

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

**Held on 13 February 2014**

PRESENT	Cllr. Cooper	Mr. Cooper	Mr. Hussell	Mr. Carter	Mrs. Evans
Mrs. Guy ALSO PRESENT	Mr. Stitson 3 Parishioners	Mr. Matthews	Mr. Taylor	Mr. Tubb	Mr. Lyndon Mrs. McDonough (Clerk)

**OPEN FORUM**

**Police report-** PCSO Potter advised that the following crimes had been reported for January 2014:  
**Newton Ferrers-**JI/14/29;11<sup>th</sup> January. A Public order offence had been dealt with by way of restorative justice.

**Noss Mayo-**no reported crime

**RYDA-** Mr. Lunn passed copies of the Scoping Study undertaken on behalf of the Parish Council to the Members.

**Newton & Noss Tennis Club-** Mrs. Woodyear spoke on behalf of the Tennis Club regarding their hope that the Council would fulfill their decision made in 2012 to make a grant of £3000 towards the resurfacing costs for the tennis courts to cover Over Items to improve the longevity of the surface.

**The Post House Pillory Hill planning application-** the applicant spoke in support of his planning application which covered three main items; improving parking, to replace and extend the terraced wall (following advice from a structural engineer) and to extend over the back of the property tidying up the rear giving direct access to the terrace and kitchen. Questions were raised from Members regarding the preservation of existing rights of way and maintenance of the parking area by DCC Highways/the owners. The applicant advised that it was hoped some spare parking could be made available for The Swan.

**28/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** –there were apologies for absence from Mrs. Ansell and Mrs. Guy.

**29/14 MINUTES** –the Minutes of the 9 January Meeting were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**30/14 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED** - members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. Mr. Tubb declared an interest in the Briar Hill Farm planning application by virtue of owning the property next door.

**31/14 DISPENSATION REQUESTS-** none were made.

**32/14 PROPOSAL TO VARY THE AGENDA-** RESOLVED; items relating to invitations to tender for notice board/bus shelter refurbishment should be considered in committee. (*Vote; Unanimous.*)

**33/14 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILS**

**33.1 County Councillor's Report.**

**Budget-** the first wave of service changes had gone out to consultation including Youth Services (inviting communities to run it themselves), Day Centres (fewer centres, reducing breadth of provision), residential homes (closing those owned by DCC and procuring bed space in the private sector) and possible closure of Childrens' Homes owned by DCC. The decision had been made not to take the Government's Freeze Grant Subsidy which was guaranteed for only two years. The recommendation was for a 1.9% increase in Council Tax.

*Mrs. Guy arrived.*

**33.2 Highways/Transport** – Cllr Mumford advised;

**i) Bridgend-** DCC Highways had closed the road to Bridgend on 5 February following part of the riverside wall being swept over by wind and tide. The stone had been stored in the vicinity and would be reused. Ownership of the wall was unknown. It was not a DCC listed structure. Something would need to be done.

**ii) Parking difficulties-** the Parish Council's comments had been forwarded to Mr. Brunt.

**lii Lengthsman visits-** all routine highway maintenance had been suspended until the next fiscal year.

**iv) Butts Park flooding-** there were concerns about the highway flooding and damage done to the highway.

**v) Collaton-Widey-**Cllr Mumford had flagged up about the flooding on the road. A solution would be challenging in light of the position of the footpath.

**vi) Yealm Steps-** a Member had raised concern about plant being parked near the Yealm Steps. It was confirmed that the plant related to road strengthening work being conducted on Riverside Road West. It was felt that the plant had been parked appropriately with good visibility.

**vii) Court Road Flooding-**it was understood that some water had flooded into the garden at one of the properties around Court Farmhouse. Some potential solutions had been discussed with property owners. It was felt that a recent change in the way one of the nearby fields had been ploughed had served to ease the problem.

**viii) Court Road pothole-** had been filled in that day.

**ix) The Brook-** a Member referred to builders parking at the Brook being in possession of parking permits enabling them to park irrespective of the parking restrictions. Cllr. Mumford was asked if he could ascertain how the builders obtained the permits and why the Parish Council had not been consulted.

**33.3 Consultation on future of Youth Services in Devon-**there was no comment.

**33.4 Consultation on Day services-** there was no comment.

**33.5 Devon County Council Locality Budget-** RESOLVED: to submit a request to Cllr. Mumford for the Parish Locality Budget allocation to be used for footpath repairs in the Parish. *(Vote; Unanimous)*

**33.6 District Councillor's Report-** Cllr. Cooper advised that the Chief Executive had resigned. Two deputies would now share the post. Council Tax had been set that day.

**33.7 SHDC Asset Transfer/Parish Asset land registration-** Curtis Whiteford Crocker were negotiating the contract terms- in particular the overage provisions.

**33.8 Village Housing Initiative-** Members were concerned that neither SHDC nor Tor Homes had responded to the Parish Council's letters requesting an update. RESOLVED; Letters would be sent to Tor Homes, including Mrs. Holloway and South Hams District Council referring to the lack of response to correspondence and requesting a meeting with two Parish Council representatives within the next four weeks. Gary Streeter M.P. was to be copied in. *(Vote; Unanimous)*

**33.9 SHDC Public Conveniences-** SHDC had written to advise that should the Parish Council wish to keep the public conveniences in Newton & Noss open over the four month winter period that a contribution would be required of £1242 (Newton) and £1896 (Noss). A member referred to this representing one tenth of the Precept. RESOLVED: to notify SHDC that the Parish Council would like to undertake investigations into keeping the public conveniences in Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo open, potentially by the Parish Council making its own arrangements for cleaning and maintenance over the four month winter period. Copies of the works specifications for the maintenance and cleaning of both public conveniences were to be requested. *(Vote; Unanimous)*

Upon the specification being provided, an advert would be requested to be placed in the Parish Magazine inviting expressions of interest to maintain and clean the public conveniences over the four month winter period. The Parish Council would need to provide the consumables. A Member advised that the Co-op was looking to sponsor a local community asset.

#### **34/14 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**34.1 Tennis Courts-** Newton & Noss Tennis Club had provided a copy of the quotation from Courtsall and details of existing funding in place. SHDC had arranged for the resurfacing work to be undertaken given they were still the legal owners. RESOLVED: to confirm the grant allocation of £3000 made 3 July 2012 towards the costs of resurfacing Newton & Noss Tennis Courts. *(Min 175.3 refers) (Vote; Unanimous)*

**34.2 RYDA** RESOLVED: to make a grant of £55 to the RYDA towards the costs of public liability insurance for 2013 Harbour Clean Up. ) *(Vote; Unanimous)*

#### **35/14 PLANNING**

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

**35.1. 2 Fell Close, Yealmpton 37/0142/14/F-**householder application for attached garage and porch. DECISION: Support. *(Vote; 9 in favour, 2 abstentions)*

**35.2 The Post House, Pillory Hill 37/0181/14/F-**householder application for demolition and replacement retaining wall and extension of terrace. Removal of external steps to provide additional parking and resurfacing of part parking area. First and second floor extension and erection of privacy screen to south elevation. Amendments to windows on north elevation. Affected the setting of a Listed Building. Application affected a Conservation area. DECISION: No objection subject to rights of way not being affected and Devon County Council Highways Department being satisfied with the proposals. *(Vote; 9 in favour, 2 abstentions)*

**35.3 Land to east of 85 Court Road 37/2616/13/ F –** Mrs. Guy gave a report of the Development Management Committee site inspection. It was suggested that the Planning Officer may have misinterpreted the Planning Inspector's comments that green spaces should be protected, made in respect of the last Planning Appeal, when planning permission had been refused. It was agreed that Mrs. Guy would liaise with the Chairman and write to the Development Management Committee Meeting on behalf of the Parish Council, prior to their Meeting on Wednesday 19 February.

**35.6 SHDC Development Management Committee Meeting 19 February-** disappointment was expressed regarding the Case Officers' recommendations being made to the Planning Committee in respect of Old Quay (37/2770/13/F), 60 Junket corner (37/2752/13) and the Land to East of 85 Court Road (37/2616/13/F) and that local views appeared to have been disregarded. It was agreed Mr. Matthews, or in the event he was unavailable the Vice Chairman, should be nominated to go to the Meeting and speak against the applications in respect of "Old Quay" and 60 Junket Corner. *Mr. Tubb left the Meeting.*

**35.4 Briar Hill Farm, Court Road 37/0283/14/F-**householder application to replace lean-to conservatory with rear extension. Affected the setting of a Listed Building. DECISION: No objection. *(Vote; 9 in favour, 1 abstention). Mr. Tubb returned to the Meeting.*

#### **36/14 ADMINISTRATION**

**36.1 Snow plan and risk assessment-** had been reviewed and considered satisfactory. No changes were proposed.

**36.2 Councillor Training-RESOLVED:** to approve payment for the costs of £25 plus VAT for Mrs. Evans to undertake new Councillor Training with Devon Association of Local Councils. *(Vote; Unanimous)*

**36.3 Standing Orders/Financial Regulations-** Mr. Matthews was undertaking a review.

**37/14. CONSULTATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

**37.1 Allotments-** Members felt that investigations undertaken by the Parish Council with local landowners had been exhausted. One landowner had offered land but potential allotment holders had considered it unsuitable. The landowner proposing development at Collaton had suggested land may be available for allotments. Based upon a request received from a parishioner, it was agreed to write to South Hams District Council for assistance.

**37.2 South West Conference of Local Council Associations Annual Conference –** no one was available to attend.

**37.3 CPRE Teignbridge Seminar 21 February 2014-** no one was available to attend.

**37.4 Crocker’s Quay/Noss Fountain/land to west of Noss Voss-** the Council considered a letter from a parishioner suggesting the Parish Council apply for ownership of the areas and requesting the Parish Council undertake future maintenance . It was not thought necessary to apply for ownership of the areas. It was agreed that the Parish Council would thank the parishioner for his suggestions and that the Council would undertake maintenance of Crocker’s Quay and Noss fountain. A resident was currently checking the position regarding ownership of a parcel of land to the west of Noss Voss.

**38/14 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 39/14.

**39/14 FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

<b>Santander Current Account :</b>	Total balance at 1.2.14	<b>£64561.31</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>

**The following cheques were authorised totalling:** **£6311.34**

<b>Chq No</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
1758	WI Community Hall	Hire- NNPC Meeting 13 February 2014	£22.00
1759	WI Community Hall	Hire- NNPC Meeting 27 February 2014	£22.00
1760	Information Commissioner	Data protection Registration 2014	£35.00
1761	S.McDonough	Net salary-January & allowance for use of home as office	£1,416.08
1762	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks monthly Tax & National Insurance	£472.17
1763	Victim Support	Grant*	£50
1764	Newton & Noss Tennis Club	Grant towards Noss Mayo tennis courts resurfacing costs**	£3,000.00
1765	Ricoh UK Ltd	Invoice for copies:1/11/13-31/1/14	£52.99
1766	M.Hingston	Cleaning; Newton Voss & steps January 2014	£82.00
1767	Vantech Media	DIY hosting package, annual fee-newtonandnoss-pc.gov.uk	£95.00
1768	Ricoh Capital Ltd	Photocopier lease 1/2/14-30/4/14	£148.40
1769	P. Burridge	Annual public bench maintenance	£908.58
1770	Spectrum Housing Group Limited	Bishops Court-buildings insurance 5/11/13-4/11/14	£7.12
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,311.34</b>

\*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments:£50 Total to date;£485.60

\*\*S.19. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

**40/14. MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

**40.1 Harbour Authority-** Mr. Carter advised that the Harbour Master had found a second dead horse in the river following the recent storms.

**40.2 Halls-** no reports.

**41/14. MAINTENANCE**

**41.1 Footpaths-** it was agreed Mr. Matthews would speak to one of the residents of Church Park Road regarding the public footpath sign being obscured by new signage. Mr Tubb confirmed that he would clear vegetation from the bottom kissing gate of the Holy Cross footpath.

**41.2 Trees-** Mrs. Guy reported a small tree had fallen at Broken Way but was not causing an obstruction.

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**41.3 Other areas for consideration-** storm damage to Big Slip Quay, the roadside wall leading from Riverside Road East to the foreshore, Noss Hard and a bench at The Brook were considered. It was agreed to review damage once the stormy weather had ceased.

Grounds Maintenance South West had offered to refurbish a bench at Kilpatrick's for no charge.

**In committee**

**41.4 Parish/Parish Council notice boards/bus shelter refurbishment-**three tenders had been invited, with one received. RESOLVED: To accept the tender from Grounds Maintenance South West for notice boards/bus shelter refurbishment with the provision of new signage in the sum of £1239 plus VAT. A request would be made for the existing notice board at Butts Park water tower to be relocated to the entrance to Butts Park Play Park.

**42/14 COUNCILLORS**

Mrs. Guy advised that she and her family would be moving from the Parish at the end of March.

The Meeting closed at 9.00pm