

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

**Held on 23 January 2014**

PRESENT Cllr. Cooper Mr. Cooper Mr. Hussell Mr. Carter Mr. Lyndon  
ALSO Mrs. Ansell Mr. Matthews Mr. Tubb  
PRESENT 2 Parishioners Mrs. McDonough  
(Clerk)

**OPEN FORUM**

**Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm** -Mrs. Sarah Roe advised that the project had been very successful in raising awareness.29 families had come forward.The project having one more year to run was beginning to look to the future. In order to continue and to open up a bigger funding platform the project would need to apply for charitable status. The total cost of the project over 2 years was £38,000 including its setting up and the coordinator's salary. £5000 had been secured from TAP funding with the balance from Devon County Council, two trusts and fund raising. The Parish Council was already represented on the project committee. The Council's view was being sought as to whether it would be prepared to continue to support the project possibly by having a Parish Councillor as a trustee or on the management committee.

**Neighbourhood Plan**- the Chairman of the RYDA provided an update on the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan Scoping study. It was anticipated that it would be available for the Parish Council by 14 February. It was agreed Mr. Lunn would give a short presentation to the Parish Council at the Meeting on 27 February.

**The Point, planning application**- *Mr. Matthews left the Meeting.* The RYDA Chairman had advised the applicant that he would be present at the Meeting to listen to the application and would be advising the RYDA membership of the application. *Mr. Matthews returned.*

**16/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** –there were apologies for absence from Mrs. Guy, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Stitson.

**17/14 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 "The Point" planning application by virtue of his son in law and daughter operating a café in the Parish.

**18/14 DISPENSATION REQUESTS**- none were made.

**19/14 PROPOSAL TO VARY THE AGENDA**- RESOLVED; items relating to SHDC current planning enforcement cases be heard in committee. (*Vote; Unanimous.*)

**20/14 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILS**

**20.1 Devon County Council Locality Budget**- suggestions had been put forward for allocation for footpath repairs, including steps leading to Wadham Beach, and to address drainage issues at the Pollexfen Archer bus stop at The Green. It was agreed to put the matter back to 13 February to obtain Mr. Taylor's views.

**20.2 SHDC Asset Transfer/Parish Asset land registration**- the working group were considering the suggestions put forward by Curtis Whiteford Crocker solicitors regarding overage provisions within the contract. Mr. Matthews agreed to review outstanding issues relating to potential effects of Restrictive Covenants/Incumbrances detailed in the title documents relating to the various parcels of land to be transferred and would report to the working group as to whether the matters needed to be raised with Curtis Whiteford Crocker.

**21/14 PLANNING**

**21.1 Appeals**- it was understood the Planning Inspector had made a site visit in respect of the Woodville appeal.

**Planning decisions**

**22.2 Tunley Cottage, Yealmpton 37/2494/13/F**- householder application for two storey extension to existing dwelling house. **SHDC:** Granted

**22.3 4 Newton Close 37/2483/13/F**-householder application for alterations and extension to dwelling to accommodate mobility equipment. Affected the setting of a Listed Building. **SHDC:** Granted

**22.4 Woodville Pillory Hill 37/2439/13/F**-demolition of existing three bedroom house and erection of replacement dwelling with garage. Application affected the setting of a Conservation Area. **SHDC:** Refused.

**22.5 The Lodge, Beacon Hill 37/2401/13/VAR**-application for variation of condition 3(substitute plans) of planning approval 37/2067/10/F (demolition of existing dwelling and garage replacement detached dwelling with integral garage and rooms in roof space.)**SHDC:** Granted

**22.6 Elstow, Yealm Road 37/2343/13/F**-householder application for external restorations and extensions to dwelling. **SHDC:** Granted

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**22.7 Riverholm, 103 Court Road 37/2600/13/TW-**work to Tree Preservation Order Trees South Hams District Council (Parish of Newton & Noss) (No.22) Tree Preservation Order 2003.Register Number of Notice; 3432.T1.Oak. Remove epicormic growth. Reduce crown by 2m in height.T2.Oak.Remove tree in height by 2 to 3m.**SHDC:** Granted

**22.8 87 Court Road 37/2319/13/TW-South Hams District Council (Parish of Newton & Noss) (No.10) Tree Preservation Order 1990.** Register Number of Notice: 3421Work to Tree Preservation Order Trees.T1-Stone Pine-fell.**SHDC:** Refusal of consent with agreed lesser works.

**Planning applications received**

*Mr. Matthews left the Meeting.*

**22.91 The Point, Passage Road 37/0011/14/CU-** change of use from C3 (residential) to mixed C3/A3 (residential/cafe). Application affecting a Conservation Area. DECISION: Support. (*Vote; Unanimous*) *Mr. Matthews returned to the Meeting.*

**22.10 Design Panel-** the Vice Chairman read out the letter in response to recent correspondence from Cllr. Bill Hitchens dated 15 January 2014.It had been confirmed that the current “Terms of Reference” would remain and that local representatives could take part in the “Question & Answer” sessions but would be able to only observe the “wash up”/summary session. Cllr. Hitchens had been confident that an understanding of both the immediate and wider context was fundamental in formulating an informed judgment on the merits of a scheme in a design review context. It was agreed the Vice Chairman would reply on behalf of the Parish Council advising that Members found this difficult to reconcile when the final paragraph in all panel reports stated ‘*These comments represent the views of the panel as consultees to the council. They relate **only** to the design aspects of the development and so do not deal with any wider issues which might arise in a planning application.*’ The Council questioned whether context was taken into consideration if ‘*only the design aspects*’ were considered and why this paragraph still stood.

**22.12 Parish Housing Surgery-** no Members were available to attend the surgery at Follaton House Wednesday 12 March.

The Chairman reported that she had spoken to Debbie Holloway at SHDC who had advised that revised changes to the Village Housing Initiative drawings had been emailed to Malcolm Elliott at SHDC Development Control. A decision would be made as to whether it could be deal with by way a of amendment or by a fresh planning application. It was believed the landowner would sign contracts once amended drawings had been submitted.

**22/14 DEMENTIA FRIENDLY PARISHES AROUND THE YEALM-** RESOLVED: To continue to support the Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm Project, in principle, subject to being provide with further details of the support needed.(*Vote; Unanimous*)

**23/14. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**Victim Support-** Victim Support had confirmed that they had supported 3 clients in the PL8 area. RESOLVED: To make a grant of £50 to Victim Support. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

**24/14 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 25/14.

**25/14 FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

The following cheques were authorised totalling:

**£367.20**

Chq No	PAYEE		AMOUNT	VAT
1753	CPRE	Annual subscription 2014	£29.00	
1754	AC Landscape & Treework Ltd	Tree Inspection: The Green	£234.00	£39.00
1755	Tilly Institute Charity	Hall hire: Planning enforcement meeting 20 January**	£10.00	
1756	Newton & Noss Village Hall	Hall hire reimbursement- emergency services 4/1/14 88	£60.00	
1757	A. Cooper	Reimbursement; Travel expenses 13/3/13 IDALC meeting 25/9/13 IDALC meeting 11/12/13 SHDC planning seminar	£34.20	
<b>Total</b>			<b>£367.20</b>	<b>£39.00</b>

\*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments:£00 Total to date;£435.60

\*\*S.133 Local Government Act 1972

Cancelled Cheques to Mrs. S Cooper, representing Chairman's Allowances

1435	S. Cooper	Contribution: Chairman's Expenses 2012(apportioned)	£37.50	
1488	S. Cooper	Balance of Chairman's allowance 2011	£112.50	

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1489	S. Cooper	Balance of Chairman's allowance 2012	£112.50	
1608	S. Cooper	Contribution: Chairman's Expenses 2013(apportioned)	£37.50	
1649	S. Cooper	Balance of Chairman's Allowance 2013	£112.50	
				<b>£412.50</b>
BACS	S. Cooper	Contribution: Chairman's Expenses 2014(apportioned)	£37.50	£37.50
		Total		<b>£450.00</b>

Total payable to Chairman for outstanding Chairman's Allowances May 2011- Jan 2014 to be paid by bank transfer.

## **2614 FOOTPATHS**

**26.1 Inspection report-** site visits had been undertaken by Mr. Carter, Mr. Taylor and the Harbourmaster. A draft invitation to tender for repairs had been approved by Mr. Carter and Mr. Taylor and it was agreed this should be submitted to three contractors.

**26.2 Devon Countryside Access Forum-** no Members were available to apply to become a member.

## **27/14 MAINTENANCE**

**27.1 Overgrown roadside hedges-** Devon County Council Highways had advised that they had inspected the hedges requested and that none were overgrown enough to be considered a safety defect in accordance with their safety inspection policy. They would however continue to monitor. They had found the length of footway down Bridgend Hill below "Barnicott". The representative would need to arrange for the overgrowth to be cut back to enable them to establish what condition it was in. It was thought to have been overgrown for several years.

It was agreed to ask DCC Highways to write to the owner of "Barnicott" to request the roadside hedging be trimmed back.

**27.2 Noss Hard-** a letter had been received from a parishioner expressing concern that Noss Hard had been used as a storage space for building materials, machinery and skips for ongoing work at "Point View" and queried whether rent had been paid for its use. Concern was expressed about the deterioration of its surface. A suggestion was made that the owners could be approached for a donation towards its reinstatement.

It was agreed to respond to the parishioner noting his concerns. The area of Noss Hard between Mean High Water Mark and the highway was Common Land. Whilst the Parish Council administered the area, it did not feel that it was in a position to charge for rent. Boat/kayak owners had not been charged for storage. The Parish Council would be monitoring the condition of the surface.

### **27.3 Trees.**

**i) Tree Inspection-** the trees at "The Green" outside the WI Hall had been inspected. Their condition was considered to be good. The contractors had recommended the trees be subject to annual inspection.

**ii) Noss Voss footpath-** the dead trees in the right area adjacent to the footpath running from Passage Road to Noss Voss had been reported to the SHDC Tree Officer given they were located in a Conservation Area. It had been suggested that further attempts be made to trace the landowner. It was agreed enquiries would be made with Cllr. Mumford and Mr. John Allen.

### **27.4 Any other areas for consideration?**

**i) Newton Hill pothole-**the Clerk confirmed that it had been reported to Devon County Council Highways Department.

**ii) Noss Voss/Pope's Quay-** Mr. John and Mrs. Jennie Allen had advised that they would be retiring having completed 28 years as Voss sweepers and Pope's Quay cleaners. It was agreed to request a duties specification from Mr. and Mrs. Allen and to include an invitation for expressions of interests for the role in the Parish Magazine and to circulate to the Parish database.

**iii) Passage Road-** fencing damaged by a tree on National Trust land. Lorna Sherriff Ranger, South Devon Coast and Countryside, had confirmed that the materials for the fence repair were on site and the team would be repairing the section as soon as possible. She would advise when the repair was completed.

**iv) Tennis Courts-** the Chairman advised that SHDC was proceeding to organise the resurfacing work.

## **In Committee**

**Enforcement-** a report of the meeting with the SHDC Planning Enforcement Team Leader, Mrs. Helen Smart, and Mrs. Wendy Ormsby, Planning Enforcement Officer, on 20 January 2014 had been circulated to Members prior to the Meeting. A report of four further alleged breaches of planning permission had been provided to SHDC. Details of the potential Service Level Agreement between SHDC Planning Enforcement and the Parish Council was considered. RESOLVED: To enter into the Planning Enforcement Service Level Agreement with South Hams District Council and to nominate Mr. Dominic Hussell as the Parish Council point of contact. (Vote; Unanimous)

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm