

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

**Held on 24 April 2014**

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

**OPEN FORUM**

**Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm-** Mrs. Caroline Hirst introduced herself, having been asked to take over responsibility as Parish Council representative from Mrs. Guy. She had been to the last meeting of the Dementia Friendly Parishes Group and was due to go to the next meeting the following Friday. She would be liaising between the Parish Council and the Dementia Friendly Parishes Group. Mrs. Hirst was thanked for taking up the position.

**Devon County Council Elections-** Mr. Richard Hoskin introduced himself as the Conservative Candidate standing for the Yealmpton Ward at the election on 22 May. The Vice Chairman made reference to the storm damage at Bridgend Wall and the discussions which had been taking place regarding repairs, with the former County Councillor William Mumford. Devon County Council was proposing to repair Bridgend Wall up to road level. The former County Councillor had advised that he may have had funding from Invest in Devon/Locality Budget to meet the additional costs to reinstate the wall to its original level. Mr. Hosking advised that he was to meet with Mr. Mumford. Cllr. Suzie Cooper advised that she may have funding available also.

**Newton & Noss Village Hall-** Mrs. Ansell advised that the Chairman of the Committee wished to pass on thanks for the grant towards the roof repairs.

**Twinning-** Mr. Matthews advised that the Trebeurden Twinning Visit was due to take place the following weekend with thirty people going.

**101/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** –there were apologies for absence from Mr. Lyndon

**102/14 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED** - members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. None were declared.

**103/14 DISPENSATION REQUESTS-** none were made.

**104/14 PROPOSAL TO VARY THE AGENDA-** RESOLVED; items relating to planning enforcement and Noss Voss maintenance work should be considered in committee. (*Vote; Unanimous.*)

**105/15COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILS**

**105.1 Highways-**

**i) Bridgend Wall-** notes in Open Forum refer.

**ii) Court Road/Parsonage Road junction-** Mr. Hussell advised that he and the Clerk had met with Mr. Nick Colton from Devon County Council Highways that day. The budget allocation had been increased for the Lengthsmen, but there would be no additional lengthsmen to undertake the work and that they would be fully booked. It looked unlikely that the Lengthsmen service could be used to fulfil the TAP funded drainage work. A contractor would need to be found with correct Chapter 8 certification. Mr. Colton had agreed to refresh the white lines at/near the junction of Court Road/Parsonage Road. He would also make enquiries as to the possibility of a chevron sign being placed on the bend as a reminder of the road bend. Mr. Colton had thought the Holy Cross Church signs placed on the bend were a distraction for drivers. Mr. Hussell would discuss the matter with Reverend Anne Legge.

**105.2 SHDC Asset Transfer/Parish Asset land registration-** there had been no update from Curtis Whiteford Crocker.

**105.3 Playparks-** the April Allianz inspection reports in respect of Butts Park play park and Noss play park had been circulated to Members. SHDC Landscape & Recreation had advised that the A rated defect on a piece of equipment at Butts Park would be picked up and dealt with within the prescribed timescale. It was likely to involve an external contractor but would be coordinated by Property Services. B rated defects were monitored and prioritised accordingly. SHDC did not have the resources to resolve all B rated items on each of their 67 sites but did take stock of what was mentioned in the report and when appropriate they would look to tackle the most pressing concerns or those with the highest risk.

The Clerk had contacted SHDC regarding the missing slide at Butts Park play park.

**105.4 Village Housing Initiative-** there had been no response from Tor Homes or South Hams District Council. Gary Streeter M.P. had contacted the Vice Chairman to advise that he had not received a reply to his enquiry with them and would chase again. The Vice Chairman had not had the opportunity of speaking with Debbie Holloway as yet but would do so.

**106/14PLANNING**

**Planning decisions**

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**106.1 Newton Downs Farm 37/0506/14/AG**-Agricultural Determination; Agricultural notification for proposed farm track at Newton Downs Farm. **SHDC:** Planning Permission was required.

**106.2 Fell Close, Yealmpton 37/0142/14/F**-householder application for attached garage and porch. **SHDC:** Granted.

**106.3 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. **SHDC:** Granted.

**106.4 Tamarinda, Yealm View Road 37/0341/14/F**-householder application for extension and alterations to dwelling. Affected a public footpath or right of way. **SHDC:** Granted.

**106.5 Land to East Of 85 Court Road 37/2616/13/F**-erection of a single dwelling with vehicular access and parking spaces. Affected a public footpath or right of way. **SHDC:** Granted.

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

**106.6 Galanda, Court Wood 37/0697/14/F**-householder application for extension and alterations to existing boat store/garden room. Affected a public footpath or right of way. **DECISION:** No objection. (*Vote; 8 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention*).

**106.7 Newton Downs Farm 37/0784/14/F**-extension to existing agricultural barn. **DECISION:** No objection. (*Vote; Unanimous*).

**106.8 I Whittingham Road, Collaton Park 37/0801/14/F**-householder application for single- storey rear extension and erection of boiler room to north-east elevation. **DECISION:** No objection provided the planning officer's concerns had been satisfactorily addressed. (*Vote; 9 in favour, 1 abstention*).

**106.9 48 Noss Mayo 37/0848/14/F**-householder application for erection of boat shelter on existing dock for rowing boat and other small craft. 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, 2 objections, 2 abstentions*)

**106.10 99 Court Road 37/0851/14/F**-householder application of extension to rear terrace with store underneath. Affected a public footpath or right of way. **DECISION:** No objection. (*Vote; Unanimous*).

**106.11 59 Bridgend 37/0842/14/F**-householder application for replacement flat roof over single storey passageway with mono-pitch slate roof. Installation of additional first floor window. It was agreed that if Parish Clerk was unable to secure an extension from SHDC planning control to 9 May 2014, for the Council to respond, Members would submit their comments to the Clerk, the Clerk then having delegated authority under Section 101, Local Government Act 1972 to submit those comments on the Parish Council's behalf to South Hams District Council.

#### **Appeals-**

**106.11 Old Quay, 107 Yealm Road APP/K1128/A 14/2216288**-demolition and replacement of existing dwelling. The Parish Council abided by their objections raised in respect of the application and had no further comment. The Planning Inspectorate would be advised as such.

**106.12 Neighbourhood Plan-** there was no update as to when the public meeting would be taking place.

**106.13 Design Panel-** there had been no further response from SHDC to the letter from the vice Chairman dated 31 March 2014.

### **107/14. ADMINISTRATION**

#### **End of Year Accounts 2013/2014-**

i) The year end check had been performed by Mr. Carter and the Vice Chairman Mr. Cooper. Mrs. Evans had also considered the accounts. The accounts had been circulated and received by the Council. The accounts and supporting papers were due to go to the internal auditor, Mr. Ken Abraham, for audit on 2 May. **RESOLVED:** To approve the accounts for the year ending March 2014 following the annual review and subject to the internal audit (*Vote; Unanimous*)

ii) The Statement of Accounts and Annual return had been received by the Council. **RESOLVED:** To agree the Annual Return in accordance with the figures prepared by the RFO and approved by the Accounts inspections Working Group. The Chairman and the RFO were authorised to sign the Annual Governance statement and Statement of Accounts for submission to the Auditors by 2 June 2014. (*Vote; Unanimous*)

iii) Subject to the Internal Audit - **RESOLVED:** To authorise the Clerk and the Chairman/Vice Chairman to make any recommended amendments to the accounts, statement of accounts or Part 2 of the Annual Return if necessary following the internal audit. (*Vote; Unanimous*)

### **108/14 CONSULTATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

**CPRE AGM & debate-** it was agreed the Vice Chairman and Mr. Matthews would attend on Friday 2 May 5.45pm The Rose and Crown, Yealmpton.

**109/14 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 110/14.

### **110/14 FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

**The following cheques were authorised totalling:**

**£239.00**

River Yealm Regatta	Grant; Regatta Fireworks 2014*	£75.00
Newton & Noss Environment Group	Grant: Newton & Noss Energy Savers workshops*	£132.00

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\*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments:£207 Total to date;£207.00

### **111/14 MAINTENANCE**

**111.1 TAP fund drainage project-** suggestions had been put forward by the Clerk to Wembury Parish Council as to the method by which the TAP funding of £7731.20 should be distributed between the four parishes of Wembury, Yealmpton, Brixton and Newton & Noss. It was agreed that Newton & Noss Parish Council would suggest that the TAP funding was divided equally between the Parishes.

**111.2 Manhole cover-** Mr. Stitson advised that he would look at the disused manhole cover by Noss Voss footpath

#### **111.3 Any other areas for consideration-**

**i) Pope's Quay-**it was agreed tenders would be invited to effect repairs to the bottom section of the slipway. Mr Carter would meet with potential contractors on site to discuss repair methods. It was agreed that the River Yealm Harbour Authority would be invited to contribute towards the repairs.

**ii) Malthouse area, Bridgend-** it was agreed the Chairman and Mr. Taylor would liaise with a contractor regarding planting for the grass area. The replanting was to be funded from the Chairman's District Council Locality Budget. The area was to be dedicated to the late Mrs. Jeannifer Woodcock

**iii) St. Peter's-** the damaged bin would be reported to SHDC.

**iv) Butts Park –** the overflowing dog waste bin would be reported to SHDC.

**v) Noss Hard Canoe rack-** Mr. Stitson agreed to inspect the canoe rack following damage reported.

**vi) Sports Pavilion repairs-** an application had been made for Locality Budget funding prior to Mr. William Mumford's resignation as County Councillor. It had been thought that the application would need to be resubmitted when the new County Councillor for the Ward was elected. Devon County Council had advised that the application had in fact been successfully processed and £937.92 had been awarded. One quote had been obtained for the work by the former County Councillor. **RESOLVED:** To accept the quote from Mr. Larry Finch provided to Mr Mumford in the sum of £937.92 to effect repairs to the Butts Park Sport Pavilion, irrespective of the fact three quotes had not been obtained by the Parish Council. (*Vote; Unanimous*)

#### **In committee**

**111.4 Noss Voss-** it was understood Mr. Larry Finch had agreed to conduct the monthly maintenance of Noss Voss/Crocker's Quay and Pope's Quay **RESOLVED;** Mr Larry Finch's offer to conduct the monthly maintenance of Noss Voss/Crocker's Quay and Pope's Quay , on a self employed basis, at the rate of £50per month would be accepted. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

**112/14 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT-** no updates had been received. It was agreed the Clerk would chase.

*The Meeting closed at 8.05pm*