

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

**Held on 12 February 2015**

PRESENT Mr. Cooper Mr. Tubb Mr. Matthews Mr. Lyndon Mr. Stitson  
ALSO Miss. Cove Mr. Carter Mr. Hussell  
PRESENT 7 Parishioners Mrs. McDonough  
(Clerk)

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

**OPEN FORUM**

**Overcreek House, Revelstoke Road** -a neighbouring resident spoke in respect of his objections to the proposed development primarily on the basis of loss of privacy, overlooking, overbearing, impact, residential amenity and loss of sunlight. It was suggested that this would set a precedent for changing the roofline along Revelstoke Road and would have “knock on” consequences for the property owners behind.

**Development site at Little Beacon, Middle Leigh**-the architect spoke in support of the application. The application for a bungalow had been subject to prior discussions with SHDC Planning Department. Neighbours were generally in support of the application one of whom had written a letter in support. The bungalow was traditional in appearance and complied with planning policies.

**Proposed development site at SX 5423 4823 Beacon Hill**- the architect advised of the modest proposal for a single storey dwelling, set low in the landscape, directly on the site of a chicken shed which complied with planning policies. The architect had written to all the neighbours and had offered to speak with them individually but had received no response. He had subsequently spoken to one neighbour whom he was aware did not wish the development to go ahead. The architect suggested that it would not set a precedent rather it was an exception. It would be on the site of a previous farm building with light industrial use. The chicken shed site and the remaining field were not in the same policy. Half the land would be laid to wild meadow with a covenant for no caravans. The whole length of the plot would be designated natural habitat and dedicated to non-domestic use. The concrete area on which the chicken shed had been situated would not be extended. A barn type building would be built on the existing concrete area. The architect confirmed, upon being asked, that the site was outside the Development Boundary but suggested Development Boundaries no longer existed under the new National Planning Policy Framework. The application was also for change of use from agricultural to residential. He was aware of two letters of objection- of the 8 points raised six related to future development.

**Toad Hall 28B & Coach House 28C Court Road**- the architect briefly outlined the nature of the application. The planning officer had been to the site. There would be a new access way for the parking space. Highways and the planning department had been satisfied. Both properties would have parking.

**Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo Parish Council Police Report January 2015**

PCSO 30540 Andrew Potter had sent apologies.

Newton Ferrers-January1<sup>st</sup>, report of a dog not under proper control. Dog bite on person. Dealt with by way of restorative justice. [cr/000304/15]

Noss Mayo -between 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> outboard motor stolen from moored boat [cr/002840/15]

**24/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**- there were apologies from the Chairman, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Ansell.

**25/15 MINUTES** –the Minutes of the 8 January Meeting were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**26/15 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED** - members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. Mr. Matthews declared an interest in the proposed development site at SX 5423 4823 Beacon Hill, 37/0176/15/F. Mr. Hussell declared an interest in 79 Court Road 37/0110/15/F.

**27/15 DISPENSATION REQUESTS**- none.

**28/15. VARIATION OF AGENDA**- RESOLVED; Consideration of a quotation for additional drainage work should be considered in Committee. (*Vote; Unanimous.*)

**29/15. COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILS**

**29.1 District Councillor’s Report**- Cllr. Keith Baldry thanked the Parish Council for the invitation to the Meeting.

**i) Council Tax**-SHDC intended to have a 0% increase for their part of Council Tax. It was not known whether there would be any increase on the part of Devon County Council/Police Authority.

**ii) Staff**- Alan Robinson had left SHDC. As from Friday there would be two joint executive directors- Steve Jordan and Sophie Hosking. There would be a 23% reduction in administrative staff- particularly within planning. The consequent loss of continuity was of some concern.

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iii) **Affordable Housing**- the housing list categories were divided into categories A-E. Category A- there was nobody in the South Hams living on the streets. Category B- 185, Category C- 236, Category D- 544, Category E- 1267. Category E was classed as no housing need. There had been discussions about removing this category.

iv) **Planning**- Cllr. Baldry would be attending the Development Management Committee Meeting and hoped to represent the Parish Council's view in respect of development proposals for 97 Court Road.

v) **Village Housing Initiative**- he had been advised that matters had progressed a little. The landowner had signed the Land Transfer Agreement but it would not be released until changes had been made to the land drainage proposals.

vi) **Chelson Meadow**- South Hams residents were not permitted to use the site. Cllr. Baldry suggested that Plymouth City Council could have welcomed garden waste from which they could derive income. It was understood that although the site had been funded by the "old" Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council 's position was that South Hams residents could not use the site unless Devon County Council paid a contribution of £70,000. It was a matter for the County Councillor to raise with Devon County Council.

**29.2 County Councillors Report**- Cllr. Hosking had not yet arrived.

**29.3 Devon County Council Tough Choices**- the public transport consultation was discussed and the impact upon proposed reductions to No 94 and No 93 services. It was proposed to reduce the number of No 94 trips from 5-3. Mr. Lyndon advised that the No 94 was packed in the winter. People used the 10am bus to get to Yealm Medical Centre and to go to the Broadway catching the return bus which left Plymouth at 10.50am. Senior Citizens could not use their bus passes until after 9.30am. It was a well-used service. Cllr Baldry suggested the proposed savings were minimal. He raised the possibility of a feeder service to coincide with the No 93. **RESOLVED**; to oppose the proposed cuts. *(Vote; Unanimous)*. Mr. Lyndon would prepare reasons for objection which would then be submitted by the Clerk.

#### **29.4 Highways/Transport:**

i) **Signage**- costs details for warning signs by Butts Park playing field were awaited from DCC Highways.

ii) **Community Road Warden Scheme**-details had been circulated to the Parish Council database and in the Parish Magazine. No volunteers had come forward. It was suggested Devon County Council's budget was likely to be reduced from 610 million to 400 million in the next financial year. Any increase in Council Tax was likely to be capped at 2% to avoid a referendum.

iii) **Yealm Road collapsed drain**- had been reported by a Yealm Road resident and would also be reported by the Clerk.

**29.5 Locality Budget proposals**- the Vice Chairman had sent off for a play equipment brochure with a view to looking at new equipment for Butts Park play park. Cllr. Cooper had been asked to confirm the sums available from her Locality Budget. Cllr. Baldry was asked to find out how much remained. The County Councillor had asked for projects to be submitted for consideration.

*Cllr. Baldry was thanked for attending the Meeting and left.*

**29.6 SHDC Asset Transfer/Parish Asset Land Registration**- the Transfer and Deed of Surrender had been received from Curtis Whiteford Crocker and reviewed by the Clerk. Mr. Matthews would check the documentation. **RESOLVED**: To authorise the Chairman and Vice Chairman, and in the absence of either Mr. Matthews, to sign the Transfer Deed for the transfer of South Hams District Council land assets to the Parish Council and the Deed of Surrender of the lease of Noss Play Park to the Parish Council. *(Vote; unanimous)*

### **30/15. PLANNING**

#### **Planning applications received including**

**30.1 Priors Hill, Stoke Road 37/0117/15/F**-householder application for conversion of garage to habitable space, extension of front terrace and internal remodel. Application affected the setting of a Conservation Area. Application affected the setting of a Listed Building. Affected a public footpath or right of way. **DECISION**; No objection subject to adequate provision for off road parking for the dwelling. *(Vote; unanimous.)*

**30.2 79 Court Road 37/0110/15/F**-householder application for construction of rear decking. Mr. Hussell advised that he had objected to the application but was in discussions with the applicants with whom it was hoped to come to an agreement. *Mr. Hussell left the Meeting.* **DECISION**; Objection- loss of privacy. The neighbour's objection was supported. The Parish Council understood the applicants were discussing matters with the neighbour and hope that it was resolved satisfactorily. *(Vote; 4 in favour, 3 abstentions.)* *Mr Matthews left the Meeting. Mr Hussell returned to the Meeting.*

**30.3 Proposed development site at SX 5423 4823 Beacon Hill, 37/0176/15/F**-change of use of land from agriculture to residential (C3) and erection of single storey dwelling. **DECISION**; Objection.

1. Change of use from agricultural to residential.

2. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

3. Outside the Development Boundary. *(Vote; 2 in favour of objecting, 5 abstentions.)* *Mr .Matthews returned to the Meeting.*

**30.4 Development site at Little Beacon, Middle Leigh, 37/0144/15/F** -erection of 1no. bungalow with 2no. bedrooms in roof space and associated works. **DECISION**; No objection. *(Vote; unanimous.)*

**30.5 Overcreek House, Revelstoke Road 37/0156/14/F**-householder application for vertical extension to provide second floor to dwelling. Application affected the setting of a Conservation area. Affected the setting of a Listed

Building. It was understood the proposed building was within the Development Boundary. The Council noted the neighbours' objections. DECISION; Objection.

1. Overdevelopment.

2. The Parish Council supported the neighbours' objections. *(Vote; unanimous.)*

**30.6 Toad Hall 28B & Coach House 28C Court Road 37/0221/15/F**-division of 1no. dwelling to 2no. single dwellings and formation of 1no. on-site parking space and access. Affected the setting of a Listed Building. The Parish Council considered the loss of on road parking. There had been one letter in support and one letter of objection. DECISION; No objection. *(Vote; 6 in favour, 1 objection, 1 abstention.)*

**30.7 Neighbourhood Plan**- the Grant Administrator for the Community Development Foundation had confirmed that the bridging grant was for Newton and Noss Parish Council and that Newton & Noss parish Council was the applicant. The Vice Chairman had authorised the Clerk to obtain advice from the Society for Local Council Clerks which had been circulated to the Members. Hoot Media had confirmed that the agreement was between Newton & Noss Neighbourhood Plan and Hoot Media, not the Parish Council.

It was agreed to record that Newton & Noss Parish Council had not submitted the funding application, was not subject to the funder's terms and conditions, had not authorised the grant acceptance, had not received the grant monies, had not taken part in any negotiations with Hoot Media nor was a party to the contract for the Neighbourhood Plan website. RESOLVED: to write to the funding body/CDF explaining the situation for their administration purposes. To advise that Newton & Noss Parish Council instigated the Newton & Noss Parish Plan and were in the process of setting up a Steering Group to take the plan forward. The application for funding had been made by Mr. Pritchard, rather than by the Parish Council. The Parish Council had not authorised the application, grant acceptance and had not received the grant monies. The grant had been paid to the RYDA which had no legal connection to Newton & Noss Parish Council. The Parish Council anticipated considering, authorising and submitting an application for funding for the Newton & Noss Neighbourhood Plan in the new financial year. *(Vote; Unanimous)*

RESOLVED: to write to the Chairman of the RYDA to advise that funding for the Neighbourhood Planning exercise was to be applied for and spent with the prior approval of the Parish Council as presaged in the Scoping Study presented to the Parish Council in 2014. *(Vote; Unanimous)*

**30.8 Development Management Committee Meeting**- no Members were available to attend the meeting on 18 February at which development proposals in respect of 97 Court Road were to be considered.

### **31/15 County Councillor's Report**

Cllr. Hosking reported on the following;

**i) Budget**-a certain amount of the budget cuts had been anticipated for the current financial year and had been taken into account including the closure of DCC care homes and moving residents into the private sector. There would be further cuts in the next financial year with an ever tightening belt.

**ii) Public Transport Consultation**- the rationale behind the proposals had been that DCC had identified services where it was costing a large amount per passenger per trip- some up to £20 each per journey. This had been considered unacceptable. The Chairman advised Cllr. Hosking that the No.94 service was well used and considered to be very valuable. The proposed cuts would have a serious effect on the villages including for those who used the service to get to Yealm Medical Centre. Cllr. Hosking suggested one issue was the subsidized bus passes DCC was obliged to provide. In discussions at DCC the amount to subsidise public transport was the same as the amount to subsidise senior persons' bus passes. A Member suggested that people may prefer to pay a little more rather than lose the service. Mr. Lyndon advised that the return trip to Plymouth cost £6.20. On the bus, senior citizens had been discussing paying a contribution of £1 per trip. The Vice Chairman suggested rural communities needed supporting rather than public transport being cut back. Another Member suggested that those who could afford to should pay. If timetables did not work the service would not be used. Reference was made to development proposals at Collaton with a potential for 70 homes. There could be more demand for a regular service. Younger people needed public transport. Cllr. Hosking advised that it was not a foregone conclusion. When DCC retendered, the bus companies could be in a position to reduce costs due to benefitting from reduced fuel costs. A member reiterated the suggestion of a feeder service to Yealmpton to join with the No. 93 service to Plymouth. Members however agreed to object to the proposed cuts first and foremost before exploring alternatives. Cllr. Hosking advised that as many people as possible should respond to the consultation.

**iii) Care Act 2014**- the overlying purpose was to integrate health care and social care more closely to give a smoother transition from hospital to home thereby reducing bed blocking. It was also to help people to remain living at home for as long as possible.

**iv) Renewable Energy** - it was understood the Yealm Environment Group was looking at potential Community Energy projects.

**v) Council Tax**- Cllr. Hosking advised that the increase proposed was close to the cap limit.

**vi) Chelson Meadow**- Cllr. Hosking was advised that the depot at Ivybridge was considered inadequate, inconvenient and too small. The Chairman understood that South Hams residents may be able to use the Chelson Meadow facility if Devon County Council was to pay Plymouth City Council £70,000. The Chairman suggested there was a question as to whether PCC could legally refuse South Hams residents access under the Civic Amenity Act. It was suggested DCC look into this and challenge PCC if appropriate. Cllr. Hosking advised planning permission had been obtained for a new recycling site which would be able to take a wider range of materials.

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vii) **Locality Budget-** Cllr. Hosking advised that he would need a completed application form detailing project costs and how much was being sought by 12 March. He would not have "Invest in Devon" Funding next year.

**32/15 ADMINISTRATION**

**32.1 Asset Register-** a draft had been circulated to Members prior to the Meeting. RESOLVED; to approve the schedule of assets for the purposes of the 2014/2015 audit. (Vote; Unanimous)

**32.2 Standing Orders/Financial Regulations-** had been reviewed by the Clerk and Mr. Matthews and circulated to the Members prior to the Meeting. Members agreed that voting on appointment should be by ballot unless the Council voted otherwise. RESOLVED; to approve and adopt the reviewed Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. (Vote; Unanimous)

**32.3 Annual Parish Meeting-** would be held on 26<sup>th</sup> March at the WI Hall at 6.30pm prior to the Parish Council Meeting. It had been agreed that due to diminishing attendance figures by parishioners, no speaker would be booked.

**32.4 Parish/District Council Elections-**would be held on 7 May 215. SHDC Electoral administration had advised that legislation required that poll cards must be sent out if there was a District Election and that parish/town councils must notify the district council if they wished poll cards to be produced in the event of an uncontested district election. On this occasion poll cards would be sent out for the Parliamentary election and would state that there would also be local elections if contested. SHDC was required to ask parish councils if they wished to have poll cards sent out separately – this cost would have to be met by the parish council. RESOLVED: to notify SHDC that the parish council did not require separate poll cards. (Vote; Unanimous)

**33/15 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 34/15

**34/15 FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

<b>Santander Current Account</b>	:	Total balance at 1.02.15	<b>£55511.05</b>
<b>The balance includes: Hedge Cutting Bond</b>			<b>£3000</b>
<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>£500</b>
<b>The following cheques were authorised totalling:</b>			<b>£2216.42</b>
<b>Chq</b>			<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>		
<b>1903</b>	Newton & Noss Village Hall	Hire fee NNPC Meeting 12 February 2015	£24.00
<b>1904</b>	Newton & Noss Village Hall	Hire fee NNPC Meeting 26 February 2015	£24.00
<b>1905</b>	S. McDonough	Net salary-January & contribution to use of home as office	£1,477.10
<b>1906</b>	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks monthly Tax & National Insurance	£490.84
<b>1907</b>	Information Commissioner	Data protection registration- renewal.	£35.00
<b>1908</b>	Ricoh UK Ltd	Invoice for copies 1/10/14-31/12/14	£28.73
<b>1909</b>	WI Community Hall	Hire fee NNPC Meeting 11 December	£22.00
<b>1910</b>	WI Community Hall	Donation: Christmas Tree*	£25.00
<b>1911</b>	M. Hingston	Newton Voss & steps cleaning January 2015	£82.00
<b>1912</b>	Spectrum Housing Group Ltd	Buildings Insurance 5/11/14-4/11/15;Bishops Court	£7.75
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,216.42</b>
SO	Spectrum Housing Group Ltd	Bishops Court rent February 2014	<b>£342.93</b>

Cheques 1099 and 1100 replace cancelled cheque numbers 1883 and 1885 which had not been received by the recipient (WI Community Hall) through the post.

**35/15 MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

**34.1 Harbour Authority-**Mr. Carter advised that Harbour Mooring Holders Elections were due to be held on 24 February. Four people were standing.

**34.2. Halls-** the Chairman had no report. Mrs. Ansell was away.

**34.3 Super Cluster Meeting** – the Vice Chairman advised that one of the new SHDC joint leaders had attended and advised the meeting that the Council was looking to customer service improvement with locality teams to offer advice and services. TAP funding applications had been determined. Two applications by Bigbury and Cornwood had not been allowed as they were the same as the previous year. Brixton, Wembury and Newton & Noss had been awarded £8000 between the three parishes to undertake minor works to footpaths, verges, channels & signs. The funding would enable a contractor to be employed to carry out these works. Ivybridge Town Council had been awarded £8000 for youth services.

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**35/15. MAINTENANCE**

**35.1 Grass cutting Butts Park-** Mr. Hussell advised that he would like to set up a meeting with SHDC before April with representatives from the Football and Cricket Clubs armed with the fixture lists. Mr. Tubb advised that he had taken over as Treasurer for the Pavilion and that he, Mr. Stitson, Mr. Lyndon, and Mr. Hussell would like to form the maintenance working group for Butts Park playing field and Sports Pavilion together with Mr. John Young, Mr. Josh Dunn ( Football Club) and Mr. Barry Furzeland ( Cricket Club). This was agreed and the Chairman was content to stand down.

**35.2 Noss Hard canoe rack-** Mr. Matthews and Mr. Stitson had both looked at the canoe rack which was considered to be secure and in order.

**35.3 Other areas for consideration-Pope's Quay.** A report had been received of someone slipping on the slipway. The quay was maintained by the Parish Council with a contribution from the RYHA. The Council had decided against undertaking a risk assessment in respect of the quay last year. It was agreed Mr. Stitson would look at the slipway and report back.

**35.4SHDC TAP funding 2013/2014-** the quote sought for potential additional drainage work was awaited.

*The Meeting closed at 9.05pm*