

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

Held on 22 November 2012

PRESENT Cllr Cooper Mr. Cooper Mr. Barnett Mr. Taylor Mr. Hussell

ALSO PRESENT Mr. Matthews Mr. Carter Mr. Gough Mrs. McDonough (Clerk)

1 parishioner was present for the Meeting

OPEN FORUM

Snow Warden matters- the difficulties in securing written confirmation of motor insurance coverage to tow a salt spreader were discussed as were potential difficulties in using a manual salt spreader.

The Snow Warden suggested the provision of small salt bins, to be placed strategically around the Parish, to replace the unsightly plastic salt bags. It was thought these could be bought for £90 each plus VAT and that approximately ten would be needed. The Snow Warden had prepared a provisional plan. It was agreed the Snow Warden and Mr. Carter would look at potential sites and then decide upon who would speak to the relevant landowners concerned. Mr. Carter and the Snow Warden would also look at routes to be gritted, on the assumption that a towable gritter was purchased, and when the gritter would be used. It was thought that the gritter should be used in extreme weather rather than as a routine preventative measure.

Noss Hard- a parishioner raised concerns regarding damage caused to the surfacing following the recent flooding.

263/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- there were apologies for absence from Mr. Lyndon, Mr. Tubb, Mrs. Ansell and Mr. Stitson.

264/12 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED - Members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. The Chairman declared an interest in respect of the Design Panel application for "Woongara."

265/12DISPENSATION REQUESTS- RESOLVED: that a general dispensation would be granted to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Hussell, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Gough, Mr. Carter and Mr. Matthews to participate and vote in the following matters;

- i) To consider and settle the precept
- ii) To consider allowances, travelling expenses and indemnities for Councillors
- iii) Moorings/outhauls
- iv) Matters relating to the Yealm Yacht Club (*Vote: Unanimous*)

266/12 MINUTES –the Minutes of the 25 October Meeting were confirmed and signed as a correct record save for amendments to the report of Open Forum (Point House) and min 233.3 relating to voting details.

265/12 PLANNING

265.1 Design Panel - Woongara, Lower Court Road- *the Chairman left the Meeting.* In her absence, the Vice Chairman chaired. A report of the 13 November meeting submitted by Mrs. Denise Marchant, the Parish Council representative, together with the draft response from the Design Panel had been circulated to Members. Mrs. Ansell had been unable to attend due to ill health. RESOLVED; To write to the Design Panel confirming that the Parish Council had seen the results of the meeting deliberations and agreed with the Panel. (*Vote: Unanimous*). *The Chairman returned to the Meeting.*

SHDC planning decisions/withdrawals –the most recent notifications received;

265.2 Caulston Farm, Noss Mayo 37/2106/12/F-erection of 2 no. wind turbines (estimated output of 0.01mw) with 15 metres hub height, 18.5 metres tip height. Application affected the setting of a Listed Building. The site adjoined/affected a public right of way. Withdrawn.

265.3 11 Court Farm Cottage 37/2093/12/CLE-Certificate of Lawful Development for existing use of building as separate dwelling. **SHDC:** Granted

265.4 Barnicott, Bridgend Hill 37/1768/12/LB-Listed Building application for new oak frame conservatory to existing cottage and 3 bay garage with storage space. **SHDC:** Granted

265.5 Barnicott, Bridgend Hill 37/1767/12/F-householder application for new oak frame conservatory to existing cottage and 3 bay garage with storage space. **SHDC:** Granted

265.6Quillet, Lower Court Road 37 /2288/12/TW-work to Tree Preservation Order Trees. South Hams District Council (Parish of Newton & Noss) (No.884) Tree Preservation Order 2012.Register Number of Notice 3313.Beech-

T1-crown lift to achieve 3m clearance above existing ground levels by reducing second older branches. Excavation of 100cm wide semi circular shape. **SHDC:** Granted

265.7 Land Off Parsonage Road 37/1122/11/F-proposed erection of 16 dwellings (comprising 2 private and 14 affordable housing units) and associated access road, car parking and landscaping. Application affected the setting of a Listed Building. The proposed development did not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area

in which the land in which the application related. **SHDC:** Granted

265.895 Court Road 37/2219/12/F-householder application for single side extension, conversion of double garage to habitable space, balcony extension and other alterations. **SHDC:** Granted

Planning applications received

265.9 Caulston Farm 37/2444/12/F-erection of agricultural livestock building. Decision: No objection (*Vote: 7 in favour, 1 abstention*)

265.10 57 Yealm Road 37/2446/12/F-householder application for replacement of existing double garage. Application affected the setting of a Conservation area. Decision: No objection (*Vote: 7 in favour, 1 abstention*)

265.11 Valley View, 5 Meadow Close 37/2464/12/F-householder application for proposed two storey side extension to provide ancillary accommodation and single storey games room extension. Decision: No objection (*Vote: 6 in favour, 2 abstentions*)

265.12 Yealmbury, Stoke Road 37/2575/12/TW-work to Tree Preservation Order Trees. South Hams District Council (Parish of Newton & Noss) Tree Preservation Order 1997. Register Number of Notice: 3333. Works within G1-T1-Sweet Chestnut-fell and replace. T2-Beech-remove first primary limb extending to the north and reduce crown by 10%. Decision: The Parish Council agreed with the recommendations of the Tree Warden (*Vote: 7 in favour, 1 abstention*)

265.13 Revised Plans-95 Court Road 37/2219/12/F-householder application for single side extension, conversion of double garage to habitable space, balcony extension and other alterations. It was agreed the Clerk would advise SHDC Planning Officer that Members had been unable to determine the amendments from the revised plans submitted.

265.14 Correspondence- a parishioners concerns regarding development at Shadow Cottage (37/1349/11/F) were noted. Cllr. Cooper had asked SHDC to investigate.

265.15 Consultation- Collaton - a Member proposed that a letter be sent to Collaton residents asking them to let the Parish Council know their views on potential development at Collaton, the week following the public consultation by the landowner on 24 November. Some concerns were raised that this could be premature with the landowner not having put forward any concrete proposals. **RESOLVED;** to write to Collaton residents inviting them to express their views regarding potential development at Collaton. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

265.16 Village Housing Initiative- the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Hussell and Mr. Gough had attended the meeting with Debbie Holloway SHDC Affordable Housing Unit, Cllr Jonathan Hawkin (SHDC Executive Member for Affordable Housing)), Gareth Jones (Devon & Cornwall Housing Executive) and Eleanor Stark Devon & Cornwall Housing Project Manager. The Members received a firm commitment from SHDC and Devon & Cornwall Housing to drive the project forward to a successful conclusion. The Section 106 agreement had been signed by the landowner. A timescale of spring 2013 was envisaged. Devon & Cornwall Housing had a number of issues to action including the submission of a new planning application for the whole scheme to incorporate an attenuation tank within the boundary of the scheme rather than on the remainder of the landowner's property. There would be a rise in level of 40mm towards the village end. Ms Stark would prepare a paper clarifying the position regarding the attenuation tank. The landowner would be provided with a five bed roomed house with the fit out and design to be agreed.

266/12 MAINTENANCE

266.1 Bridgend wall- suggestions for further work on Bridgend Wall had been suggested by Cllr Mumford which could be potentially funded from his Locality Budget subject to cost. It was agreed that Mr. Carter and Mr. Taylor would undertake a site visit to look at potential work but that it was anticipated that there could be some urgent work that may need to be attended to. **RESOLVED:** to authorise further emergency repairs to Bridgend Wall, if necessary, subject to a maximum cost of £325. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

It was agreed that should the anticipated costs exceed the sum of £325, that the matter be further considered at the Meeting on 13 December.

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the invoice from Mr. Brian Hockaday in the sum of £175 for repairing the capping stones on Bridgend wall. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

266.2 Snow warden-Mr. Barnett provided the Clerk with his form of authority to enable the Council to contact his insurers regarding motor insurance coverage for a towable salt spreader.

266.3 Other areas for consideration-

i) The Brook-a parishioner had reported concerns regarding the condition of the seats at The Brook. The seats had been repainted in June 2012. A member had inspected the seats which appeared to be structurally sound but one of the backing timbers would need replacing next year. It was thought deterioration of the paint was down to fair wear and tear over the summer.

ii) Noss Hard- Mr. Carter and Mr. Taylor would inspect the condition of the surface following concerns raised.

iii) Hedge at Butts Park- it was agreed the Clerk would report hedge encroachment by the "Slow" sign on the road to DCC.

iv) **Bridgend Hill**- it was agreed the Clerk would report hedge encroachment on the highway between "Barnicott" and the passing place to DCC.

267/12. ADMINISTRATION-

267.1 SHDC Asset Transfer /Parish Asset Registration- the plans submitted by Trobridges in respect of Parish Council land to be registered had been checked. There was no update in respect of the proposed transfer of SHDC land assets.

267.2 Budget 2013/2014- Members were advised that the Secretary of State now had power to set a limit to the percentage increase in the Band D level of Precepts charged by Parish Councils. Local Councils had been advised not to make a final decision on their Precept demand until January to ensure there was no risk of going over any limit set by the Secretary of State

No further suggestions were made for future spending plans/contingency allowances to be included in the budget provision for 2013/14 and beyond. Members agreed in principle to maintain the level of the Precept to be requested (at £39,245. The final decision would be made in January.

267.3 Locality Budget- the Parish Council had previously agreed to purchase a towable gritter subject to insurance arrangements. The Clerk would write to Mr. Barnett's motor insurers to clarify the position. It was agreed to include the cost of the completed Bridgend wall capping stones repairs within the application. It was hoped to clarify any further work on Bridgend wall, to be included within the application, by the next Meeting.

268/12. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS – The cheque payments were authorised and signed in accordance with the schedule prepared by the Clerk, checked by Mr. Hussell and listed in Minute 269/12.

269/12 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The following cheques were authorised totalling:

£459.44

Chq No	PAYEE		AMOUNT	VAT
1578	James Gudgeon	Repairs; Public Tap Pillory Hill May 2011	£50.00	
1579	D.Goodchild	Grass cutting: The Green 4 & 18 October 2012	£32.00	
1580	B.Hockaday	Repairs; Bridgend Wall	£175.00	
1581	Ricoh Capital Ltd	Photocopier lease 1/11/12-31/1/13	£148.40	£24.73
1582	Ricoh UK Ltd	Invoice for copies 1/8/12-31/10/12	£45.63	£7.60
1583	South West Water	Public tap: Pillory Hill 24/8/12-13/11/12	£8.41	
		Total	£459.44	£32.33

*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments:£00.00 Total to date;£1309.94

270/12. CORRESPONDENCE

270.1 Boundary Commission- revised proposals for parliamentary constituency boundaries were noted which made provision for the Parish to be included in a new constituency broadly running from Tavistock to the Parish. This was considered more preferable to be included in a rural constituency rather than the Plymouth constituency originally envisaged.

270.2 Dog Control Orders- no Members were available to attend the pre consultation event on 26 November 2012.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm.