

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

Held on 11 October 2012

PRESENT Cllr. Cooper Mr. Cooper Mr. Taylor Mr. Carter Mr. Gough
Mr.Hussell Mr. Tubb Mr. Barnett Mr. Stitson Mr. Lyndon
ALSO Mrs. McDonough
PRESENT (Clerk)
3 parishioners were present for part of the Meeting

OPEN FORUM

Police Report-PCSO Potter and PC Batchelor had sent apologies.

South West Water-Mr. Geoffery Rogers South West Water project manager for the pending proposed work at Newton Creek made a report to the Parish Council.

Work had been undertaken on the system the week of 1 October including jetting under an emergency Marine Management Organisation (MMO) Licence.

Section 1-Bridgend to a point 150m to the east of the Newton/Noss Voss-there had been good CCTV footage which was being reviewed to see if repairs were necessary.

Section 2-150m to the east of the Newton/Noss Voss towards Newton Voss-this section was badly scaled and it appeared likely that the pipe work would need to be relaid. It was hoped to add this to the work already scheduled.

Section 3-Newton/Noss Voss-the pipes were badly silted up. It was hoped to jet out the pipes the week commencing 15 October. Approximately a week would be spent trying to clear it. It was felt the pipe work condition was likely to be satisfactory and that problems had been caused by sediment build up.

Section 4 Newton/Noss Voss (Noss Side) to Bridgend-CCTV footage had shown the pipe work to be badly scaled. There was tidal ingress into the pipes although the exact location had not yet been identified. Bubbling was a symptom. Work would commence week of 29 October 2012.

Section 5 Newton/Noss Voss- Noss Voss-some of the pipes required attention. It was hoped to jet out the pipes week commencing 29 October followed by CCTV. Further action would be considered once the results had been reviewed.

Section 6-Reading Rooms- Newton/Noss Voss- a new system was being designed which it was hoped would be completed by the end of the week. A licence application had been submitted to the MMO which usually took 10-12 weeks to approval; however it was hoped to obtain it within 5 weeks. If so work should start by the end of November. With the severe restrictions in tidal working the scheduled completion was likely to be the end of March 2013. Adverse weather or other unforeseen issues could affect this)

This section of work would replace the existing 150mm iron pipe work with a fully sealed plastic system with plastic piping, flanges, and manholes. The materials and design had been selected to aid construction in the restricted tidal windows and estuary. A short section near the reading rooms would be constructed 'on line' and would therefore require temporary over pumping.

Cllr Mumford asked if there had been concerns about the speed of response from the MMO and whether either he or Cllr Cooper could, as local influence, write to the MMO to hasten the process. Mr. Rogers advised that the MMO had been cooperative.

Mr. Hussell asked if the section of the pipe work from Kiln Quay to the Yealm Hotel would be looked at as residents with shoreside properties had been reporting bubbling for between three and four years. Mr. Rogers would find out. Mr. Carter asked Mr. Rogers if a weeks notice of the work could be given to the Harbour Master to enable boats to be cleared.

Mr. Rogers was thanked by the Council for coming to the Meeting and keeping the Parish Council updated. It was agreed he would present an update to the Council at their Meeting in December.

214/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- there were apologies for absence from Mr. Matthews and Mrs. Ansell.

215/12 MINUTES –the Minutes of the 11 September Meeting were confirmed and signed as a correct record save for an amendment to Min.192/12 to reflect Mr. Tubb had also declared an interest in Briar Hill Farm planning application.

216/12 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 Bishops Court. The Council was waiting to hear from SHDC Monitoring Officer regarding the arrangements for displaying Members' Registers of Interests. In light of the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 it was agreed that arrangements would be made to display the Registers of Interests and Amendments thereto on the Parish Council website. Members signatures would be masked to preserve personal security.

217/12 PROPOSAL TO VARY THE AGENDA – RESOLVED: items relating to consideration of tenders to repair Bridgend Wall should be considered in Committee. (Vote: Unanimous)

1/11October2012.....Chairman

218/12 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILS

218.1 County Councillor's Report; Cllr. Mumford made a report in respect of the following;

- i) New England Quarry-** Viridor was due to be submitting their final planning application at the end of the month. Cllr. Mumford would circulate his response which he would be sending to the development Control Committee. The Environment Agency had issued their recommendation to issue a permit- but it was understood the representative who had made the report had not made a site visit.
- ii) Puslinch Bridge-**work had taken longer than anticipated due to the scouring being worse than first envisaged. Mr. Richard Yonge, the landowner, had undertaken significant woodland clearance on Puslinch Hill.
- iii) Warren Point Steps-** if the TAP funding application was successful, the repairs should proceed.
- iv) Flood Clinics-** it was hoped all would be completed by the end of November. The Environment Agency was undertaking the clinic for Yealmpton.
- v) Bishops Court-** Cllr. Mumford and Cllr. Cooper had met with Signpost Housing Association regarding maintenance issues. Signpost had responded positively. They would be carrying out maintenance work and would write to the owner of 2 Church Park Road to request work be undertaken to trim back the Eucalyptus Trees to improve the quality of light for the Bishops Court residents. The owner of "Wisteria House" had written to the Council in December 2011 to confirm that the Buddleia to the south of Bishops Court would be trimmed back annually. There would be a second meeting in November/December.
- vi) Noss Mayo Road closure-**the section of road from the hairpin bend on Revelstoke Road to Junket Corner was scheduled for resurfacing.
- vii) Widey Hill-** Cllr Mumford was waiting to hear from DCC Highways regarding bank erosion and road markings.
- viii) Road adjacent to Big Slip Quay-** Cllr Mumford would make enquiries to establish ownership.
- ix) Coombe Down-** gulley clearance had been undertaken.
- x) Butts Park-** speed checking equipment was currently on rotation. Preparation work ready for installation had been undertaken.

218.2 DCC /Active Devon grant funding projects

- i) Active Devon-** the funding opportunity had been advertised within the Parish. New Noss Adventurers had responded but it appeared they would be unlikely to be able to satisfy the funder's requirements for 100 registrations. No other suggestions had been put forward.
- ii) Locality Budget/Invest in Devon-** the funding available had been advertised to the Parish. It was agreed to put the matter back to the next Meeting.

218.3 Highways/Transport

- i) Snow Warden-** Mr. Gough and Mr. Matthews were due to prepare the plan in conjunction with the Snow Warden.
- ii) Towable gritter-** Mr. Barnett confirmed that his insurance renewal included coverage for towing a trailer. It was agreed that he would obtain specific confirmation, in writing, that the policy would cover a towable gritter. The cost of a Fuji towable gritter was now £1495 plus VAT. Members were advised that Mr. Simon Cawse had offered storage facilities.
- ii) Butts Park-** a Butts Park resident had made contact with the Council following a request in the Parish Magazine for residents to refrain from parking on the pavements which obstructed pedestrian access. The resident had advised that the reason for parking on the pavement was in the interests of protecting their vehicles from speeding cars using Parsonage Road. PCSO Potter had advised that he had ordered some warning leaflets and would visit the area following his return from holiday on 19 October.

218.4 District Councillor's Report- Cllr. Cooper had no report.

218.5 SHDC Asset Transfer/Parish Asset Land Registration- an update had been requested from Trobridges and was awaited. The Chairman advised that she had spoken to the solicitor from Trobridges, who had conduct of the matter, and had been told that completion of the proposed SHDC land assets was 2- 3 weeks away.

218.6 Community Orchard- the Clerk advised that the Community Orchard Group had held a meeting and had suggested revised arrangements for the "Apple Day"- taking on board some Members' concerns about utilisation of public monies. The group had suggested using a company called "A Touch of the Wild" who could conduct apple cooking over a fire bowl. The area would be fenced off and the company had their own Public Liability Insurance. There would be apple tree pruning and weeding and a local herbalist would also be present. The Parish Council agreed to the proposed revised arrangements

218.7 Village Housing Initiative- Cllr. Jonathan Hawkins had agreed, in the summer, to attend a Parish Council Meeting in autumn to provide an update. The Clerk had emailed Cllr. Hawkins on 17 September with suggested dates for attendance but had not received a response. Members were entirely unhappy that Cllr. Hawkins had failed to respond and instructed the Clerk to write to Cllr. John Tucker to advise him as such.

218.8 Community Life Stakeholder Meeting- no Members were available to attend on 23 October.

219/12 PLANNING

Certificate of Lawfulness

219.1 11 Court Farm Cottage 37/2093/12/CLE-Certificate of Lawful Development for existing use of building as separate dwelling. Some Members were aware that the property had been a separate building since 1986. RESOLVED: To support the the claim that the building had been used as a separate residential building in excess of the last four years. (Vote: 8 in favour, 2 abstentions)

2/11October2012.....Chairman

Correspondence

219.2 Caulston Farm, Noss Mayo 37/2106/12/F- the applicant had invited Members of the Parish Council to visit the site to look at the logic and methodology used on the farm. The Council's decision in respect of the application had been made and SHDC had been notified. It was agreed unanimously to thank the applicant for his invitation but to decline.

220/12 CONSULTATION/CORRESPONDENCE

220.1 Climate Local Initiative- it was agreed to consider the issue at the next Meeting. **Agenda November.**

220.2 Community Right to Bid- the principles and implications were outlined to the Council by the Clerk. Members considered that it could interfere with private enterprise. RESOLVED: To take no action in respect of the Community Right to Bid Scheme at this time. (*Vote: 7 in favour, 3 abstentions*)

221/12 ADMINISTRATION

221.1 Standing orders/financial regulations/Code of Conduct- Agenda November.

221.2 Dispensation requests- a response was awaited from SHDC Monitoring Officer following the Parish Council's query as to procedure. In light of the recent submission of amendments to Members' Registers of Interests in respect of mooring holdings, the Monitoring Officer had suggested this was a matter in respect of which a dispensation could be sought. **Agenda November**

221.3 Bishops Court- a further meeting with Signpost had been arranged to follow up on maintenance concerns (*Min 281.1 refers*). Concerns regarding security of the consulting room raised by Yealm Medical centre had been raised with Signpost. The amalgamation of the Signpost with Spectrum to form Spectrum Housing Group was noted. It was agreed to monitor the effect. Yealm Medical centre had requested a new Licence for the consulting room following the retirement of Dr. Toynton from the practice. RESOLVED: To approve the new Licence with Yealm Medical Centre and to authorise the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign the same. (*Vote: 9 in favour, 1 abstention*)

221.4 Budget 2013/2014- it was agreed arrangements would be made for a meeting of the budget working group to begin considerations. Suggestions for future spending plans/contingency allowances to be included in the budget provision were made including SHDC land asset transfer considerations, Butts Park play park improvements, Sports Pavilion improvements and access arrangements to Butts Park playing field.

221.5 Parish Council website- work was necessary to be undertaken to ensure the website was "Cookie" compliant. The website manager had quoted one and a half hours work. RESOLVED; to authorise further work to be undertaken to ensure Cookie Compliance. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

221.6 Travel expenses- RESOLVED: to authorise the Vice Chairman's travel expenses claim in the sum of £36.00 covering period 18 January -19 September 2012. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

221.7 Telephone/ internet arrangements-details of British Telecom's offers for three year line rentals for Bishops Court / Clerk's office lines and Broadband were considered. RESOLVED: To authorise the Clerk to enter into three year line rental agreements for Bishops Court / the Clerk's office and to arrange for transfer of Broadband arrangements for the Clerk's Office with British Telecom. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

222/12 GRANT APPLICATIONS

222.1 Brooking Down Woods-details of the Brookings Down Wood Committee's grant application were considered. RESOLVED: To make a grant of £350 towards Brooking Down Woods Public Liability Insurance. (*Vote: 9 in favour, 1 abstention*)

222.2 New Noss Adventurers- details of the application for grant funding towards subsidising the costs of activities were considered. New Noss Adventurers had submitted a breakdown of the events proposed and costings. RESOLVED; To make a grant of £350 subject to New Noss Adventurers providing confirmation of how the money had been sent, copy invoices, how many children had been involved and inclusivity. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

223/12 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Arrangements for attendance at the Remembrance Day Service were considered. Members raised concerns regarding the reserved seating for Primary School Children the previous year, when other parishioners who had been in need of seating had nowhere to sit. It was agreed Mr. Taylor would speak with the Chairman of the Yealm Branch of the British Legion. RESOLVED: to make a grant to the Royal British Legion by means of a donation and wreath in the sum of £100 (*Vote: Unanimous*)

224/12 MEETINGS ATTENDED:

224.1 Harbour Authority-Mr. Carter advised that the new pontoons were to be viewed the following Monday. On Tuesday a Meeting was to be held regarding ratings. The owner of a boat left at the Malthouse Slip had been asked to remove it.

224.2 Halls- there were no reports

224.3 Community Council of Devon- Rural Futures; Working Together Conference- the Chairman had attended. Discussions had taken place regarding Community Land Trusts.

224.4 Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm- Mrs. Sarah Roe had advised that the group were interviewing for a coordinator. The group was almost half way there in funding terms to employ a coordinator for two years.

225/12. 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 226/12.

226/12 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Santander Current Account :	Total balance at 1.10.12	£70248.04
The balance includes: Hedge Cutting Bond		£3000
Half year Precept		£19622.50
Monies held on completion of Newton & Noss Play Park Improvement Project		£36.02

The following cheques were authorised totalling: £1645.16

Chq No	PAYEE		AMOUNT
1556	Newton & Noss Village Hall	Hire NNPC Meeting 11 October 2012	£20.00
1557	Newton & Noss Village Hall	Hire- NNPC Meeting 25 October 2012	£20.00
1558	J Allen	Cleaning: Noss Voss & Popes Quay September 12	£50.00
1559	S.McDonough	Net salary-September	£1,082.16
1560	S.McDonough	Reimbursement expenses: stationery	£11.30
1561	Signpost Housing Association Ltd	Rent & Service charges October 2012	£301.70
1562	A. Cooper	Travel expenses 18/1/12-19/9/12	£36.00
1563	M.Hingston	Cleaning: Newton Voss & steps September 12	£124.00
		Total	£1,645.16

*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments:£00.00 Total to date;£999.02

227/12. MAINTENANCE

227.1 Noss Hard signs – Mr. Stitson agreed to fix the tidal warning/boat parking signs.

227.2 Tennis Courts- it was agreed the matter would need to be reviewed following the conclusion of the proposed SHDC land asset transfer.

227.3 SWW- the update from Mr. Rogers was noted. It was agreed the Clerk would thank him for attending. Members considered a letter from SHDC, Environmental Health and Housing re Bathing Water Designation. It was agreed to contact SHDC advising that the Parish Council did not wish to take further action in this respect at this time.

227.4 Casa Del Rio- it was agreed the Clerk would write to the owner requesting an update on the requested reduction in fence heights.

227.5 Invoices - no invoices had been received for repairs to a bench at Kilpatrick's and Butts Park bus shelter.

227.6 Other areas for consideration- the Chairman agreed to advise SHDC of a broken urinal in the Noss Mayo Public Conveniences. The Clerk confirmed that potential maintenance concerns re Point Steps had been referred to SHDC.

In Committee

227.7 Bridgend Wall- Members considered tenders received for replacement of capping stones. RESOLVED: To accept the quotation from Mr Brian Hockaday in the sum of £175. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

The Meeting closed at 9.15pm