

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

Held on 9 January 2014

PRESENT Cllr. Cooper Mr. Cooper Mr. Hussell Mr. Carter Mrs. Evans
Mrs. Guy Mrs. Ansell Mr. Matthews Mr. Taylor Mr. Tubb
ALSO 0 Parishioners Mrs. McDonough
PRESENT (Clerk)

OPEN FORUM

Police report- PCSO Potter advised that the following crimes had been reported for November/December 2013:

November

Newton Ferrers

Jl/13/939-2nd public order offence. Enquiries were ongoing.

Jl/13/990- 23rd theft.

Noss Mayo

Jl/13/995-between 15th / 16th criminal damage. Graffiti on St Peters Parish Church.

December

Newton Ferrers

Jl/13/1023-between 30th Nov and 3rd theft, four wheels stolen from a trailer parked up in a field on the outskirts of Newton Ferrers

Jl/13/1025-between 30th Nov and 3rd house under renovation had been broken into and property stolen.

Jl/13/1035-between 30th Nov and 4th a set of wheel nuts had been stolen from a parked car in the Membland area.

Jl/13/1036-5th drink / driver.

Jl/13/1059-14th burglary. A vacant building had been broken into with internal damage caused.

Jl/13/1074-19th possession of drugs. A small amount on cannabis had been found on an individual. Warning issued.

Noss Mayo

Jl/13/1046-9th assault. After enquiries no further action taken.

Jl/13/1048-9th assault. After enquiries no further action taken.

Jl/13/1100-between 15th and 27th theft of two kayaks.

Missing person- 18 year old Harry Martin from Membland had been reported missing the previous Friday. It was thought he had gone up to the cliffs on Thursday 2 January to take photographs of the stormy weather. Extensive searches continued to be undertaken by police, coastguards, MOD launches, helicopters and local people.

01/14 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

i) Weather-Cllr. Mumford advised that it was the first night for thirty days that a weather warning had not been issued. There was a great deal of clearing up to be undertaken. Routine highway maintenance had been suspended.

ii) New England Quarry-it had been reported on the news that two people had come to agreement with the owners of New England Quarry site to protect the ancient woodland.

iii) Membland speeding- Cllr. Mumford had received a request to repaint the "slow" signs and highways had given consent to a resident buying and erecting a "Beware Children" sign.

iv) Riverside Road West- strengthening works had started.

v) Parking difficulties Newton Hill- Cllr. Mumford had met with Mr. Brunt and a schedule of suggested changes had been sent to the Parish Council.

vi) B3186- concern was expressed by Members regarding road flooding between Widey Cross and the junction to the entrance to Richardson Drive/Livingstone Avenue.

02/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –there were apologies for absence from Mr. Stitson.

03/14 MINUTES –the Minutes of the 9 December Meeting were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

04/14 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED - members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. None were declared.

05/14 DISPENSATION REQUESTS- none were made.

06/14 PROPOSAL TO VARY THE AGENDA- RESOLVED; items relating to quotes for tree inspections should be considered in committee. (Vote; Unanimous.)

07/14 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILS

07.1 County Councillor's Report- min 01/14 refers.

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07.2 Highways/Transport –

i) Court Road flood prevention measures- there was no update on the proposed camera investigation. It was not thought that there had been flooding problems during the recent wet weather. Many drain covers had lifted in the recent weather, thought to have been caused by the sheer volume of water.

ii) Speeding at Collaton- a parishioner’s concerns were noted. The speed limit was 60mph.

iii) Riverside Road West carriage strengthening works- *min 01/14 refers.*

iv) Parking- the proposals put forward by Devon County Council to address concerns surrounding parking at Newton Hill were discussed.

NEWTON FERRERS: DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSED REVISED ON-STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Location	Current Parking Restriction	Proposed Parking Restriction	Proposed Change
YEALM ROAD – Outside Numbers 25, 27 & 29.	Limited Waiting 9am – 6pm 45 minutes No Return within 45 minutes	Limited Waiting 9am – 6pm 1 Hour No Return within 1 Hour	Extend waiting period Alternative: Remove all restrictions
YEALM ROAD – North side between shelter and Number 24	Limited Waiting 9am – 6pm 45 minutes No Return within 45 minutes	Limited Waiting 9am – 6pm 1 Hour No Return within 1 Hour	Extend waiting period
YEALM ROAD – South side adjacent to Hill Cott	Limited Waiting 9am – 6pm 45 minutes No Return within 45 minutes	Limited Waiting 9am – 6pm 1 Hour No Return within 1 Hour	Extend waiting period
YEALM ROAD – Western section	No Waiting 9am – 9pm 1 st May to 30 th September	No Waiting at any time	Remove times and dates.
NEWTON HILL – Upper west side outside Number 1 Hill Cott to Renarc	Limited Waiting Monday to Friday 9am – 6pm and Saturday 9am to 1 pm 45 minutes No Return within 45 minutes	Limited Waiting Monday to Friday 9am – 6pm 1 Hour No Return within 1 Hour	Extend waiting period & remove Saturday restriction <i>The Parish Council suggested maintaining the Saturday restriction</i>
NEWTON HILL – Lower west side	Limited Waiting Monday to Friday 9am – 6pm and Saturday 9am to 1 pm 45 minutes No Return within 45 minutes	Limited Waiting Monday to Friday 9am – 6pm 1 Hour No Return within 1 Hour	Extend waiting period & remove Saturday restriction <i>The Parish Council suggested maintaining the Saturday restriction</i>
NEWTON HILL – Lower east side outside the public house	Limited Waiting Monday to Friday 9am – 6pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm 45 minutes No Return within 45 minutes	Limited Waiting 9am – 6pm 2 Hours <i>The Parish Council suggested 1 hour</i> No Return within 2 Hours	Extend waiting period & remove remaining period restrictions
RIVERSIDE ROAD WEST – North side,	Limited Waiting 9am – 6pm 45 minutes No Return within 45 minutes	Limited Waiting 9am – 6pm 2 Hours <i>The Parish Council suggested</i>	Extend waiting period

outside of Curlews & Wind Jammer		1 hour No Return within 2 Hours	
RIVERSIDE ROAD WEST – South side, opposite to Curlews & Wind Jammer	Limited Waiting 9am – 6pm 45 minutes No Return within 45 minutes	Limited Waiting 9am – 6pm 45 minutes No Return within 2 Hours <i>The Parish Council suggested 1 hour</i>	Extend waiting period

07.3 Public Transport consultation- Members made no comment.

07.4 Devon County Council – accommodation strategy for older people in Devon. No Members were available to attend the consultation event.

07.5 District Councillor’s Report- no report.

07.6 TAP Fund- Cllr Liz Horn had written to the five Parish Councils involved with Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm to propose an application for TAP funding to develop a project called Get into Reading across 9 parishes in South Devon across the Yealm and Erme Valleys.

The Reader Organisation’s social inclusion project, Get Into Reading, created connections between people by sharing the direct experience of, and spontaneous responses to, a range of quality literature read aloud. They wished to develop a group of readers who would be able to read to people with Dementia. The reading project was available for anyone who was isolated and lonely and it was anticipated there would be a positive spin off for the wider community.

The one-day A Little Aloud workshop cost £1,500 for 12 people. Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm would recruit the volunteers who would be trained to read and support them in the in work. Devon County Council had recommended the project. RESOLVED: To support a TAP fund application by Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm to train volunteers for a “Get Into Reading Project for the Yealm and Erme Valleys. (*Vote; Unanimous*)

07.7 SHDC Asset Transfer/Parish Asset land registration- the Parish Council’s solicitor had reported that the details of the overage provisions were still being negotiated. SHDC had no formal Risk Assessments for the sites but there were Inspection Reports copies of which had already been supplied. SHDC’s Council’s inspectors informally “risk assessed” as they went. Newton & Noss Tennis Club were keen to proceed with the resurfacing of the courts. RESOLVED; To advise South Hams District Council that the Parish Council agreed that if completion of the proposed transfer of the tennis courts at Noss Mayo took place before the resurfacing work was completed, subject to funds being transferred to the Parish Council, then the Parish Council was prepared to stand in South Hams District Council’s shoes to complete the project. (*Vote; Unanimous*)

07.8 Village Housing Initiative- there had been no response from Tor Homes or SHDC to the letters sent by the Council on 22 November 2013 regarding concerns over the lack of progress. The Chairman advised that there had been confusion as to whether a further planning application had been drawn to redraw the boundaries for the siting of the attenuation tank. The Chairman advised that Gary Streeter, M.P. had offered support. It was agreed the Chairman would contact Mr. Streeter and ask him to set up a meeting with SHDC, Tor Homes and Members of the Parish Council.

07.9 SHDC Public Conveniences- SHDC Council had committed to saving £80,000 from the 2014/15 revenue budget for public toilets. It was anticipated that this would be achieved through a mixture of income generation, third party payments and seasonal closures of their most underutilised facilities. Data gathered through service information and through the consultation process had been considered and evaluated for the entire stock of 48 facilities. This had been done using the following criteria: location; tourism or retail impact; seasonality; footfall (based on water usage); proximity to a recreational open space; proximity to other public toilets; proximity to other Council services or car parks; disabled facilities; asset historical or future usage and ‘fit for purpose’ test. The information provided at surgeries had allowed the SHDC to make decisions over each facility. In order to achieve the targeted savings the Council had identified a potential 19 facilities at risk of seasonal closure, and identified a number of facilities which can generate income. The facilities at Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo were at risk of seasonal closure.

SHDC would be arranging for further information (such as alternative cleaning arrangements, insurances etc.) to be shared early in the New Year and had offered to meet should the Parish Council wish to propose alternative solutions.

08/14 PLANNING

08.1 Appeals- Woodville, Noss Mayo. The Meeting was advised that the Planning Inspector was scheduled to make an unaccompanied site visit during the week beginning 13 January. The Chairman was asked to ascertain exactly when the visit would be taking place and the name of the SHDC Planning Officer dealing with the appeal.

Planning applications received including

08.2 Quillet, Lower Court Road 37/2911/13/F-householder application to replace existing ground floor extension and balcony. New three storey extension and access from parking area. The site adjoined/affected a public right of way.

DECISION: No objection. (Vote; 6 in favour, 4 objections)

08.3 Renarc, Newton Hill, 37/2972/13/CU-change of use from Butcher's Shop to private garage. Application affected a Conservation Area. DECISION: No objection. (Vote; unanimous)

08.4 SX 5893, 4771, Carswell Farm, Holbeton, 25/3011/13/F-erection of 1no.wind turbine (estimated output of 0.005megawatts) with 12 metres hub height, 14.75 metres tip height and associated infrastructure. DECISION: Objection. Would set a precedent in an AONB area. (Vote; unanimous)

08.5 22 Anchor Cottage, Foundary Lane, 37/2982/13/F & 37/2984/13/LB-householder application/Listed Building Consent for internal refurbishment and alterations to existing windows. Replacement of existing roof lights with flat roof over courtyard. Application affected a Listed Building. Application affected a Conservation Area. DECISION: No objection subject to the Conservation Officer being satisfied with the proposed plans. (Vote; unanimous)

08.6 Collaton Cross Water Storage Tank, Whittingham Road 37/3029/13/F-erection of double bay garage for vintage car storage. DECISION: No objection. (Vote; 9 in favour, 1 abstention)

08.7 Enforcement-. Resolved; to authorise any hire fee for the Tilly Institute for the meeting with SHDC to discuss planning enforcement matters to be held on 20 January 2014. (Vote; unanimous).

08.8 Revelarc development- a parishioner had expressed concern regarding potential damage being caused to the granite cross, Newton Hill during the development. The Parishioner would be thanked for raising the matter. Members considered that the contractors would have their own insurance provisions in place to cover any damage caused.

09/14 ADMINISTRATION

09.1 Statement of Internal Control- the Risk Assessment working group had reviewed internal audit procedures which had been subsequently circulated to the Parish Council. The Council reviewed the effectiveness of internal audit procedures which were agreed. The Council approved and adopted the Statement of Internal Control.

09.2 Annual Payments Review – RESOLVED: The following payments were agreed;

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| 1. CONTRIBUTION TO CHAIRMAN'S EXPENSES: (no change) | £150 |
| 2. CONTRIBUTION TO CLERK'S OFFICE EXPENSES :(no change) | £400 |
| 3. NEWTON VOSS AND STEPS: | |
| One clean per month last Sunday in October-last Sunday in March | £82.00 pm |
| Two cleans per month April- October | £124pm |
| 4. NOSS VOSS: | |
| 5. BOAT CHARGES: | £50.00pm |

£35.00 per outhaul per annum (if 2 share the charge is £17.50 each)

£5.50 per foot on Big Slip Quay

£2.75 per foot against the wall of Big Slip Quay

6. ITEMS FOR HIRE:-

Projector £5.00

Display Panels £10.00

7. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP COSTS ; Devon Association of Local Councils (including some publications), Ivybridge & District Assoc of Parish Councils, CPRE, Society of Local Council Clerks, NALC – LCR Magazine subscription, South Hams Society, GetMapping PLC/Parish Online, Community Council for Devon.

8. BISHOPS COURT

Rent: £338.55 pm. (Service Charge £38.43pm).Subject to increase in June of each year.

09.3 Budget 2014/2015-. SHDC had advised that Precept Requests were to be submitted by Friday 31st January 2014.Potential Council Tax Support Allocation for Newton & Noss would be £1537 and that this should be treated as income- thereby reducing the Precept requirement (£39,245) accordingly. However the Council Tax Support Allocation for the Parish had been described as indicative only and that it would not be confirmed until February 2014- after the date upon which the Parish Council had been asked to submit their Precept request. SHDC had been asked to confirm whether there was provision for the Precept request to be amended by the Parish Council in the event that the Council Tax Support Allocation figures were not approved by South Hams District Council and that the Parish was not awarded the expected Council Tax Support Grant figure. SHDC had advised that the indicative grant of £1,537 was likely to be the minimum amount that the Parish could expect to receive next year and that the Parish Council should budget on that basis. RESOLVED; to confirm the Precept request for £37,708(£39245-£1537) for 2014-2015 and to submit the request to South Hams District Council. (Vote; unanimous)

09.4 Parish Councillor Responsibilities- a review was undertaken. Mrs. Guy agreed to take over responsibility for representation on the Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm from Mrs. Ansell. Mrs. Evans agreed to assist with responsibility for Noss Play Park following transfer from SHDC.

09.5 Parish Council Meeting Minutes- it was agreed that the current display locations for unconfirmed Minutes of Parish Council Meetings on Parish Council notice boards and the church porches of St Peters and Holy Cross, with confirmed Minutes being displayed on the Parish Council website was sufficient. Copies of both confirmed and unconfirmed Minutes were available from the Clerk.

10/14 CONSULTATION/CORRESPONDENCE- none.

11/14 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 11/14.

12/14 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Santander Current Account :	Total balance at 1.1.14	£66550.31
The balance includes: Hedge Cutting Bond		£3000
Monies held on completion of Newton & Noss Play Park Improvement Project		£36.02
Monies held in respect of the maintenance of the Revington Memorial Seat		£500

The following cheques were authorised totalling: **£1778.50**

Chq No	PAYEE		AMOUNT
1743	WI Community Hall	Hire- NNPC Meeting 9 January 2014	£22.00
1744	WI Community Hall	Hire- NNPC Meeting 23 January 2014	£22.00
1745	J Allen	Cleaning: Noss Voss & Popes Quay December 2013	£50.00
1746	S.McDonough	Net salary-December	£1,144.28
1747	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks monthly Tax & National Insurance	£288.77
1748	South Hams CAB	Grant	£50
1749	D. Goodchild	Grass cutting; The Green 14 November 2013	£16.00
1750	S.McDonough	Reimbursement- stationery expenses	£23.75
1751	M.Hingston	Cleaning; Newton Voss & steps December 13	£82.00
1752	M.Hingston	Clearing & sweeping Doctor's Steps	£80.00
		Total	£1,778.80

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

13/14 FOOTPATHS- a report prepared by Mr Taylor following inspections in the summer had been circulated to Members The process of Review of the Definitive Map continued. A Notice of Modification Order had been published in May 2013 relating to certain paths. Confirmation by Devon County Council of the order was awaited.

The paths in the parish continued to receive excellent use both by residents and visitors alike. In general the network was in good order with only minor issues in need of attention.

Site inspections would be carried out in respect of footpaths 7 (Newton Voss), 20 (Noss Voss) and 19(Big Slip).

Footpath 9 (Gnaton) - the second footbridge from the Gnaton side had been moved by flood water and lay approximately 6 metres from its site. Relocation was needed. Devon County Council would need to be advised.

Mr. Taylor suggested advice was sought from PROW DCC regarding footpath 13 (the Leas or Cinder path)-concern had been raised about the state of fencing at various locations along the path and footpath 17 (behind Yealm Hotel) -a raised manhole cover created a potential trip hazard.

Footpath 26(Coombe Down Lane)-the gate at the top was difficult to open and shut and the path would benefit from its repair or replacement. The matter was the responsibility of the land owner with whom communication was suggested.

14/14. MEETINGS ATTENDED:

14.1 Harbour Authority- Mr. Carter advised there had been no meetings.

14.2 Halls- the Vice Chairman advised that £125,000 had been raised to refurbish the WIC Hall to date.

Mrs. Ansell advised that the Newton & Noss Village Hall had been used as a base by the rescue services searching for Harry Martin. Three vats of soup and bread and butter had been given by The Ship Inn, the Post Office had given biscuits and the Co-op had donated milk. Local people had arrived with Mince Pies. The Parish Council appreciated and commended the efforts being made by the rescue services, local people and businesses. RESOLVED; to pay one day's hire fee for Newton & Noss Village Hall for its use by rescue services on Saturday 4 January. (Vote; unanimous)

It was noted that in excess of 400 people had attended the Church Service for Harry Martin and his family held on Monday 6 January 2014 at St. Peter's.

15/14. MAINTENANCE

15.1 Luscombe May- it was confirmed the oak tree planting would take place on 21 January 1300 at Butts Park Playing Field.

15.2 Yealm Road- an empty property along Yealm Road had been broken into and vandalised. It was thought that the property had been broken into on previous occasions. Members raised safety concerns. The police had advised that the property was secure. SHDC had advised, following a general enquiry, that their Building Regulations Department could do very little unless a building was dangerous. Under Building Act 1984, s.79 if a building was considered to be a

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ruinous and dilapidated building SHDC could serve a notice on the owner to secure. If a building was detrimental to the amenity of the area building control could serve a notice. Neither was currently considered applicable.

15.3 Other areas for consideration

i) The Green bus stop- it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Devon County Council Highways Department again regarding flooding concerns.

ii) Noss Mayo play park- reference had been made to the play park being in need of some general weeding maintenance. The Chairman advised that she had looked at the park and felt no action was needed.

iii) Newton Hill- the pothole down Newton Hill in front of the old greengrocers had been reported.

v) Footpath to the Voss from Passage Road- dead trees were reported- some of which were leaning over the foreshore. It was agreed Mr Taylor and Mr Carter would inspect. The trees were in a Conservation Area and so it would be necessary to liaise with SHDC Tree Officer.

vi) Passage Woods- the broken fencing caused by a falling tree had been reported to DCC Highways. It was agreed to report the matter to the National Trust the owners of the land from where the tree had fallen.

In committee

15.4 Tree Inspections- three tenders had been received.

RESOLVED; to accept the quotation from AC Landscape & Tree Works Ltd in the sum of £195 plus VAT to perform a tree inspection for the trees at The Green, Newton Ferrers (Vote; *unanimous*)

The Meeting closed at 9.00pm