

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

**Held on 12 July 2012**

PRESENT Cllr. Cooper Mr. Cooper Mr. Taylor Mr. Carter Mr. Gough  
Mr. Hussell Mr. Matthews Mrs. Ansell Mr. Stitson Mr. Tubb Mr. Tubb Mr. Barnett  
ALSO Mrs. McDonough  
PRESENT (Clerk)  
1 parishioner was present for part of the Meeting

**OPEN FORUM**

No matters were raised.

**165/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE-** there were no apologies for absence.

**166/12 MINUTES** –the Minutes of the 14 June Meeting were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**167/12 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 matters relating to South West Water including the drains at Bridgend and sewage leaks.

**168/12 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILS**

**168.1 County Councillor's Report;**

**i) Broadband improvement programme-** was now in live procurement and in line with the original programme timetable. It was hoped a contractor would be secured by mid October.

**ii) Funding-** cuts in Local Government funding would involve fundamental changes in the services provided by Devon County Council.

**iii) Local funding-** Cllr. Mumford would be circulating to Parishes details of two sources of funding for which Parish Councils would be eligible to apply. The monies would have to be spent before the end of the calendar year .It was suggested members put forward proposals in September.

**iv) Parking-** DCC Highways Department was speaking to a local landowner regarding permission to place "No Parking" signs at the junction of Hannaford /Revelstoke Road. Cllr. Mumford would speak with the police regarding the pavement at Butts Park being obstructed by parked cars. Cllr. Mumford was also asked about possible reinstatement of 30mph sign at the water tower on Parsonage Road.

**v) Speeding-** the Police had been asked to take speeding enforcement measures along Parsonage Road. Arrangements were in place to provide a temporary flashing sign warning motorists about their speed.

**vi) South West Water-** Cllr. Mumford had been copying the Parish Council in on correspondence with SWW regarding sewage leaking into the River Yealm. Cllr. Mumford was advised of concerns that SWW appeared to be applying temporary repairs rather than long term solutions. Cllr. Mumford advised that SWW were aware of the concerns- including at boardroom level. Cllr Mumford was asked to expedite an invitation to a board member from SWW to come to the Parish to address an Open Meeting.

**vii) Resurfacing-** plans had been made to resurface Revelstoke Rod from Hannaford Lane up to St Peter's Church and then from St Peter's Church to Junket Corner. However the work could be delayed in view of the flooding the previous weekend which would be costing Devon County Council between 5-6 million pounds and in respect of which an application had been made for emergency funding from central Government.

**viii) Road markings-** Cllr. Mumford was asked to report faded road markings at Widey Cross which was causing concern.

**168.2 Highways/Transport** including

**i) Winter Service Review 2012-** it was agreed to delegate responsibility for completing the questionnaire to the Clerk, confirming that the Parish council was not happy with the gritting arrangements and that the Primary Route should include the national bus route.

**ii) Butts Park-** (*min 168.1 refers*)

*Mr. Matthews left the Meeting.*

**iii) Bridgend Hill-** Members considered a suggestion by a parishioner for a drain upgrade by Yealm View Road following concerns of overspill and ice in winter. It was felt that the drain structure was satisfactory but that it did tend fill up, particularly with matter resulting from bank erosion. It agreed the Clerk would contact DCC and ask that the drain be cleared on a regular basis.

*Mr. Matthews returned.*

**iv) Winter weather** – Members considered the purchase of a tow behind gritter. Mr. Barnett agreed to speak with a parishioner regarding a place to store a gritter. Mr. Barnett confirmed that he had been advised by his insurance company that they would insure him to tow a gritter behind his motor vehicle at no extra cost. He would be renewing

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his insurance in September. It was agreed Mr. Barnett would obtain confirmation in writing from his insurers when renewing his policy. The Parish Council agreed in principle to purchase a gritter on being provided with written confirmation of insurance cover and a suitable place being found to store it. It was agreed that it was not necessary to investigate further a potential scheme for supporting older residents in winter weather on the basis that it would be addressed by people assisting voluntarily.

**168.3 District Councillor's Report**-there was no report.

**168.4 SHDC Asset Transfer/Parish land assets**- there was no update in respect of the transfer of SHDC land assets. Trobridges Solicitors had requested site of the title deeds to the Parish land assets before providing a firm costs quotation. It was agreed to authorise the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign a form of authority addressed to Woolcombe Yonge enabling the title deeds to be released to Trobridges.

**168.5 Community Orchard/Noss Play Park Improvement Project**-in accordance with a request from Eden Design, Earth Wrights had provide a quote for potential further improvement work at Noss Play Park-£185 to adjust the entrance to the platform and £485 to attach a ramp with grips and a rope to the side of the platform. RESOLVED: Not to proceed with the further improvement work suggested by the landscape architect Eden Design. (Vote: Unanimous)

**168.6 Village Housing Initiative**- there was no update.

**168.7 Super Cluster Meeting**—the Parish Council's suggestion for an application to the TAP Fund regarding employment of a Community Development Worker for Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm had been received by Cllr Liz Hitchins, Brixton Parish Council and had been supported by Wembury Parish Council.

Wembury Parish Council had suggested a TAP Fund application for the reconstruction of the River Yealm Ferry Steps on the Wembury side. DCC had agreed to carry out the works in September and were looking for a contribution from the National Trust, AONB, RYHA and local Parish Councils. RESOLVED: To support an application to the TAP fund to contribute to repair costs for the River Yealm Ferry Steps. (Vote: Unanimous).

Mr. Cooper would attend the Cluster Meeting on 16 July.

### **169/12 DEMENTIA FRIENDLY PARISHES AROUND THE YEALM-**

The group reported that they had made considerable progress to implement the project which was about helping people with dementia and their carers in the Parishes of Yealmpton, Brixton, Wembury, Newton & Noss and Holbeton to have the support and opportunities they needed from their immediate community. Their aim was to employ a coordinator to work across the five parishes for 2 years to promote socially inclusive dementia friendly communities for people with dementia and their carers around the Yealm. The project was receiving a lot of interest locally and nationally. David Cameron was personally supporting the strategy for dementia friendly communities and at a State of the Nation Conference in London in May he had specifically mentioned the parish project. Their project was directly referred to in *Prime Ministers Challenge on Dementia 2012 -2015, Dementia 2012 – A National Challenge*. Papers about the project were being submitted to an international conference in July and September by the University of Plymouth.

They had formed a separately constituted group known as Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm. They had a Management Committee with a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and had opened a bank account. They were in the process of fund raising £40,000 and were starting to plan for the first year of the project and would be advertising for the post of coordinator in July with a view to the person being in post by October at the latest. They would continue fundraising at the same time. They had raised £15,000 of which of which £10,000 was a grant from Devon County Council. They appreciated the support from all the Parish Councils both from representation at the Committee and their financial contributions to the project.

It was agreed to approach Mrs. Sarah Roe regarding appointment of a new Parish Council representative to the group following the retirement of Mrs. Jo Booth.

### **170/12 PLANNING**

**SHDC planning decisions/withdrawals** the most recent notifications received were noted;

**170.14 Beacon Hill 37/1065/12/F**-householder application for amendment (incorporation of new roof light and associated works) to planning approval 37/0987/11/F for demolition of existing garage and erection of new garage with music room over. **SHDC:** Granted

**170.2 Briar Hill Campsite 37/0386/12/CLE**-application for Lawful Development Certificate for existing use for camping and caravan use of the land. Evidence required to support or refute the claim that the land outlined on the site location plan had been used for the purpose described in excess of the last ten years. **SHDC:** Refused

**170.3 Briar Hill Campsite 37/0387/12/CLE**-application for Lawful Development Certificate for existing use for storage of trailers, boats and caravans. Evidence required to support or refute the claim that the land outlined on the site location plan had been used for the purpose described in excess of the last ten years. **SHDC:** Refused

**170.4 Wind turbines**- correspondence from a concerned parishioner regarding a potential planning application for wind turbines at Caulston Farm was considered. Members were aware that the landowner was considering a potential planning application having raised the possibility in Open Forum at a Meeting on 22 March. The landowner had been advised in Open Forum that SHDC had a policy not to support such applications in an AONB area. Some Members had also indicated that an application of this nature would not be supported by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council had not received notification of any l planning application made by the landowner to date.

## **171/12 CONSULTATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

**171.1 DCC Waste Management Strategy Review 2012-** no response was considered necessary.

**171.2 Climate Local Initiative-** Members considered the Local Government Association initiative to drive, inspire and support council action on a changing climate. It supported Councils' efforts to reduce carbon emissions and to improve resilience to affects of changing climate and extreme weather. It was agreed Cllr Cooper would ascertain what action SHDC were proposing to undertake to see if there was merit in the Parish Council linking in. Members would consider matters and review at the Meeting in September.

**171.3 Communities Together: Localism and You-** no Members were available to attend the conference on 23 July.

## **172/12 ADMINISTRATION**

**Parish Council website usage-** a report had been circulated to Members. Last month, 298 visitors had looked at the website of which 196 visitors were unique. It was agreed Mr Gough would report on website usage quarterly.

**173/12 FOOTPATHS-** Mr. Taylor gave a report of the DCC PROW Committee Meeting 21 June 2012. All four footpaths comprising Pathfields, Kennel Lane, WI Hall and outside Briar Hill farm along Court Road had been unanimously accepted by the Committee. No one had objected. There were twelve potential paths remaining to be considered.

**RESOLVED:** To authorise Mr. Taylor's travel expenses claim to attend the Meeting in the sum of £35.10. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

**174/12. TWINNING** Members agreed to consider a proposal that the Council consider the naming of a suitable road, path or other place in recognition of the Parish's twinning with Trebeurden in Brittany over the summer break. Agenda September.

## **175/12 MAINTENANCE**

**175.1 Newton Voss-**an update regarding cleaning arrangements was noted. The contractor had been hampered by extremely wet weather. It was reported that the contractor had cleaned the Voss very well on the last occasion.

**175.2 Noss Hard signs-** it was agreed Mr. Stitson would collect the signs from the manufacturer and check them.

**RESOLVED:** To authorise payment of the invoice for tidal warning/boat parking signs from Wash N Wax/Signs 4 U in the sum of £278.40 subject to Mr Stitson's satisfactory inspection of the signs. (*Vote: Unanimous*).

**175.3 Tennis Courts-** Mr Barnett gave an update on plans for resurfacing . The Tennis Club had received a letter from Mr Kennerley at SHDC suggested that there may be monies for parish projects from potential planning funds from the Village Housing Initiative. The Tennis Club were however hoping to undertake the work in September/October. The Tennis club had secured most of the funding needed of approximately £17300 plus VAT, but it was anticipated that there would be a shortfall of £3500-£4000.

**RESOLVED:** Subject to being provided with a copy of an updated quotation, to make a grant of £3000 to assist towards the resurfacing costs of Noss Mayo Tennis Courts. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

It was agreed Mr Barnett would speak with SHDC, as landowner, regarding the proposed works and the VAT implications. *Mr Matthews left the Meeting.*

**175.4 SWW-**following the last RYHA meeting, advisory signs had been placed at various locations warning about potential sewage leaks into the River Yealm.SWW had dug out a manhole cover near The Brook but it had been leaking again three days later. SWW/ the Environment Agency had been advised. It was agreed that Cllr Cooper would contact Gary Streeter M.P. to invite South West Water and other relevant authorities to an Open Meeting in the Parish. Parish Council Members wished SWW to define the problem and what SWW intended to do in the short term to prevent people becoming ill and in the long term to resolve the problems permanently with timescales.

*Mr Matthews returned to the Meeting.*

**175.5 Point Steps-** Mr. Taylor and Mr. Carter agreed to conduct an inspection and would report back to the Council.

**175.6 Sports Pavilion-** the risk assessments were with the working group to consider further action. The electrical inspection had been arranged.

**175.7Invoices** - no invoices had been received for routine spring maintenance, repairs to a bench at Kilpatrick's and Butts Park bus shelter repairs.

**175.8 Other areas for consideration-**it was suggested that Members monitor highway drainage issues near Broadmoor Farm.

## **176/12. MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

**176.1 Harbour Authority-** Mr. Carter advised that visitor numbers were down by 30%. Quotes had been received for replacing the pontoons at the Yealm Steps. Quotes were also coming in for piling.

**176.2 Halls-** there had been no meetings.

**177/12 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 178/12.

## **178/12 FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

**Santander Current Account :**

Total balance at 1.07.12

**£58324.07**

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**The balance includes: Hedge Cutting Bond**  
**Monies held on behalf of Newton & Noss Play Park Improvement Project**

**£3000**  
**£224.92**

**The following cheques were authorised totalling:**

**£2360.44**

<b>Chq No</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
1514	WIC Hall	Hire NNPC Meeting 14 June 2012	£22.00
1515	WIC Hall	Hire- NNPC Meeting 28 June 2012	£22.00
1516	J Allen	Cleaning: Noss Voss & Popes Quay June12	£50.00
1517	S.McDonough	Net salary-June	£1,082.36
1518	T. Taylor	Expenses: Travel-DCC PROW meeting 21 June	£35.10
1519	RYHA	Contribution to cleaning :public w.c.s to December 12	£400.00
1520	M.Hingston	Cleaning: Newton Voss & steps 15 June & 4 July	£124.00
1521	S.McDonough	Reimbursement expenses: Stationery	£12.88
1522	D. Goodchild	Grass cutting: The Green 13 & 29 June	£32.00
1523	Signpost Housing Association Ltd	Bishops Court rent & service charges- July 12	£301.70
1524	WASH N WAX	Noss Hard boat parking/tidal warning signs	£278.40
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,360.44</b>

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

*The Meeting closed at 8.35pm*

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