

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

Held on 27 March 2014

PRESENT Mr. Cooper Mrs. Ansell Mr. Hussell Mr. Carter Mr. Lyndon

ALSO Mr. Stitson Mr. Taylor
PRESENT 7 Parishioners

Mrs. McDonough
(Clerk)

In the absence of the Chairman, the Meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman Mr. Alan Cooper.

OPEN FORUM

7 Yealm Road 37/0500/14/F-the applicant spoke in support of his application.

73/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –there were apologies for absence from Mr. Tubb, Mr. Matthews and Mrs. Evans.

74/14 MINUTES –the Minutes of the 27 February Meeting were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

75/14 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED - members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. None were declared.

76/14 DISPENSATION REQUESTS- none were made.

77/14 PROPOSAL TO VARY THE AGENDA- RESOLVED items relating to planning enforcement should be considered in committee. (*Vote; Unanimous.*)

78/14 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILS

78.1 SHDC Asset Transfer/Parish Asset land registration- there was no update. The Council was waiting to hear from Curtis Whiteford Crocker.

78.2 Bridgend Wall- parishioners had spoken in support of the complete reinstatement and rebuilding of the riverside/roadside wall at Bridgend following storm damage over winter at the Annual Parish Meeting which had preceded the Parish Council Meeting. Concerns had also been raised through correspondence. Prior to his resignation from the County Council, Cllr. Mumford had suggested that he may have funding available from his Locality/Invest in Devon Budget to complete the rebuild of the wall over and above the level Devon County Council Highways was prepared to build to. The cost of reinstating the wall to its original height had been placed at approximately £6000. Reference was made to the Noss side of Bridgend Wall having had a full rebuild following storm damage in December 2012. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Devon County Council to ascertain who would be dealing with the matter in the absence of Cllr. Mumford and whether funding was still in place to effect full reinstatement of the wall. Mr. Hornblower, Senior Professional Engineer from Devon County Council Bridge Maintenance Department, would be invited to an urgent site meeting. Members were reluctant to take on ownership of the wall, as suggested by Devon County Council, due to costs implications and the effect on the Parish Precept. It was agreed the Parish Council would not assume ownership of the riverside/roadside wall at Bridgend.

78.3 Village Housing Initiative- there had still been no response from Tor Homes/South Hams District Council to the request for a meeting. Cllr. Cooper had been requested to press for the meeting but had been away. It was agreed the Vice Chairman would write to Gary Streeter M.P. to ask for his assistance in setting up the proposed meeting.

79/14 PLANNING

79.1 Planning decisions- the Parish Council had not been notified of any decisions by SHDC.

Planning applications received including

79.2.5 Whittingham Road, Yealmpton 37/0426/14/F-householder application for removal of velux window and erection of dormer window to existing loft conversion. DECISION: No objection (*Vote; 6 in favour, 1 abstention*)

79.3 Treetops, Yealm View Road 37/0470/14/F-householder application for extensions and alterations. DECISION: No objection (*Vote; 6 in favour, 1 abstention*)

79.3.7 Yealm Road 37/0500/14/F-householder application for demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey extension with integrated garage. Alteration to bay window. Affected the setting of a Listed Building. Affected a public footpath or right of way. DECISION: No objection (*Vote; Unanimous*)

79.4 97 Court Road TPO 901-South Hams District Council (Parish of Newton & Noss) (No.901).Tree preservation Order 2014.Trees located within the grounds of 97 Court Road, Newton Ferrers. DECISION: Support confirmation as served. Strongly support Tree Warden's recommendations. (*Vote; Unanimous*)

79.4 The Hayloft, Yealmpton 37/0588/14/F-erection of timber storage shed. Affected the setting of a Listed Building. DECISION: No objection (*Vote; Unanimous*)

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79.5 Lochalsh, Lower Court Road 37/0657/14/TW. South Hams District Council (Parish of Newton & Noss) (No.22) Tree Preservation Order 2003.Register Number of Notice: 3492.Work to Tree Preservation Order Trees. DECISION: No objection if the South Hams District Council Tree Officer was satisfied with the proposed work. (Vote; Unanimous)

79.6 DCC/3638/2014 STEER POINT BRICK WORKS-importation of inert waste for the purpose of filling the void as part of the restoration of Steer Point Quarry. Neither the RYHA nor the Parish Council had been consulted. The Parish Council had been made aware of the application by the Chairman of Brixton Parish Council. It was proposed that 45 lorries per day would be travelling in and out of Brixton over the next ten years. The former Chairman of the Devon branch of CPRE had written to the Parish Council outlining their proposed objections with which Members agreed. The site was within 15 yards of the river bank. It was thought the inert waste (for which the Parish Council was given the Environment Agency definition) would come from Sherford development. DECISION: Objection (Vote; Unanimous)

1. The Parish Council did not consider the process to have been conducted properly.
2. The description of the Waste Stream did not provide sufficient information as to what it contained.
3. It did not fit in with the Devon Waste Plan which had gone forward to the Secretary of State for an Examination in Public.
4. It was an example of where the secrecy behind most waste planning was not in the public interest.
5. It was in the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
6. It was close to a Sea bass Nursery and a working Oyster farm.
7. It was in a site of Special Scientific Interest.
8. Adjacent to a Ramsar site.
9. There seemed to have been little local consultation- neither Newton & Noss Parish Council nor The River Yealm Harbour Authority had been included as consultees

79.7 Correspondence; Yealm Ridge 37/0378/14/F. The Parish Council met on 27 February 2014 to consider the application in respect of which Members made "No comment". The Parish Council considered a number of letters of objection raised by residents. The Parish Council resolved to change their decision from " No Comment" to "Objection" supporting the objections and concerns raised by owners of neighbouring properties.(Vote; 5 in favour of objecting, 2 abstentions)

79.8 Neighbourhood Plan-Graham Swiss, SHDC Strategic Planning Officer had been allocated as the assigned officer contact at SHDC in relation to the Newton & Noss Neighbourhood Plan. Speaker availability details for a public consultation meeting were awaited from the RYDA Chairman. It was agreed to place a copy of the Scoping Study on the Parish Council website.

79.9 Local Planning Validation Checklist Consultation- Members had no comments.

79.10SHDC Development Management Working Group Meeting 26 February 2014-it was noted that a recommendation would be made, with effect from the start of the municipal year 2014/2015 and for a trial period of one year, for Parish Councils to be entitled to speak on planning applications at Development Management Committee meetings, provided they abided by the same rules as other speakers in terms of registering in advance and time limits for speaking.

79.12 SHDC Design Panel- it was agreed to press Cllr Hitchens at SHDC for a response to the Vice Chairman's letter of 29 January 2014 regarding the wording of the decision responses from the Design Panel.

80/14GRANT APPLICATIONS

River Yealm Boatwatch- Mr. Carter advised that the RYHA had made a one off grant of £200 to River Yealm Boatwatch in response to their request for a contribution towards their public liability insurance. It was agreed that the RYHA was the appropriate source for such grant applications.

81/14CORRESPONDENCE

Ist Yealm Guides- the Council agreed to the request made to hold a cardboard box sleepover for one night on The Green in front of the WI Hall in September.

82/14 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS – Grounds Maintenance South West had presented their invoice for Bus shelter/notice board refurbishment the preceding day. RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the invoice for notice boards/bus shelter refurbishment in the sum of £1486.80 upon Mr. Carter and Mr. Taylor confirming to the Clerk that they were satisfied with the work undertaken. (Vote; Unanimous). The Cheque payment was then authorised and signed in accordance with the schedule prepared by the Clerk, checked by Mr. Hussell and listed in Minute 83/14.

83/14 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The following cheque was authorised totalling: £1486.80

Chq No	PAYEE		AMOUNT
1780	P.Burridge	Notice boards/bus shelter refurbishment	£1,486.80
		Total	£1,486.80

*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments:£0 Total to date;£540.60

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84/14 ADMINISTRATION

84.1 Post Office Cheque Authority Card- it was agreed the Clerk could make application for a Post Office Cheque Authority Card to enable the Council to make purchases by cheque for Royal Mail Services.

84.2 Fixed Asset Register. RESOLVED: the Parish Council Asset Register for financial year 2013/ 2014 was approved. (*Vote; Unanimous*)

85/14. MAINTENANCE

85.1 Footpaths- all but one of the Modification Orders made last year for routes in Newton & Noss had been confirmed as unopposed. Mrs. Clayton from DCC PROW would be putting up site notices to this effect. The Parish Council had received formal notification and copies in the post. One order, for the addition of Bridleway No. 51 from Membland to Pool Mill received objections and Mrs. Clayton had been unable to secure the withdrawal of one objection. The order would therefore need to be submitted to the Secretary of State for determination.

85.2 Big Slip Quay-it was agreed Mr. Carter would inspect Big Slip Quay for storm damage and affect on the outhauls.

85.3 Other areas for consideration-

i) Butts Park- it was agreed the Clerk would check with DCC Highways for an update on repairs to a resident's driveway following damaged caused by the flooding.

ii) Street lighting- the Clerk would ask for an update following several reports having been made to DCC of faulty streetlighting near the co-op, Yealm Road.

In Committee

86/14. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

Planning enforcement concerns in respect of two matters were discussed.

87/14. NOSS VOSS/POPE'S QUAY.

Expressions of interest in writing, to maintain Noss Voss/Pope's Quay, had been invited in the Parish Magazine. One parishioner had telephoned but had not confirmed in writing. There had been one written application from a parishioner. It was agreed Mr. Stitson would discuss matters with the parishioner who had written in and revert back to the Council.

The Meeting closed at 9.05pm.