

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

Held on 25 July 2013

PRESENT Cllr. Cooper Mr. Cooper Mrs. Ansell Mr. Barnett Mr. Gough Mr. Lyndon

Mr. Hussell Mr. Matthews Mr. Carter

ALSO

PRESENT

Mrs. McDonough
(Clerk)

2 parishioner was present for part of the Meeting

OPEN FORUM

No matters were raised.

168/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- there were apologies for absence from, Mr. Tubb and Mr. Taylor.

169/13 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED - Members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. Mr. Gough declared interests in matters relating to planning applications for "Quercus", by virtue of having a legal right of access over the quay, and together with the Chairman, in "Berberis" and "Omega" planning applications as a result of being members of the Lower court Road Association.

170/13 DISPENSATION REQUESTS- none were made.

171/13 MINUTES –the Minutes of 27 June Meeting were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

172/13 PROPOSAL TO VARY THE AGENDA RESOLVED; items relating to consideration of quotes for Noss Hard/Noss Fountain maintenance should be considered in committee. *(Vote; Unanimous)*

173/13 PLANNING

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

173.1 Yealm Cottage, Newton Hill 37/1120/13/F-householder application for alterations and extension to building. Application affected a Conservation Area. **SHDC:** Granted.

173.2 96 Yealm Road 37/1150/13/F-householder application for alterations and extensions to property. The site adjoined/affected a public right of way. **SHDC:** Granted.

173.3 Bay Tree Cottage, Membland 37/1317/13/LB- Listed Building Consent for alterations and extensions to property. Application affected a Listed Building. **SHDC:** Granted.

173.4 Bay Tree Cottage, Membland 37/1318/13/F-householder application for alterations and extensions to property. Application affected a Listed Building. **SHDC:** Granted.

173.5 15 Court Road 37/1288/13/F-householder application for the installation of pedestrian entrance gate onto Court Road. Application affected a Listed Building. **SHDC:** Granted.

173.6 15 Court Road 37/1289/13/LB-Listed Building Consent for e installation of new pedestrian entrance gate onto Court Road. Application affected a Listed Building. **SHDC:** Granted.

173.6 Illawong, Yealm Road 37/1290/13/F-householder application for first floor extension to dwelling. The site adjoined/affected a public right of way. **SHDC:** Granted.

173.7 Summerfield, 8 Church Park Road 37/1382/13/MIN-non material amendment (construction of rear wall) to 37/0489/13/F (householder application for refurbishment and single storey extension). **SHDC:** Granted.

173.8 The Barn, Revelstoke Road 37/1237/13/F-householder application for the demolition of existing garage/store and construction of new garage/store. **SHDC:** Granted.

173.9 Woongarra, Lower Court Road 37/1051/13/F-demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling. The site adjoined/affected a public right of way. **SHDC:** Granted.

173.10 Clannicombe View, Widey Hill 37/0930/13/F-full planning application for demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with new dwelling. (Re-submission of planning application 37/1443/12/F). **SHDC:** Granted.

173.11 17 Yealm Road 37/1240/12/MIN-non-material amendment for householder planning consent 37/1135/11/F. **SHDC:** Granted.

Planning applications received

173.12 Myrtle Quay, Yealm View Road 37/1531/13/F-erection of wooden steps from garden to foreshore together with blockwork quay. The site adjoined/affected a public right of way. DECISION; objection. Blockwork should be stone faced and steps should be within curtilage. *(Vote; 8 in favour of objecting, 1 abstention.) Mr. Gough left the Meeting.*

173.13 Quercus, Lower Court Road 37/1604/13/F-householder application for provision of car parking area, garden room and boat store. The site adjoined/affected a public right of way. DECISION; No objection. *(Vote; 7 in favour, 1 abstention.) Mr. Gough returned*

173.14 Springdale, 4 Meadow Close 37/1752/13/F-householder application for ground floor extension. DECISION; No objection. *(Vote; 8 in favour, 1 abstention.) Mr. Gough left the Meeting*

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173.15 Berberis, Lower Court Road 37/1649/13/F-householder application for the erection of new boundary wall with associated access gates. The site adjoined/affected a public right of way. Members raised concerns that the wall height could block the public's view from the footpath. DECISION; No objection provided height did not exceed six feet. (Vote; 7 in favour, 1 abstention.)

173.16 Omega, 101 Court Road 37/1636/13/F- householder application for erection of timber garage. The site adjoined/affected a public right of way. DECISION; No objection. (Vote; 7 in favour, 1 abstention.) Mr. Gough returned to the Meeting.

173.16 1 The Point, Noss Mayo 37/1670/13/F- householder application for the erection of garden room, studio and store (revisions to approved application 37/1296/12/F). Application affected a Conservation Area. DECISION; No objection. (Vote; 8 in favour, 1 abstention)

173.18 Design Panel- A proposal for a single replacement dwelling at Old Quay, 107 Yealm Road, Tuesday 30th July. Members had reviewed the proposals. Mrs. Alison Ansell and Mrs. Denise Marchant would be attending as the Council representatives with the Vice Chairman in reserve.

Correspondence-

173.19 Ferry Cottage 37/1756/07/F-the landowner had advised that he was happy to talk to SHDC Planning Enforcement and that it was understood the Enforcement Officer would be making a site visit.

173.20 CPRE- Charter to Save Our Countryside- it was agreed to support and sign the Charter.

173.21 Neighbourhood Planning- the Vice Chairman, Mrs. Ansell and Mr. Matthews gave a report of the SHDC planning workshop. It was felt that a Neighbourhood Plan was all about development rather than stopping development. The influence of the current SHDC Development Plan Document, which had given the Parish a nil housing allocation in light of the Village Housing Initiative, was felt to be diminishing. SHDC would be preparing a Strategic Housing Market Needs Assessment over the next two years. The Parish Council would need to decide whether a Neighbourhood Plan was wanted and what would be achieved as a result. A Member suggested that a Plan could be instigated containing what the Parish wanted, but that if it was not accepted, then nothing would have been lost. It was suggested that any working group formed to take the Plan forward would need to represent the wide views of the Parish and chaired by someone viewed by all as "neutral". A plan could take two years to prepare and would be costly- albeit there was some funding currently available.

A Member raised a question about development on Brownfield sites, supported by the CPRE. It was felt that general development was not wanted with preference for affordable Housing through Exception Sites. In addition to the Parsonage Road site, there was a suggestion a site may become available in Noss Mayo.

The RYDA had made a request for a public meeting. It was agreed that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Mrs. Ansell would request a meeting with the RYDA to discuss the Parish Council's conclusions.

173.22 Development Management Committee Meeting- Woodville- 37/1253/13/F had been refused and 80 Court Road 37/1000/13/RM deferred. In respect of the former, 26 people had attended the meeting to object.

173.23Solar Farm- the Parish Council had received notification from the Project Developer for Good Energy, advising that they were in the early stages of looking at a potential solar site at Newton Downs Farm. The site was one 15 acre field scheme equating to 3.5MW capacity. They were planning a door knock of the surrounding area to assess local opinion over the week of 22 July. They would be happy to talk to the Parish Council to explain their proposal. They had been unable to attend the current Meeting but had been advised of the dates of forthcoming Meetings.

173.24 Letter of concern to SHDC- Mr. Malcolm Elliott from SHDC had suggested holding a meeting with Parish Council Members in conjunction with Mr. Dean Kinsella, Planning Officer. It was agreed that it should take place in the Parish with as many Members attending as possible. The Parish Council would be responsible for the hire fee for the WI Hall. It was agreed that the letter sent to the Chief Executive, South Hams District Council, regarding the Council's planning concerns should be circulated by the Clerk, by email, to the other Parish /Town Council Clerks in the South Hams asking that it be drawn to their Council's attention.

174/13 ADMINISTRATION

174.1SHDC Asset Transfer /Parish Asset Registration- there had been no response from SHDC to the enquiries about the insurance position for the play park despite several pressing emails. Mr. Matthews would contact Curtis Whiteford Crocker for an update.

174.2 Planning application arrangements during summer break- RESOLVED: For those applications in respect of which the Parish Clerk was unable to secure an extension from SHDC planning control to 13 September 2013, for the Council to respond, Members should 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. (Vote: Unanimous)

175.3 Banking arrangements- online banking access level arrangements would remain as "View Only" rather than "full access" for the bank signatories.

175/13 GRANT APPLICATION

175.1 1st Brixton & Yealmpton Scout Group- a "wish list" of sports equipment had been provided by the group totalling £166.60. It was agreed to pay one third by means of grant upon the basis funding would be sought from Brixton and Yealmpton also. RESOLVED; to make a grant of £55.60 to the 1st Brixton & Yealmpton Scout Group for sports equipment. (Vote; Unanimous)

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175.2 Ivybridge & District Community Transport Association- the annual report had been submitted showing 99 parishioners had used the Ring and Ride Service, with 1 parishioner using the Voluntary Car Service. RESOLVED; to make a grant of £150 to the Ivybridge & District Community Transport Association. (*Vote; Unanimous*)

176/13 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 177/13. The payment in respect of hedge/grass cutting for the Collaton/Butts Park link would be withheld until the Vice Chairman had checked the work and the position regarding the overgrown grass/hedging by the pedestrian crossing had been clarified.

It was noted that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services had advised that agreement had been reached on rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2013 and had provided the 2013/2014 pay scales and allowances in accordance with the 1% increase.

177/13 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The following cheques were authorised totalling: £3689.89

Chq No	PAYEE		AMOUNT
1677	J Allen	Cleaning: Noss Voss & Popes Quay July 13	£50.00
1678	S.McDonough	Net salary-July & backdated pay scale increase to 1/4/13	£1,258.52
1679	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks monthly Tax & National Insurance	£365.71
1680	P. Burridge	Spring maintenance	£347.10
1681	P. Burridge	Malthouse area weed clearance	£180.96
1682	Grant Thornton UK LLP	Audit fee; 2013 Annual Return	£240.00
1683	M. Grundy	Parish Council website maintenance	£324.00
1684	E.G.Hingston & Co	Collaton/Butts Park Path hedge/grass cutting	£384
1685	D. Goodchild	Grass cutting; The Green 14 & 27 June 13	£32.00
1686	WI Community Hall	Hire fee: public meeting 16 September	£33.00
1687	M.Hingston	Cleaning: Newton Voss & steps July 13	£124.00
1688	M.Hingston	Diamond cutting Newton Voss	£295
1689	1st Brixton & Yealmpton Scout Group	Grant-sports equipment*	£55.60
Total			£3,689.89

*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments:£55.60 Total to date;£260.60

178/13. MAINTENANCE

178.1 Butts Park footpath- Devon County Council had advised on 18 July that the hedge should be completed within the following few days. A Member asked if the Clerk could check with Devon County Council as to whether the work had been undertaken by the contractor.

178.2 Butts Park/Collaton footpath- Min 176.3 refers.

178.3 Areas for consideration?

i) Noss Play Park- it was confirmed that SHDC had responsibility for trimming the roadside hedge. Mr. Barnett advised that he had recently trimmed it to aid access.

ii) Bridgend Hill- it was agreed the Clerk would raise concerns regarding overhanging/overgrown hedging from “Barnicott” to Yealm View Road with DCC Highways.

iii) Dillons- the Clerk would raise missing/damaged kerbstone on the corner north of Dillons with Devon County Council Highways.

iii) Co-op potholes- DCC had advised that it was within the backlog of work to be undertaken.

iv) Newton Voss- RESOLVED- to accept the quotation from M& S Gardening Services to cut the exposed reinforcement rods in the sum of £20. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

v) South West Grounds Maintenance- had requested a meeting to discuss maintenance issues in the Parish. It was agreed to defer the matter to September when Mr. Taylor would be present.

vi) River Yealm pollution- a letter of complaint from a holidaymaker regarding sewage in the river had been forwarded to South West Water and the Environment Agency.

Mr. Carter left the Meeting

178.4 Noss Fountain/Noss Hard – Mr. Hussell advised that he and Mr. Stitson had inspected the tunnel from Noss Fountain to past the kayak rack. There were no blockages, and the culvert was clear save for a couple of rocks. Mr. Hussell suggested that he and Mr. Stitson liaise with the contractors when the weed clearance /dredging maintenance was undertaken to effect a flush through of the culvert. It was agreed to report the rocks to Devon county Council Highways to see if they could be removed by the Lengthsman.

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In committee

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation for weed clearance/dredging of the culvert from Noss Fountain to Noss Hard in the sum of £375 plus Vat from Flete Garden Services. (*Vote; Unanimous*)

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm