

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

Held on 26 April 2012

PRESENT	Cllr Cooper	Mr. Cooper	Mr. Gough	Mr. Carter	Mr. Matthews
Mr. Hussell ALSO PRESENT	Mr. Barnett	Mrs. Ansell	Mr. Lyndon	Mr. Taylor	Mrs. McDonough (Clerk)

5 parishioners were present for part of the Meeting

OPEN FORUM

No matters were raised.

108/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- there were apologies for absence from Mr. Tubb and Mr. Stitson.

109/12 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED - Members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. None were declared.

110/12 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*)

111/12 PLANNING

111.1 Neighbourhood Plan- the Chairman, CPRE Devon, gave a presentation on Neighbourhood Plans. It was agreed that the question of whether the Parish Council would instigate a Neighbourhood Plan would be debated at the 28 June Meeting.

SHDC planning decisions-

111.2 Hillersdon Lodge, Hillersdon, Membland 37/0226/12/F- householder application for conversion of old slaughter house to ancillary accommodation to the main house. Application affected a Listed Building. **SHDC:** Granted.

111.3 Widey Cross 37/0202/12/F- householder application for refurbishment and alterations to ground floor layout of existing outbuilding for use as habitable accommodation ancillary to existing dwelling house. The site adjoined/affected a public right of way. **SHDC:** Granted.

111.4 Yondercombe, Noss Mayo 37/0224/12/F- proposed erection of single detached dwelling. Application affected the setting of a Conservation Area. Application affected the setting of a Listed Building. **SHDC:** Granted.

111.5 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.

111.6 49 Yealm Road 37/0340/12/F- householder application for construction of hard standing with garden room under and provision of dropped curb for access. Application affected the setting of a Conservation Area. **SHDC:** Granted.

111.7 Tylings, 47 Court Road 37/0275/12/F- householder application for two storey extension at rear. **SHDC:** Granted.

111.8 Lambside Corner Cottage, Newton Ferrers 37/0475/12/F- retrospective planning application for holiday letting unit. **SHDC:** Refused.

111.9 Design Panel Meeting- Woodville, Pillory Hill- Mrs. Ansell gave a report of the meeting. Although the proposed scheme appeared to have general approval, some concern had been expressed that the design was not sympathetic to its surroundings and inappropriate for the setting.

112/12 ADMINISTRATION-

112.1 End of Year Accounts-

i) The year end check had been performed by Mr. Carter and the Chairman. 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 28 May. RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for the year ending March 2012 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 10 June 2012. (Vote; *Unanimous*)

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

112.2 Bishops Court- Members considered the proposed service charges for the forthcoming year. Signpost Housing Association had advised that the charges would increase from £42 per month to £142.38 per month. The increase was accounted for by the yellow bag disposal service, used by the doctors and physiotherapist, the costs of which had previously been allocated across all service charge payers at Bishops Court. Signpost had been advised that the Care

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Staff did not use the service, it being solely used for the consulting room, and was therefore not applicable to be charged across the whole of Bishops Court. The Chairman had spoken to the manager at Yealm Medical Centre to discuss the possibility that the surgery could provide their own yellow bags which could be removed by the doctors at the end of each surgery thus avoiding incurring the charges. The Manager had advised that she would speak with the Doctors at their meeting the following week. It was agreed that if Yealm Medical Centre were content to dispose of their own yellow bag waste, then the Clerk should write to the physiotherapist inviting her to do likewise and to advise Signpost Housing Association that the yellow bag disposal service would no longer be required.

112.3 SHDC Asset Transfer- there was no update.

113/12 CORRESPONDENCE

113.1 Sustainable Communities Act 2007 (Amendment) Act 2010- it was agreed to take no action in respect of a letter requesting support to end delays in implementation of the Act.

113.2 Super Cluster Meeting- it was agreed to send apologies for the Super Cluster Meeting on 10 May 2012, it falling on the day of the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

113.3 Fencing- Members considered the response from the owner of Casa Del Rio following concerns about fence heights. It was agreed the Vice Chairman, Mr. Hussell and Mr. Matthews would accept the owners' invitation to attend a site meeting to discuss matters further.

114/12 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 115/12.

115/12 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The following cheques were authorised totalling:

£120.78

D.Goodchild	The Green: grass cutting 6/3/12 & 22/3/12 & maintenance work- The Green/Co-op bus shelter	£77.00
S.Hinchliffe	Noss Play Park Improvement Project expenses: postage, balloons, refreshments	£43.78
	Total	£120.78

*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments:£0 Total to date;£849.02

The work undertaken by Mr Goodchild had been inspected and the payment authorised.

116/12. MAINTENANCE

116.1 Puslinch Bridge- Mr. Hussell suggested further maintenance work which could be undertaken by Devon County Council in the area during bridge repairs in summer including replacing the missing H.G.V.sign at Collaton end, realignment of the Yealmpton end sign, addressing the vegetation growth over the whole length which had encroached onto the carriageway, old white lines appearing due to excessive wear on road surface, gulleys formed on side of road uphill on Collaton side of Puslinch house causing vehicles to move to centre of road and hedges in various locations needing a severe cutting back. It was agreed the Clerk would write to Devon County Council Highways Department/Cllr Mumford in those terms.

116.2 Annual Maintenance- min 115/12 refers.

116.3 Butts Park Playing Field- the Vice Chairman reported that the padlock on the playing fields gate had been vandalised and cars had been driven onto the playing field. There was a concern that football teams may stop using the field due to the level of dog excrement that had to be cleared before games could be played. The Chairman, in her capacity as District Councillor, advised that she would speak with SHDC to ascertain the status of the playing field and whether dogs were in fact permitted to use the field. SHDC would also be asked to repair the gate and replace security provisions.

In committee

116.3 Collaton/Butts Park Link- the Clerk had received a telephone call the preceding day in which Mr. Hingston had quoted £320 plus VAT for trimming vegetation along the entire path length prior to the official opening. **RESOLVED:** To accept the quotation from E.G. Hingston and Son to trim the vegetation along the Collaton/Butts Park link in the sum of £320 plus VAT (*Vote: Unanimous*)

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm