

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

Held on 9 October 2014

PRESENT Cllr. Cooper Mr. Cooper Mr. Taylor Mr. Carter Miss Cove Mr. Hussell
Mr. Stitson Mr. Matthews Mrs. Evans
ALSO Mr. Matthews 3 Parishioners Mrs. McDonough
PRESENT (Clerk)

OPEN FORUM

Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo Parish Council Police Report September 2014

Newton Ferrers-Criminal damage. Between 1st and 10th damage had been caused to a garden bank [Cr/105486/14]

Noss Mayo-Theft. Between 1st August and 9th September jewellery had been stolen from a house [Cr/105282/14]

29 Yealm Road-the architect gave a simple outline of the planning application **37/2376/14/F**.

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

222/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- there were apologies for absence from Mrs. Ansell and Mr. Tubb.

223/14. MINUTES – the Minutes of the 11 September Meeting were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

224/14 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED - members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. Mr. Matthews declared an interest in the planning application for 29 Yealm Road, the adjoining property being owned by his son in law.

225/14 DISPENSATION REQUESTS- none.

226/14 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILS

226.1 Highways/Transport- it was agreed to put back consideration of the Devon County Council Tough Choices public consultation to enable Members to read all the published documentation before providing any response.

The Chairman arrived at 7.10pm and continued to Chair the Meeting.

226.2 Rural Broadband/ Newton & Noss Village Hall “Business Hub”-

i) A parishioner had put forward the suggestion of a “Business Hub” for the Newton & Noss Village Hall annex, using the space as a form of “Virtual Office” to allow people to network and discuss new ideas. Members discussed the matter and agreed that the Parish Council would be pleased to offer moral support for the idea.

Cllr. Hosking arrived.

ii) Rural Broadband- three parishioners had made contact asking the Parish Council to make representations for the earlier introduction of Super Fast Broadband for the Parish than the indication given of 2016 by Connecting Devon & Somerset. Members had been reminded that Connecting Devon & Somerset Broadband programme had run a campaign in February 2012 asking the communities and businesses of Devon and Somerset to show that they wanted Superfast Broadband. They needed as many people as possible to take part in a short survey which would be influential in deciding how, where and when the infrastructure would be rolled out. Details had been given by Cllr. Mumford in Parish Council Meetings and had been circulated to the Parish Database. Cllr. Mumford had subsequently advised of the poor response from the Parish. Cllr. Hosking was told that it was not thought a survey had yet been undertaken to ascertain if the lines within the Parish were suitable. He advised that Andrew Leadbetter at Devon County Council was responsible for the project and that there was funding and motivation to roll out 95% connectivity with investigations into alternative technology for the remaining 5%.He had had no indication that B.T. would be accelerating the project- B.T. could only do so much with the funding available. It was therefore thought there would be little prospect of speeding an earlier introduction of Super Fast Broadband before 2016.

226.1 County Councillors Report-

i) Highways- Cllr. Hosking advised that Devon County Council was committed to improving A303/A30 to provide for dual carriageway for most of the length of the road.

He advised that most potholes appeared to have been repaired. He was asked about the paint marks on roads which gave the impression that work was about to start to improve the road surfaces. Membland had been marked up twice and Bridgend Hill had been marked 6-8 weeks previously. Puslinch had also been marked. No works appeared to have been undertaken.

ii) Rail service- DCC was committed to and in discussion regarding upgrading the Dawlish line to take electrification and the introduction of a secondary route into the County through North Devon.

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226.4 Locality Budget proposals- Members discussed applying for a share of the District & County Councils Locality Budget once the SHDC Asset Transfer had been completed. Consideration had already been given to effecting improvements to the Butts Park Play Park. It was agreed that the working group, with responsibility for the play park, would investigate what funds were available and look at public consultation as to the type of play equipment wished for. Suggestions were also made about tidying up the entrance to Butts Park Playing Field and sports grants available for Sports Pavilion improvements.

226.5 District Councillor's Report- Cllr. Cooper had no report.

226.7 SHDC Asset Transfer/Parish Asset Land Registration- the Clerk had telephoned Curtis Whiteford Crocker on 30 September, the solicitor confirming that the engrossments of the transfers had been received and would be put in the post the following day. Nothing had been received. The Clerk would chase again.

226.8 Grass cutting- Butts Park Playing Field. Mr. Hussell advised that the sports field was scheduled to be cut 28 times per annum. He advised that it had been cut 13 times this year to date. It was agreed that once the playing field had been transferred into the Parish Council's ownership, SHDC would be invited to a meeting to discuss a schedule of grass cuts. It was thought the grass should be cut once every 10 days, minimum, April-June and then 2 days prior to a match. It was thought the Cricket Club had SHDC contact details for grass cutting.

226.9 Village Housing Initiative- no progress had been made. It was agreed that the matter should now be taken off the Agenda and that the issue of Affordable Housing should be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan.

226.10 SHDC TAP funding 2014/2015- proposals had already been put forward to Brixton, Yealmpton and Wembury suggesting a repeat of the drainage work envisaged by 2013/2014 TAP funding. Members agreed that a further alternative proposal should be put forward requesting support from the other parishes for an application for funding to keep the public conveniences in Newton & Noss open over the winter.

227/14. PLANNING

Planning applications received including

Mr Matthews left the Meeting.

227.1 29 Yealm Road, 37/2376/14/F-householder application for internal improvements and new access lobby and stairs. Decision; No objection (*Vote; Unanimous*). *Mr. Matthews returned to the Meeting.*

227.2 Residential Development- there had been no further update from the respective architects on potential development proposals for Hannaford Lane/ land at the end of The Fairway.

227.3 Neighbourhood Planning- Mr. Christopher Lunn provided an update. There had been three levels of organization envisaged for the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP).

i) The Parish Council- the NP was not a Parish Council project, but rather a community project. The Council had a vital role in that it was the body who initiated the NP, it needed to be involved, would sign off the NP and submit.

ii) Steering Group-would act as the buffer between the Council and the project teams. The group, of which there would be 10 members, would be made up of 5 Parish Council Members and 5 non Council Members. The Group would decide on strategic issues. 5 Parish Council Members had already volunteered. 4 non Parish Council Members had been identified, with one space remaining to be filled.

iii) Project Teams- there would be 2 levels. The central team with a team leader. Those Members would deal for example with IT, secretarial support and a treasurer. The level underneath would deal with single subject areas. 250 households had now signed up to the email distribution list. This was encouraging compared to other parishes. Mr. Lunn anticipated that there were about 900 households in the Parish of which 250 were on email circulation with a further 15-20 not being on email. Over 30 people had advised that they would become actively involved. There was a possibility than another 15-20 could become engaged.

The Project Team Leader had not yet been appointed. There were however two people who may be interested in working in conjunction with one another.

The draft Vision Statement had been sent out to householders asking for comment by the end of the week. The Steering Group would then review and put it to the Parish Council for consideration and approval.

With respect to funding, SHDC had advised that a new scheme was due to become available from April 2015, similar to the old scheme which had provided funding from the government Locality fund of £7500 for each plan.

By early November it was hoped the Project Team Leadership would have been resolved and various other people appointed to fill in the gaps. There would be an initial Steering Group Meeting in November and in December the Terms of reference, Steering Group members and Vision Statement would be put to the Council for approval. In the New Year questionnaires would be started with an initial public meeting. Mr. Lunn was thanked for coming to give the update.

228/14 ADMINISTRATION

228.1 Code of Conduct- Mr. Matthews would review.

228.2 Budget 2015/2016-it was agreed to set up a meeting of the Budget Working Group. SHDC had advised that it was probable the Council Tax Support Grant Allocation would reduce from £1537 in 2014/2015 to £1383 in 2015/2016.

228.3 Parish Council Deposit Account- Santander would automatically change the Parish Council Clubs and Societies Hida account to a Treasurers' Savings Account from 14 October- an instant access, variable rate deposit account.

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Current gross interest rate pa was 0.10%, net rate 0.08% pa. From 14 October gross rate pa 0.50%, net rate 0.40 % (variable).

229/14 CONSULTATION/CORRESPONDENCE

229.1 Harvest Festival- Mr. Stitson had agreed to do the Parish Council flower arrangement display for the Church and was thanked.

229.2 Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm – Mrs. Hirst was present and made reference to her report which was circulated to Members;

i) Social Reading Group-a weekly reading group, held in the Queen Elizabeth II Hall Modbury, had been set up to run weekly from Thursday 9th October and was open to members of all 5 parishes. The group comprised a reader coordinator and two volunteers. It was hoped that people would come forward for training in running a group in the 5 parishes and the DFPY had allocated £4,000 towards this project. Holbeton already had 2 people interested in receiving training to run a group.

ii) Sustaining the project beyond 2014-a brainstorming meeting attended by local interested parties was held in June to discuss the proposal to create a sustainable community in Health and Social Care in Newton and Noss in the form of a Neighbourhood Health Watch scheme. The meeting had taken place that day.

iii) Treasurer’s Report-current balance £21,773 approximately. An application to Brixton Feoffee Trust had been successful - £3,000. Gnaton Hall Open Garden had raised £112.00. Fundraising/collections/donations - £70.00

The Tudor Trust had agreed to give a grant of £20,000.00 over two years after very hard work from the team for this result. Keith Baldry (District Councillor) had allocated £250 from his Community Fund.

iv) Project Development-at present Maxine was supporting 34 families. She had organised various social events including family get togethers and afternoon tea parties had been well supported. Gentle Exercise Classes in Newton and Noss and the Art and Craft Club at Kitley Farm Shop continued successfully. The DFPY website had been expanded <http://www.dementiayealm.org> and Maxine was also creating an information folder including a diary of events to give to her clients. Radio Devon presenter, Belinda Dixon would meet with Maxine, Sarah Roe and Liz Hitchins to discuss a format for a piece on the radio. Mrs. Hirst was thanked for her report and for coming to the Meeting.

230/14 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 231/14.

231/14 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Santander Current Account :	Total balance at 1.10.14	£65358.74
The balance includes: Hedge Cutting Bond		£3000
Locality Budget funding for Sports Pavilion improvements		£937.92
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:		£2818.83

Chq No	PAYEE		AMOUNT
1863	WI Community Hall	Hire fee NNPC Meeting 9 October	£22.00
1864	WI Community Hall	Hire fee NNPC Meeting 23 October	£22.00
1865	S. McDonough	Net salary-September	£1,184.08
1866	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks monthly Tax & National Insurance	£293.73
1867	S. McDonough	Expenses reimbursement; stationery	£16.00
1868	Mr. C .D. Rhead	Bridgend wall- painting new railings	£250.00
1869	Ivybridge & District Community Transport Association	Donation; Ring & Ride & Voluntary Car Scheme	£150.00
1870	RYHA	Slipway Cleaning Fluid	£20.00
1871	JB Electrical	Sports Pavilion; Electrical inspection/portable appliance test.	£100.00
1872	Ricoh UK Ltd	Photocopier-invoice for copies 1/5/14-31/7/14	£5.02
1873	D. Goodchild	Grass cutting; The Green 4 & 18 September 2014	£32.00
1874	M. Hingston	Cleaning; Newton Voss & steps September 2014	£124.00
		Total	£2,218.83

*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments:£125Total to date;£332

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232/14 MEETINGS ATTENDED:

232.1 Harbour- RESOLVED: To appoint Mr. Carter, Mr. Tubb and Mr. Hussell as Parish Council representatives to the RYHA from 1 March 2015- June 2015. *(Vote; Unanimous)*

232.1 Halls- the Vice Chairman advised that the WI Hall Open Day would be taking place the following Saturday. There was a fund raising Barn Dance on 31 October and a Revue in November.

232.3 Community Council of Devon- Miss Cove had attended the annual conference.

233/14. MAINTENANCE

233.1 Risk assessments- Mr. Carter advised that the risk assessments for Kilpatrick's/Big Slip were in hand.

233.2 Parish Asset Inspection- Members would submit their reports to the Clerk.

233.3 Noss Voss Steps- trees on land adjacent. Mr Taylor had met with Mr. Guy, DCC PROW who accepted the concerns regarding the dead trees and that it was appropriate for them to be felled. He would arrange for the felling to be undertaken by a firm called "Elms" who had experience of dealing with trees in a Conservation Area.

233.4 TAP fund 2013/2014- the Clerk was waiting to hear from Wembury Parish Council.

233.5 Sports Pavilion- Mr. Stitson advised that Mr. Larry Finch would be undertaking the refurbishment work the following week including roof repairs, soffits, fascia and a new spotlight to enable teams to play in the evening. Paint was being provided to the Football Team to paint the outside.

233.6 Noss Fountain-Mr. Hussell and Mr. Stitson advised that the drain from the Fountain (the wall) to the road was clear of silt.

233.7 Collaton/Butts Park hedges- Mr. Taylor advised that the hedges had all been trimmed and were fine.

233.8 Other areas for consideration

i) Pumping Station gatepost- Broken Way. South West Water had advised that they would effect repairs.

ii) School Parking- an offer had been made by the Parish Council to meet with the Primary School to discuss parking difficulties. A parking enforcement officer had been present in the early part of the week and had issued tickets.

iii) Listing- a parishioner had enquired about applying to "List" the Yealm Hotel. The parishioner would be advised that individuals were able to recommend building for listing to English Heritage.

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm

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