

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

Held on 22 March 2012

PRESENT Cllr Cooper Mr. Cooper Mr. Gough Mr. Carter Mr. Matthews

Mr. Hussell Mr. Barnett

ALSO

Mrs. McDonough

PRESENT

(Clerk)

1 parishioner was present for part of the Meeting

OPEN FORUM

Lambside Corner Cottage, Newton Ferrers - the owner made submissions to the Council in respect of his retrospective planning application.

Wind Turbines-an owner of a local farm advised that he had been investigating use of wind turbines for one of his farms.

75/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- there were apologies for absence from Mr. Tubb, Mr. Stitson, Mrs. Ansell and Mr. Taylor. Mr. Lyndon's apologies were received following the Meeting.

76/12 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 legal work to effect the potential transfer of SHDC held assets to the Parish Council by virtue of being related to one of the partners of Trobridges and being a Consultant for the firm. Mr. Hussell declared a personal and prejudicial interest in matters relating to Briar Hill Farm/Campsite.

77/12 PROPOSAL TO VARY THE AGENDA – RESOLVED: items relating to the consideration of tenders to conduct maintenance work following the 2011 Annual Asset Inspection would be considered in Committee. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

78/12 MINUTES –The Minutes of the 23 February Meeting were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

79/12 PLAYPARKS/PLAYING FIELDS

Noss Play Park-it was reported that the play park appeared to be a little drier. It was agreed the **Vice Chairman and Mr Carter** would visit the play park the following week.

80/12 PLANNING

SHDC planning decisions – to note the most recent decisions received.

80.1 Riverslea, 35 Yealm Road 37/0047/12/F- householder application for single storey lean to extension.

Application affected the setting of a Conservation Area.**SHDC: Granted**

80.2 Puslinch Farm Cottage, Yealmpton 37/0040/12/F and 37/0042/12/LB- application to demolish part rear extension and replace with single storey extension and link. To include internal and external alterations. Application affected a Listed Building.**SHDC: Granted**

80.3 53 Court Road 37/0048/12/F -householder application for extension to rear bedroom, side extension to kitchen, new roof over garage/utility/kitchen with rooms in roof and dormer on East roof.**SHDC: Granted**

80.4 18 Rowden Court 37/0058/12/LB -Listed Building Consent to replace existing front door with proposed new wooden door that would match exactly others at Rowden Court, painted in the same exterior colour. Install a small extractor vent in the bathroom with external outlet, max size externally 4” square. Install internally a wood burning stove that would require a small exterior flue 210mm in diameter of skin metal and protrude 600mm above the ridge.

Application affected a Listed Building.**SHDC: Granted**

80.5 30 Court Road 37/2870/11/F -householder application for extensions and modifications of the existing bungalow and construction of an annex and garage.**SHDC: Granted**

80.6 St. Louis, Riverside Road West 37/0117/12/TCA Works to trees in a Conservation Area.T1-Elm-fell.T2- 6 (4 sycamores-fell).**SHDC: Granted**

Applications received –:

80.7 24 Noss Mayo 37/0532/12/F- householder application for replacement entrance porch. New rear extension replacing existing conservatory at first floor level. New ground floor extension. Reconstruction and extension of existing ancillary garden building. Application affected the setting of a Listed Building. Application affected a Conservation Area. **DECISION:** No objection provided the Conservation Officer was satisfied with the proposed plans. (*Vote: 6 in favour, 1 abstention*)

1/22March12.....Chairman

80.8 Lambside Corner Cottage, Newton Ferrers 37/0475/12/F-Retrospective planning application for holiday letting unit. DECISION: No objection. However the manner in which the applicant had gone about it was extremely unfortunate. (*Vote: 6 in favour, 1 abstention*)

80.9 Point Bungalow 37/0526/12/F-Variation of condition 6 (to achieve sustainable home level 3 not 4 as stipulated in condition 6) of planning approval 37/0851/11/F. DECISION: No objection. (*Vote: 6 in favour, 1 abstention*). *Mr. Hussell left the Meeting.*

80.10 Briar Hill Farm/campsite-SHDC had confirmed that the site owner had made an application to vary the site licence made in respect of the season. SHDC had agreed to issue a new licence permitting 50 caravans and/or tents of which not more than 30 should be static caravans. Touring caravans and tents could occupy the site between 5 March and 5 November in each year. The static units could be operated all year round. The site should be occupied for holiday purposes. Conditions had been attached to the licence about the season and use of the static caravans requiring the owner to demonstrate that the units were for holiday use and not as permanent residential accommodation. The owner had advised SHDC that the static units would be let on an 11 month holiday agreement and that it was unlikely that the units would be occupied for the full year. SHDC would be monitoring that the use of the site complied with the conditions of the new site licence and also any planning restrictions.

Applications for the Certificates of Lawfulness in respect of use of the adjacent field for siting of three further caravans and use of another field for boat storage were to be determined.

Concerns had also been raised by a parishioner regarding safe storage of Liquefied Petroleum Gas. SHDC had advised that planning permission 37/1540/04/F permitted the erection of a compound for three 4,000 litre storage and distribution containers with no conditions attached save for a time condition. The LPG containers had now been enclosed and site inspected by Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue. The Fire Service would be issuing a “Broadly Compliant” letter and had offered verbal advice to the landowner. The close proximity of boats and other non agricultural items to the LPG was addressed through the Certificate of Lawfulness application.

Mr. Hussell returned to the Meeting.

80.11 53 Court Road 37/0048/12/F- SHDC had advised that following comments received from a neighbouring property, the proposed development had been amended. The proposed rear extension (south elevation) eaves had been lowered by 300mm.

80.12 Court Wood- concerns had been raised regarding the increased height of fencing along the river side of the road opposite “Casa Del Rio” impeding the view for walkers. It was agreed that the **Chairman** would write to the owners requesting the height of the fence be reduced to two metres.

81/12 CORRESPONDENCE

81.1 Wind Turbine Planning Applications- SHDC had confirmed that the Council was intending to review its policy position in respect of renewable energy proposals including wind turbines. The work would form part of their service plan and would need to be prioritised accordingly. No timescale could be given.

81.2 SHDC Development Management Committee Meetings- SHDC had responded advising that attendance by Parish Council representatives would be discussed in the following few weeks and that any changes would be put before the Annual Council Meeting on 10 May.

81.3 Community Council of Devon-no Members were available to attend the “Reconnecting People and Nature Events” or the Community Council Members Forum.

82/12 NOSS HARD BOAT PARKING- Notices had been attached to two kayaks which had been placed on the canoe rack without authorisation. The Clerk had not been contacted by the owners pursuant to the notices. RESOLVED: to authorise Mr Philip Carter to remove two unauthorised kayaks from the Noss Hard canoe rack at a cost of £30 plus storage charges of £2.50 per kayak per week. (*Vote: 6 in favour, 1 abstention*) Mr Rodney Carter refrained from taking part in the debate and abstained from voting. The Clerk would advise the police and the Harbourmaster. **Agenda April.**

83/12 DIAMOND JUBILEE

83.1 The Big Lunch- on the basis that the Parish Council had accepted responsibility for organising the event, the Parish Council’s Employers’ and Public Liability Insurance would be provided automatically by their policy. A risk assessment would need to be undertaken which the Chairman and Mrs. Ansell had agreed to prepare.

83.2 Beacon Lighting- a risk assessment was in the process of being prepared.

83.3 Knitathon-the Primary School had agreed to allow parking on their grounds for the event.

83.4 Other parishes- Ermington was holding a Fair in the Square and medallions for children. Bigbury would be lighting a Beacon and having a tree planting event. Wembury was having a beacon lighting, festival, church service & procession with medals and bookmarks for primary school children. Ivybridge was having a big top/stage in Victoria Park including

a poetry competition. Ugborough was holding a street party, beacon/hog roast and a commemorative plaque on the Conduit.

84/12 TENNIS COURTS- SHDC no longer had monies within their budget available to resurface the courts. The Tennis Club was encouraged to apply for grant funding.

85/12 MAINTENANCE – it was reported that garden waste vegetation which had been left at the bottom of the Doctor’s Steps appeared to have been cleared.

86/12 TWINNING- Mr. Matthews advised of a proposal by the Council in Trebeurden to name a promenade at the marina in Trebeurden in honour of the Twinning arrangement with Newton and Noss. The Council was advised that the gesture may need to be reciprocated. Suggestions as to the name had been put forward by the Council in Trebeurden. Once the Members had agreed the name; it would then be put before the Municipal Council in Trebeurden for approval. **RESOLVED;** To agree, in principle, that the proposed promenade in Trebeurden be named “Rue de Yealm”. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

87/12 SHDC ASSET TRANSFER- RESOLVED: To agree to the a request made to SHDC by a local family to hold a wedding reception on Noss Green on Saturday 22 June 2013.(*Vote; Unanimous*).

The **Clerk** would clarify the charging structure imposed by SHDC with particular reference to potential apportionment should the transfer of the land proceed.

It was agreed that should the transfer of SHDC held assets proceed, that the working group would need to develop policies for usage of the land/facilities to bring before the Council for approval.

Trobridges Solicitors had asked for confirmation as to whom would be signing documents on behalf of the Parish Council in connection with the transfer. **RESOLVED:** To confirm that the Chairman and Vice Chairman, or if one of them was unavailable, Mr. Carter or Mr. Gough, would sign the documentation on behalf of the Parish Council in connection with effecting the transfer of SHDC land assets to the Parish Council. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

88/12 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS – The cheque payment was authorised and signed in accordance with the schedule prepared by the Clerk, checked by Mr.Hussell and listed in Minute 89/12.

89/12 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The following cheque was authorised totalling:

£142.47

Chq No	PAYEE	AMOUNT
1459	South Hams District Council Uncontested Parish Elections charges May 2011	£142.47
	Total	£142.47

*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments: £0. Total to date;£975

In committee

90/12 2011 ANNUAL PARISH ASSET INSPECTION- tenders received for the conduct of maintenance work were considered. **RESOLVED:** To authorise Mr Goodchild to clear vegetation, branches and ivy from the bus shelter near the Co operative Store and its immediate vicinity and at The Green to infill the hole by a tree stump with top soil and to re-stake the new tree (cost £45.)(*Vote 6 in favour, 1 abstention.*)

Three invitations to tender had been sent out for work in respect of public seats refurbishment, bus shelter refurbishment and basketball court /swings repainting. There had been no response from the three contractors. It was agreed that the invitations to tender should be resubmitted to new contractors.

Mr. Barrie Furzeland had offered to repaint the lettering on the Holy Cross War Memorial. It was agreed that the Parish Council would meet the costs of materials.

In respect of the memorial at St Peter’s, the parochial church council was meeting at the end of April. It was anticipated that they would be seeking quotes for work to repaint the lettering.

The Meeting closed at 9pm

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