watch- a parishioner had raised concern at the Annual Parish Meeting to the effect that the number of Neighbourhood Watch co coordinators in the Parish had fallen, with there being none in Noss Mayo.

82.3 Community Safety Forum Event – no Members were available to attend on 25 April 2013

82.4 Western Power Distribution- no Members were available to attend the stakeholder workshop.

82.5 Electoral review of South Hams- consultation had commenced to propose a new pattern of warding arrangements for SHDC based upon a council size of 30 Councillors. The Local Government Boundary Commission would make recommendations on the number of Councillors, the number and boundaries of wards, and the names of wards. It could also recommend changes to the electoral arrangements of Town and Parish Councils such as the number, names and boundaries of parish wards, and the number of parish councillors for each parish ward. This would only be in circumstances where the parished area was to be divided between wards. The Commission could not, as part of this review, consider changes to the external boundaries of a parish, or create new parishes. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the consultation advising that the local District Councillor for Newton & Noss was very much valued and that the Parish Council would wish to retain its own District Councillor for the Parish.

82.6 Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) - the new arrangements were noted.

82.7 Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner- it was agreed to review rescheduling the talk, following its cancellation for the Annual Parish Meeting, for the following year.

82.8 Grant application- for sponsorship for Camps International Trip to Tanzania. The Parish Council Members felt that they did not have the power to give financial assistance to an individual for the purpose of a charitable outreach programme abroad.

83/13 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS – Cheque payments were authorised and signed in accordance with the schedule prepared by the Clerk, checked by Mr. Lyndon and listed in Minute 84/13.

84/13 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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| Santander Current Account : | Total balance at 1.04.13 | £57433.47 |
| The balance includes: Hedge Cutting Bond | | £3000 |
| Monies held on completion of Newton & Noss Play Park Improvement Project | | £36.02 |

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The following cheques were authorised totalling:

£1744.31

| Chq No | PAYEE | | AMOUNT |
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| 1628 | Newton & Noss Village Hall | Hire- NNPC Meeting 11 April 13 | £20.00 |
| 1629 | Newton & Noss Village Hall | Hire- NNPC Meeting 25 April 13 | £20.00 |
| 1630 | J Allen | Cleaning: Noss Voss & Popes Quay March 2013 | £50.00 |
| 1631 | S.McDonough | Net salary-March | £1,106.20 |
| 1632 | HM Revenue & Customs | Clerks monthly Tax & National Insurance | £263.12 |
| 1633 | S.McDonough | Reimbursement: postage and replacement office telephone | £154.99 |
| 1634 | NALC | LCR renewal subscription | £16.00 |
| 1635 | M.Hingston | Newton Voss & steps cleaning March 2013 | £82.00 |
| 1636 | D. Goodchild | Grass cutting: The Green 6 & 20 March 13 | £32.00 |
| | | Total | £1,744.31 |

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

85/13. MEETINGS ATTENDED:

85.1 Harbour Authority- Mr. Carter advised that the contractors on behalf of South West Water had improved the surfaces of the foreshores at Noss Hard and by The Brook. Engineers had been working the previous day blasting through the pipes from the Harbour Office to Kiln Quay. The Harbour Mater had reported a leak by Pope's Quay. The RYHA Annual Meeting was due to take place the following month. It had been quiet on the water due to the adverse weather.

85.2 Halls- Mrs. Ansell and the Vice Chairman advised there had been no meetings of the Newton & Noss Village Hall/WI Hall committees.

85.3 I & DALC Clerks' Meeting-

A representative from DCC Highways department had been present and had advised of the following;

i) Lengthsmen- there were now 6 extra Lengthsmen countywide. In the South Hams area there were 2 gangs of 2 men. The Parish should have 5 visits p.a. With the extra Lengthsmen the Parish may get a couple of extra visits each year.

ii) Buddle holes- the representative had been asked to provide a map of buddle holes, gulleys and drains for each Parish. He had advised that the frequency of gulley emptying may decrease- there had been no reduction in budget but there had been an increase in costs.

iii) Land slippage- if embankments had a retaining impact on the highway, then DCC would be interested in effecting repairs in the case of land slip. If a tree slipped and there were repeated events, then the landowner could be charged.

iv) Traffic Regulation Orders- there was little or no money available in the budget. Unless there was a safety issue, Parishes would have to fund applications themselves.

v) Grit bins- five were on order.

vi) Forward programming –the representative had been asked if he could forward works planned for the parishes for the year.

vii) Grass cutting- South West Highways were reducing cuts of highway verges in "urban" areas from 6 p.a. to 4 p.a. All visibility splays would be cut once a year unless there were safety issues. Weed spraying would only be undertaken in town centres and high use areas.

Planning-the Clerk to Wembury Parish Council had advised that a development had been planned for 26 houses in respect of which the Parish council had spent a year talking to the contractor. Taylor Wimpey had now put in an application with little consultation for 48 houses which would result in more than a 10% increase in house numbers for the Parish. Reference had been made to appealing any refusal of the planning application on the basis that SHDC had not secured sufficient land for development over the next 5 years. The site was outside the LDF.

The Yealmpton Clerk advised that 100 houses were to be built bringing up the house numbers to 2000.

Bigbury Parish Council Clerk had suggested that the District council were now viewing planning applications for temporary /seasonal structures as "permanent".

86/13 MAINTENANCE

86.1 Invoices - none received.

86.2 SWW – May Gurney had reported that the sewer replacement works at Newton Ferrers were now complete i.e. the 300 meter section of pipe-work and associated manholes from the Reading Rooms to the Slipway off Riverside Road East. The project had gone well which, May Gurney had suggested, was a credit to all the team concerned and the cooperation and help shown by the local community.

South West Water would continue to monitor the sewer network in the area and address any issues that arose.

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86.3 Annual Footpath Inspection- Mr. Taylor advised that a young parishioner had volunteered to help with the inspections as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Mr. Taylor would check the position and advise the Council if there were any additional paths to be inspected.

86.4 Annual Asset Inspection- schedules had been circulated to Members for completion.

86.5 Leas/Cinder Path- no further update had been received.

86.6 Christmas lights- Mr. Hussell advised that a brief meeting had taken place with a local electrician who had offered to speak with a lighting company regarding options for lighting the trees at The Green for Christmas.

86.7 Other areas for consideration-

i) The Vice Chairman requested that a report be made to DCC Highways requesting some attention be given to diverting water runoff from Parsonage Road to the drains to avoid silt build up at the bus stop by the Polloxfen Archer fountain.

ii) Mr. Hussell requested that DCC Highways review overgrown hedges along Bridgend Hill between "Barnicott" and Yealm View Road.

iii) The Chairman advised that Mr. Paul Taper from SHDC was to speak with DCC Highways to undertake a dye test to establish drain clearance by Court Farm on Court Road.

In committee

86.8 Bus Shelter- Collaton-three quotes had been sought and one received for repairs to the broken Perspex window. The quote received had made provision for replacement by Perspex only and had not quoted for replacement by wood as requested. It was agreed the clerk should contact the contractor and request for a quote for wood.

The Meeting closed at 8.25pm