

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

Held on 14 February 2013

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

Mr. Hussell Mr. Tubb Mr. Barnett Mr. Matthews Mrs. Ansell Mr. Taylor
ALSO Mrs. McDonough
PRESENT (Clerk)

12 parishioners were present for part of the Meeting

OPEN FORUM

Police Report-PCSO Potter made the following report for January;
Newton Ferrers

Jl/13/18-during the evening of 4th a boat outboard motor engine was stolen from a driveway of a house.

Noss Mayo-no reported crime

Monticello, Court Road-representations were made by a parishioner in respect of his objections to the planning application made under 37/0150/13/F, centered on the overbearing and dominant impact of the proposals, loss of light, loss of amenity, loss of privacy and the absence of a topographical survey.

The applicants made representations in support of their application addressing concerns over impact of the proposals and privacy / amenity issues. Close consultation had been undertaken with SHDC Planning Officers through the pre application process. The applicant expressed concern over the use and editing undertaken by objectors of copyrighted architects plans.

24/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- there were no apologies for absence.

25/13 MINUTES –the Minutes of the 10 January Meeting were confirmed and signed as a correct record save for the balance in the Santander current account which had been amended to take into account a payment to Spectrum Housing Association for rent for Bishops Court Consulting Room for February.

26/13 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED - Members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. Mr. Hussell declared non pecuniary interests in matters relating to the “Monticello” and “Quillet “ planning applications, by virtue of living next door but one to the former and his cousin living in the latter.

27/13 DISPENSATION REQUESTS- none were made.

28/13 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILS

28.1 County Councillor’s Report. There were apologies for absence from Cllr William Mumford who had submitted a written report read out at the Meeting;

- i) The deal with BT for rural broadband improvement had been signed. BT was in the midst of their asset survey which would then define the deployment plan and timings. The target was for 90%+ of premises domestic and business to receive superfast BB by the end of 2016. Devon County Council was already on the case to secure even more investment especially to see what they could do to improve the final 10%.
- ii) The DCC team had been very active in trying to secure Transition Zone status for Devon in the new European budget. This had now been agreed and meant that there should be a better intervention rate for applicants up from 50 to 60% and also some ring fenced funding for the thirteen Transition Zones in the UK. To achieve this DCC were seeking to extend their joint working with Somerset especially and were actively looking at a number of areas where they could reduce duplication and spread overhead costs.
- iii) DCC was still aiming for a 0% council tax change for the third year in a row.
- iv) DCC had submitted claims to contribute to the flood damage costs. A number of bridges were damaged by further rainfall over the previous weekend including one bridge near Modbury.
- v) Work was underway to repair the wall at Bridgend and looking at the work being done Cllr Mumford suggested it was to an excellent standard.
- vi) Cllr Mumford had met with residents at both Netton and on Court Road. In both cases Cllr Mumford suggested much of the problem would be down to the volume of surface run off from adjacent farm land and the capacity of drains and channels on private land. He would provide whatever assistance he could.
- vii) In response to concerns from residents and relatives about the state of Bishops Court a number of meetings had now been held. A significant tidy up of the site had been completed and the redecoration works were scheduled for this year. The trees on the eastern boundary were still causing significant shading to those flats but the neighbour was very resistant to any action. This was being followed up with her and could need the intervention of SHDC. The Chairman advised that SHDC did not wish to become involved with the tree issue given the outcome of the appeal made to the Planning Inspectorate on the last occasion. The developers at “Revelarc” had offered to trim back their trees according to SHDC planning officers. RESOLVED: It was agreed to ask Spectrum Housing Association to request the site

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contractors to trim back the boundary trees to the legal limit on the borders and to deposit the trimmings back over the landowners' borders. Spectrum would be thanked for the action undertaken to date to improve maintenance. Cllr Mumford would be copied in. (Vote: Unanimous)

28.2 Highways/Transport including

i) Snow Warden- an update regarding the salt bins was awaited from DCC Highways Department. RESOLVED: To approve and adopt the Snow Plan, Snow Plan risk assessment and salt spreader risk assessment. (Vote: Unanimous) It was agreed that the Snow Plan would be requested to be included in the next available copy of the Parish Magazine and be made available on the Parish Council website.

It was agreed that the high visibility jackets purchased for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations would be left with the Snow Warden for the use of both himself and volunteers.

ii) Butts Park- Cllr Mumford would be asked for an update on the request for information concerning speeding/ traffic speed data collection. Cars continued to park on pavements. RESOLVED: To request Devon County Council to construct pinch points on Parsonage Road by Butts Park to slow traffic speed. (Vote 8 in favour, 1 against, 3 abstentions).

iii) Proposed road closure-Stoke Road to Post Office Farm 1/5/13-3/5/13- a request for inclusion would be made to the Parish Magazine. Notification had been included on the Parish Council website and circulated to the Parish Council database.

28.3 Devon County Council draft engagement strategy- was noted. No comment.

28.4 School admission arrangements - was noted. No comment.

28.4 District Councillor's Report- the Chairman advised that the Development Management Committee would be undertaking a site visit in respect of "The Point" planning application. It was agreed Mrs. Ansell would attend on behalf of the Parish Council. Mr. Barnett would also attend.

28.6 SHDC Asset Transfer/Parish Asset Land Registration- Trobridges had supplied copies of the replies to Preliminary Enquiries and had requested clarification of the position regarding a Section 106 payment which had originally been proposed to be paid by SHDC.

j) Grounds Maintenance: SHDC had agreed on a without prejudice basis to the Parish Council proposal whereby SHDC would continue to maintain and empty existing dog bins (subject to review), to continue all grounds maintenance for two years and to inspect and insure Butts Park/Noss play parks for two years at a cost of £100pa. Reference had been made to the draft contract a copy of which had not been supplied.

ii) Section 106 Agreement; the Council had proposed that it would wish to be satisfied with the condition of the Tennis Courts prior to transfer and any funding available from SHDC for this purpose. SHDC had advised it would be prepared to transfer £8775, being the anticipated funds from a Section 106 agreement for the Village Housing Initiative project at Parsonage Road. The monies were to be used for sport and recreation subject to the funds being received by SHDC and subject to the Council covenanting to the terms of the S.106 agreement.

The preliminary enquiry replies from SHDC advised that they were no longer able to pay these monies to the Council as the contribution for open space and sport and recreation had not been paid. Trobridges had asked whether this was agreed by the Parish Council.

iii) Preliminary Enquiries- a number of issues were to be addressed by the working group.

It was agreed to request Trobridges to supply a copy of the draft contract for reference. The working group would meet to discuss and report back to the Council with their recommendations.

28.7 SHDC Localisation of services and assets model - was noted. No comment.

28.8 SHDC grass cutting arrangements was noted. SHDC had advised that there were likely to be continuing changes this year to the grass maintenance regime. These changes had been initiated by the review of the grass verge cutting arrangements between the District and County Councils. In the future the County Council would be responsible for highway verge maintenance. As SHDC previously undertook this work (on behalf of DCC) they would in the future have greater capacity to undertake local works on a regular basis for Town and Parish Councils. This would include the capacity to undertake a range of maintenance/repair work throughout the year (especially during the "out of season" winter months). Moving forward, it was anticipated that the new verge maintenance arrangements would be clearer and that the District Council would be able to offer more regular and tailored services to its local Councils. SHDC Environment Services would be contacting the Parish Council with more detailed information.

28.9 Village Housing Initiative- Members continued to be concerned about the lack of progress. It was agreed to write to the leader of SHDC for an update.

28.10 Public Conveniences- Cllr. Gilbert had advised that the recommendation put before the SHDC Executive had been to agree to 4 months seasonal closure of all public conveniences which were not in the Towns of Dartmouth, Ivybridge, Kingsbridge, Modbury, Salcombe, South Brent and Totnes. There would be an £80,000.00 saving for 2014-15. SHDC had a considerable budget deficit to close and had to scrutinise for any savings that could be made. The possible implementation was not till winter 2014/15 which would allow parishes time to consider whether they may wish to precept later in the year for maintaining the conveniences during any closure period. RESOLVED: To write to SHDC advising that the Parish was not a seasonal destination, having visitors all year round, and that the Council was extremely dissatisfied with the proposal. (Vote: Unanimous)

28.11 SHDC Local Allocations Policy Consultation was noted. No comment

29/13 PLANNING

Applications received-

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29.1 Driftwood, 6 Yealm View Road 37/0050/13/F-resubmission of householder application 37/1597/12/F to extend and make alterations to existing dwelling. The site adjoined/affected a public right of way. DECISION: The Parish Council maintained their objection raised under 37/1597/12/F. Overdevelopment: East-West. (Vote: 11 in favour, 1 abstention)

29.2 The Bolt Hole,11 Rowden Court 37/0120/13/LB-Listed Building Consent to alter building by removing two internal walls on ground floor. Application affected a Listed Building. No comments submitted to SHDC. Extension to respond granted by Planning Officer had been withdrawn on 13/2/13.

Mr. Hussell left the Meeting.

29.3 Quillet, Lower Court Road 37/0130/13/F-householder application for two storey infill extension and new main entrance to first floor. The site adjoined/affected a public right of way. DECISION: No objection. (Vote: 9 in favour, 1 abstention)

29.4 Monticello, 73 Court Road 37/0150/13/F-demolition of existing dwelling, granny annexe and conservatory. Construction of replacement dwelling, granny annexe and detached double garage with studio/hobby room over. DECISION: Objection-the siting of the garage, the affect on neighbours' privacy and cumulative impact of the development. (Vote: 7 in favour of objecting, 4 abstentions)

Mr. Hussell returned to the Meeting.

29.5 11 Court Road 37/0135/13/F/37/0136/13/LB- householder application for the replacement of existing conservatory and entrance porch with new. DECISION: No objection provided the Conservation Officer was satisfied with the proposed plans. (Vote: 11 in favour, 1 abstention)

29.6 Verge adjacent to "Berberis", Lower Court Road South Hams District Council (Parish of Newton & Noss) (No.890) Tree Preservation Order 2013.Serving of New Order DECISION: Support confirmation as served.

(Vote: 11 in favour, 1 abstention).

Concerns were raised about damage being caused to the tree by contractors' vehicles working on the "Berberis" development site. The Chairman advised that she would liaise with the Tree Warden and visit the site.

Additional/amended plans

29.7 Woodville 37/2015/12/F- it was agreed that the objections be reiterated.

30/13. CONSULTATION/CORRESPONDENCE

30.1 South West Water- Mr. Carter had reviewed "What's in the Pipeline" document being SWW vision for water and sewerage services in the South West for 2015-2040.No comment.

30.2 Christmas Lights-a parishioner had requested the provision of lights for Newton Hill, The Green area or the waterfront areas of Noss Mayo. The Chairman advised that she may have some District Council Locality Budget available. It was agreed Mr. Hussell and the Clerk would investigate costings.

30.3 Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm- it was agreed Mrs. Ansell would attend the launch event on 22 February.

30.4 Church Flower Festival- Mr. Roger Barnett's wife had kindly agreed to prepare an arrangement on behalf of the Parish Council

31/13. ADMINISTRATION

31.1 Ivybridge & District Association of Local Councils- the Vice Chairman agreed to attend the next meeting 13 March 2013.

31.2 Annual Parish Meeting- arrangements were finalised. Apologies were offered by Mr. Tubb and Mr. Lyndon. It was agreed that in light of previous low attendance figures, the arrangements for future Annual Parish Meetings from 2014 would be reviewed following the meeting on 19 March.

31.3 Councillors' Allowances - RESOLVED: No payments of the Parish Basic Allowance would be made to Members for 2013/2014. (Vote: Unanimous)

32/13. MAINTENANCE

32.1 Bridgend Wall- repairs to the wall on the Noss Mayo side were progressing well.

32.2 Bridgend- planting/seeding area by "The Malthouses" was considered. The Chairman advised that she had monies available through her position as District Councillor to fund anticipated replanting costs. It was agreed unanimously to nominate the Chairman and Mr. Taylor to choose the replanting scheme.

32.3 Noss Fountain- attempts to trace ownership of the fountain wall had been unsuccessful. Devon County Council Flood Risk Management had confirmed that the Environment Agency had advised that the area had a moderate risk of flooding.DCC suggested approaching SHDC who had powers under the Land Drainage Act for the maintenance and implementation of flood defences on ordinary watercourses. These details had been passed on to the Newton & Noss Village Hall Committee.

32.4SWW –SWW had provided a plan annotated with the completed sections of pipeline. In total they had now installed approximately 155m of new pipe, which was just over half way. They advised that they were progressing well with no major issues encountered. They had been back on site again on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th February and again from Monday 11th to Saturday 17th.

Mr. Matthews left the Meeting.

Mr. Hussell provided a report in respect of a leaking manhole cover below the River Yealm Harbour Office. The leak had been reported to South West Water and the Environment Agency on 28 January 2013. Ted Pritchard from the Environment Agency contacted the Clerk on 30 January 2013 and advised that SWW representatives had been down on two occasions but had been unable to locate the leak.

Mr. Hussell had visited the site with Ted Pritchard on 31 January who had undertaken a mobile test there & then. Sewage (liquids only) was leaking at about 5 litres per minute. Mr. Pritchard confirmed he would advise SWW.

SWW had been contacted for updates on 11 and 14 February when the Clerk was told someone would be going out to inspect in a day or two. Members were concerned about the leak particularly with the Easter holidays approaching. It was agreed the Clerk should report the position to the SWW project manager Mr. Geoff Rogers.

Mr. Matthews returned to the Meeting.

32.5 Noss Voss Steps- the overhanging branch had been removed. The Council was advised that a parishioner would be removing the dead tree causing concern.

32.6 Noss Hard- concern was raised regarding the condition of the surface of the hard and the forthcoming Gig season. Mr. Stitson offered to obtain three quotes for the Parish Council to lay chippings. It was hoped parishioners/members of the Gig Club would assist in spreading the chippings to facilitate the Gig launchings.

32.7 Other areas for consideration- it was agreed the Clerk would ask for an update from DCC regarding the repair request for the kerb stone by the disabled parking bay on Parsonage Road, near Dillons.

33/13. GRANT REQUESTS

Inter Parish Quiz-RESOLVED: To make a grant of £10 towards the annual running costs of the Inter Parish Quiz 2013. *(Vote: 11 in favour, 1 abstention)*

34/13. TWINNING- Mr. Matthews provide an update with respect to naming a place in recognition of the Twinning with Trebeurden. Eight residents at the bottom of Newton Hill had been approached for their views on the possibility of naming the area by the granite cross "Trebeurden Square". The majority of residents had not been in favour and therefore the potential naming of this particular area would not go out to more general public consultation. **RESOLVED:** Mr. Matthews was authorised to approach the River Yealm Harbour Authority to enquire whether they would be agreeable to a plaque being placed on the side of the Harbour Office with the inscription "Trebeurden Quay" and making reference to the Twinning. *(Vote: 11 in favour, 1 abstention)*

35/13 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 36/13.

36/13 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Santander Current Account :	Total balance at 1.02.13	£61467.65
The balance includes: Hedge Cutting Bond		£3000
Monies held on completion of Newton & Noss Play Park Improvement Project		£36.02

The following cheques were authorised totalling: **£1858.66**

Chq No	PAYEE		AMOUNT
1605	Newton & Noss Village Hall	Hire- NNPC Meeting 14 February 13	£20.00
1606	Newton & Noss Village Hall	Hire- NNPC Meeting 28 February 13	£20.00
1607	J Allen	Cleaning: Noss Voss & Popes Quay January 2013	£50.00
1608	S. Cooper	Contribution: Chairman's Expenses 2013 (apportioned)	£37.50
1609	S.McDonough	Net salary-January **	£1,354.16
1610	S.McDonough	Reimbursement expenses-3 x storage boxes Bishops Court	£15.00
1611	The Information Commissioner	Data Protection Act 1988 registration renewal	£35.00
1612	Newton Gardening Services	The Green: wall repairs	£150.00
1613	M.Hingston	Newton Voss & steps cleaning January 2013	£82.00
1614	Vantech Media	DIY hosting package, annual fee-newtonandnoss-pc.gov.uk	£95.00
		Total	£1,858.66

*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments:£00.00 Total to date;£2934.34

**Including allowance for use of home as office

37/13 MEETINGS ATTENDED:

37.1 Harbour Authority-Mr. Carter asked whether the Council would have any objection to the RYHA laying claim to the quay at the Yealm Steps. **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council had no objection to the RYHA claiming ownership of the quay at The Yealm Steps. *(Vote; 7 in favour, 5 abstentions)*

37.2 Halls- Mrs. Ansell and the Vice Chairman advised that there were no reports in respect of the halls.

The Meeting closed at 8.55pm

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