

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

Held on 12 April 2018

**PRESENT; MR. COOPER MR. CARTER MS. ADAMS MR. ROGERS MR. LYNDON  
MR. PARRY-SMITH MR. HUSSELL**

**ALSO PRESENT;** Cllr. Baldry, 7 members of the public, Mrs. McDonough (Clerk).

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**OPEN FORUM**

**Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo Parish Council Police Report March 2018** - PCSO Andrew Potter had sent the following written report for the Parish Council meeting which was read out –

Newton Ferrers

1<sup>st</sup>, report of offensive communications [text messages.] No further police action CR/019800/16. [Collaton Cross area.]

22<sup>nd</sup>, report of a common assault. No further Police action CR/024976/18

27<sup>th</sup>, report of indecent images sent via a phone app. No further police action CR/026377/18.

**Membland sewerage** - a parishioner advised that she was the joint owner of a property in Membland comprising eight flats. They had applied to South West Water for an extension to the public sewer at Membland, in order to connect the eight households. A new larger soak away had been constructed three years ago as an urgent but temporary stop gap measure while they negotiated with South West Water. South West Water had agreed to extend the public sewer and connect Membland Court (and other interested neighbouring properties) in the financial year of 2017. Problems along the line of the existing old sewer came to light and South West Water delayed the work, advising it would be done in the 2018 financial year. The parishioner had completed the work they were required to undertake in readiness to make the connection. They had sent regular emails to South West Water asking for information but so far South West Water would not confirm a start date. They hoped the Parish Council would feel able to add their support and apply some pressure to help them achieve the extension to the public sewer at Membland. Cllr. Baldry suggested maintaining pressure on South West Water to commit to a date.

**8 Perches Close planning application** - the architects came to speak in support of the application. The original development proposals had been revised. Provision had been made for a single storey dwelling which would only be visible from the host dwelling. Highways issues had been worked on and there were no issues as to visibility. They advised that a speed survey had been undertaken. Traffic went at well below the speed limit. There would be sufficient parking for the host property and new property.

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

**53/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - there were apologies from Cllr. Blackler, Cllr. Green, Mrs. Ansell, Mrs. Grant and Mr. Tubb.

**54/18 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED** - members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the meeting. None were declared.

**55/18 DISPENSATION REQUESTS** - none.

**56/18 MINUTES** - the minutes of the 8 March Parish Council Meeting were approved as a correct record and the Chairman was authorised to sign.

**57/18 VARIATION OF AGENDA** - RESOLVED; matters relating to pre-planning/planning enforcement matters, quotes relating to play park maintenance and footpath improvements should be considered in committee. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

**58/18 DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**58.1 Councillor reports**

**i) Cllr. Blackler sent apologies, due to health reasons, and the following written report;**

*“Remember Data Protection and its implication will soon become law.*

*You will have to appoint a Protection Officer, which cannot be the Clerk 25th May is the start date.*

*The SHDC lottery will soon begin to offset costs and make donations to charities.*

*Persons registering as homeless will be given 56 days grace before being offered accommodation. They should take early advice.*

*In last 12 months officers have dealt with 336 cases.*

*In future recycling bottles do not have to be sorted as they are going to mixed glass centres but if there are clear glass skips please use them accordingly.*

*Pre-application for planning issues will cost £30 for a 30 minute meeting with a planning officer, this does not give a Council decision only guidance to an applicant.”*

**ii) Cllr. Baldry gave the following report;**

**a) Bottle Banks-** their operation was under a new contract. All glass could be put in the same hole.

**b) Data Protection-** the General Data Protection Regulation comes into effect 25 May.

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**c) Neighbourhood Plan-** there had been a very complimentary report from the Planning Inspector. The N3P had passed with flying colours and the group was congratulated. It would now go to a referendum.

**d) Brook Bakery-** the planning appeal had been refused. The decision reasons had appeared to be illogical in some respects. The planning inspector had referred to the Parish Council not objecting to the application which they had. Nevertheless, the appeal had been refused. Cllr. Baldry had written to Mr. Patrick Whymer, Development Management - Lead Specialist, for an explanation.

## **59/18 PLANNING**

**59.1 Newton & Noss Neighbourhood Plan-** the Vice Chairman advised that the Planning Inspector's report had been very complimentary. Some minor amendments had been requested including extension of the settlement area to include around Archer's Court and Parsonage Farm. Other minor amendments had been made to comply with the National Planning Policy Framework. It had been hoped to hold the referendum before 25 May. Unfortunately, this appeared to be unlikely due to hold ups at South Hams District Council.

**59.2 Community Land Trust –** Ms. Adams advised that the Community Benefit Society had been set up. Advice was being sought from the Community Land Trusts team. A call out for land would be made soon. The Liaison Officer at SHDC was due to come and look at some sites. A letter had been received from Blue Cedar Homes regarding potential development in the Parish for purpose designed retirement living. It was agreed the Clerk would reply to Blue Cedar Homes confirming that their letter would be borne in mind. Ms. Adams would take their letter to the next Community Land Trust meeting for consideration.

### **Planning decisions**

**59.3 76 Court Road 0267/18/HHO** - householder application for extension to rear of existing garage, together with replacement of existing roof structure with a single duo-pitch roof with raised eaves. **SHDC; Granted.**

**59.4 Brook Bakery, Riverside Road West, APP/K1128/W/17/3188937** - householder application for refurbishment and renovation of existing cottage, new garage/boat store and replacement of rear extension including a new roof terrace.

### **Planning Inspectorate; Appeal dismissed.**

**59.5 Woodhaye Membland 0358/18/FUL** - construction of two-bay oak-framed timber garage. **SHDC; Granted.**

**59.6 Gamehouse Cottage Membland 0274/18/HHO** - householder application for new outbuilding comprising garage/boatstore and ancillary (granny annex) accommodation to Gamehouse Cottage. **SHDC; Granted.**

### **Planning applications received including;**

**59.7 Gamehouse Cottage, Membland 0274/18/HHO** – at the last Parish Council meeting, the Clerk had been requested to seek further information and an extension to respond to the consultation from South Hams District Council to 12 April 2018 meeting. The extension request had been declined. Under delegated authority the Clerk had advised SHDC;

-One member objected to the application- no reasons had been given.

-Three members agreed subject to two conditions being attached;

1. The building hereby approved shall only be used as a garage with ancillary accommodation and will always remain ancillary to the main dwelling house "Gamehouse Cottage" and shall not be occupied on an independent basis. The existing house and approved residential accommodation shall be maintained as a single planning unit.

2. A proposal for a condition against letting or business use.

The planning application had subsequently been granted by SHDC.

**59.8 Perches Close 0778/18/ FUL** - erection of self build dwelling (resubmission of 2477/17/FUL.) The architects advised that some trees subject to a TPO had been felled as they were considered dangerous. The new planning proposal involved the building being set well into the ground. It would not be seen from Perches Close or the road. The loss of the general character of the original development was suggested. The architect advised that it was the only property within Perches Close which had sufficient land to facilitate a new dwelling. The previous proposal was visible. The new proposal was diminutive. Both long reaching/short reaching view photographs had been taken. It was suggested it did not detract from the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty - rather it enhanced the ecological situation. A member suggested that the Neighbourhood Plan was not in support of such development

DECISION; Objection;

The proposals did not materially alter the original reasons for refusal for 2477/17/FUL given by South Hams District Council.

1. Detrimental impact on neighbours.

2. Harmful to the character of the area contrary to South Hams District policies as mentioned in the original refusal.

3. Harmful to the character of the area in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty as defined by South Hams District Council policies and the National Planning Policy Framework.

4. Perches Close lies outside the settlement boundaries and was contrary to the Newton & Noss Neighbourhood Plan Policy N3P-1 which stated "Outside the settlement boundaries development will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and where it will meet an essential local need which cannot otherwise be met including securing a viable long term future for a valued local asset which would otherwise be lost and it complies with the relevant strategic policies of the JLP."

5. Access would affect a Tree Preservation Order. (Vote; 5 in favour of objecting, 2 against.)

**59.9 Four Winds, 94 Court Road 0913/18/HHO** - loft room conversion. DECISION; No objection. (Vote; unanimous.)

**59.10 Rowan Orchard Noss Mayo 1020/18/HHO** - replacement of existing conservatory with single storey extension. DECISION; No objection. (Vote; unanimous.)

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**59.11 Development Management Committee** – the response from Cllr. Tucker, Leader, South Hams District Council dated 15 March 2018, in response to the letter of complaint from the Chairman dated 29 January 2018, regarding the decision made in respect of 59 Yealm Road 3117/17/FUL and the lack of weight given to the emerging Neighbourhood Plan was considered. It was acknowledged that there was a need to provide guidance regarding the weight to be attached Neighbourhood Plans depending on the stage that they were at in the process. Subsequent to that Committee meeting a briefing note had been circulated to officers and members. He did not consider a perverse decision had been made in this case.

**59.12 Planning application arrangements –**

**a) Consultations** – a parishioner had raised concerns about a recent planning application on Court Road, the lack of Parish Council consultation with neighbours affected by planning applications and the fact that a site notice had not appeared to have been put up. The Chairman had written to the parishioner advising that site notices were the responsibility of the planning authority. Newton & Noss Parish Council was a consultee only in respect of planning applications affecting the Parish. The Parish Council comprised twelve volunteers and a part time Clerk. The Parish Council did not have the resources to consult with neighbouring residents in respect of each planning application received. Members did however check the South Hams District Council website planning page, prior to Council meetings, to see whether comments had been made in respect of the applications to be dealt with. Parishioners were also welcome to write to the Parish Council or attend Open Forum, before a Parish Council meeting, to speak to the Council members in person. Planning applications sent to the Parish Council, were listed on the Council website shortly after receipt. The agenda and updated planning list were put on the Parish Council notice boards and website one week before the Parish Council meeting. Newton & Noss Parish Council meetings were very busy, minutes of the meetings often running to some 6-8 pages. There was often insufficient room to put all the pages of the minutes on the Parish Council notice boards. There was a notice to advise that unconfirmed minutes of the meetings were available from the Clerk or on the website.

**b) Extension requests** - RESOLVED: for those applications, in respect of which the Parish Council was unable to secure an extension to respond from SHDC planning control to the next scheduled Parish Council meeting, Members should submit their comments to the Clerk and the Chairman, 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. However, should any controversial planning applications arise, in respect of which an extension cannot be secured, the Council may consider holding an EGM. (*Vote: Unanimous.*)

**59.13 National Planning Policy Framework** - it was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman would prepare a response to the consultation on proposed revisions including changing of NPPF 115 & 116 into one new guideline NPPF 170.

**59.14 Planning training** – members would consider their availability to attend the Planning Permission in Principle Training to be held at SHDC Wednesday 25 April 2018.

**60/18 ADMINISTRATION**

**60.1 Events applications-**

**i) Butts Park Playing Field** – Holy Cross Church had enquired about holding a proposed Church community fun day 28 July. Members had no objection in principle subject to the application form being completed with supporting insurance confirmation and risk assessments. The organisers would need to ensure there was no encroachment on the cricket square. Parking could take place on the playing field subject to conditions on the day. There were no cricket or football matches scheduled that day.

**ii) Noss Green** – St. Peter's Fete 27 August 2018. The application was approved. Bouncy castle insurance would be confirmed in August before the event.

**iii) The Green RNLI 21 April 2018** – the application had been submitted and approved.

**60.2 General Data Protection Regulation** - consent had been sought from the email circulation list. The quotation from IAC for appointment as Data Protection Officer had been accepted.

**60.3 End of Year Accounts 2017/2018 -**

i) RESOLVED: the cashbook accounts, following the financial year end and review by the accounts inspection working group, were received and approved subject to the internal audit. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

ii) The Council received and considered the end of year budget comparison. No issues were raised.

iii) Internal/external audit arrangements-the Clerk was to deliver the Parish Council papers for internal audit to IAC Sunday 15 April at Buckfast. IAC had confirmed the papers could be collected 8 May 2018. It was anticipated that the Annual Governance Statement and Accountability Return (AGAR) for year ended 31 March 2018 would be put before the Parish Council at the meeting 10 May 2018. The Public Inspection Notice was to be put up advising the time period for inspection of the accounts would be 4 June-13 July 2018. The AGAR was to be submitted to PK Littlejohn by 11 June. The deadline by which the AGAR and external audit report was to be published was 30 September 2018.

**60.4 Annual insurance renewal** - the draft insurance assets schedule for 2018-19 from 1 June 2018 was approved.

**60.5 Data storage** - RESOLVED; to increase cloud storage to 100 GB with Google Drive at an annual charge of £15.99. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

**60.6 Clerk's employment** - the Council was advised that minimum workplace pension contribution would be increasing from 6 April 2018 -5 April 2019 for employers to 2% and for employees to 3%. From 6 April 2019 onwards, the employer contribution would be 3% and employee 5%. This was agreed.

## 61/18 CORRESPONDENCE

**61.1 Dementia Friendly Parishes** - Mrs. Caroline Hirst had sent a report which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. At 4.00 am on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February Maxine Kennedy, Project Coordinator for Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm, had spoken about the project by video link to a conference of 200 people in Osaka, Japan. Alongside Ian Sherriff and Hilary Cragg, all representing the Prime Ministers Group for Rural Dementia, Maxine had been able to explain the ground-breaking work of their project and the video describing the project had also been shown. This independent community project relied totally on fund raising. Over £600.00 had been raised by Sunset Swing and Brixton Villageairs at their recent concert in Brixton. There were many opportunities for everyone to be involved in social, creative and exercise activities in the local community.

**61.2 River Yealm Regatta Fireworks** – RESOLVED: to make a contribution to the 2018 Regatta Fireworks of £75. (Vote; unanimous.)

**61.3 South Hams Community and Voluntary Services**- it was decided not to renew annual membership. The Parish Council had already made a grant donation of £50.

**61.4 Membland. Open Forum refers.** RESOLVED: to write a letter of support to South West Water regarding a first time sewerage application to extend the public sewer to flats at Membland. (Vote; unanimous.)

**61.5 Villages in Action** - a letter had been received from the Devon charity running a rural touring performing arts scheme that supported communities in hosting live creative performances in village and community halls. It was agreed to confirm that details had been passed to the Parish Council representatives for the community halls in the parish.

## 62/18 COUNTY COUNCIL

**62.1 County Council report** - Cllr. Hosking reported as follows;

**i) Winter Service Task Group** - insurance for snow wardens was on the agenda. He would be speaking to a senior member of the insurance profession. He had contacted the Parish Snow Warden Mr. Paul Clark.

**ii) Community Road Warden** - he was pleased to note the appointment of Mr. Barnett. Cllr. Hosking was advised that unfortunately Mr. Barnett had written to the Council to advise that he did not have capacity at present to undertake the training to work on the live highway. The Clerk was liaising with Mr. Barnett to ascertain whether the Highway Safety Awareness training had been undertaken.

**iii) Potholes**-there was a temporary breakdown with the online reporting system. Skanska was no longer responding to online Report a Problem issues- only safety officer reports due to the recent two snow events.

**iv) Primary School** - he requested a copy of the School Transport and Traffic Plan.

**v) Locality Plan** - there was £10,000 available for division between 12 parishes for 2018-19. He had the same amount available from the Invest in Devon Fund. He would consider the number of electors in the parishes.

**vi) Noss Voss steps**- Devon County Council may be prepared to help with their repair.

**vii) Drainage**- the Vice Chairman advised that he had reported blocked drains on Parsonage Road in January. There was one blocked near Meadow Close and another by the war memorial at The Green. Gully sucking was needed. There were also blocked drains on Stoke Road. Cllr. Hosking advised that he would follow this up.

### **62.2 Highways/Transport**

**i) Butts Park gritting bin request** - a request had been received from a Butts Park resident for two bins. Cllr. Hosking advised that requests should be submitted by the Parish Council to the Local Highways Officer. Cllr. Hosking may be able to support with funding.

**ii) St. Catherine's Park** - it was thought the grit bin had been provided by the housing association as it had not appeared on Devon County Council records.

**iii) Horse Warning sign** - a resident at Butts Park had suggested a horse warning sign on the road leading to Newton Downs Farm. The Council had received advice from the Local Highways Officer at Devon County Council. It was agreed that the Council would be prepared to consider supporting any representations submitted by Equus Riding School to Devon County Council for a warning sign.

**iv) Community Road Warden** – Cllr. Hosking advised that the training offered by Devon County Council was to enable coverage for third party insurance. Mr. Barnett had submitted a receipt for cold tarmac for filling potholes. Cllr. Hosking advised, and it was agreed, that Mr. Barnett should be advised that no work should be undertaken on the highway without training from Devon County Council. Mr. Barnett would be asked whether he wished the receipt to be forwarded to Devon County Council Highways for consideration.

**v) Yealm Road** - Mr. Carter advised that the road had been covered in mud following recent building excavation.

**vi) 41 Creekside Road**- the Highways Officer had suggested a further road closure application may be pending.

**63/18 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS** – cheque payments were checked by Mr. Hussell, authorised and signed in accordance with the schedule prepared by the Clerk, and listed in Minute 64/18. In particular payment was authorised for the erection of emergency fencing at Butts Park play park following the collapse of a fence at a property abutting the play park in the sum of £15. An invoice was expected from South Hams District Council for Neighbourhood Plan maps, to be paid by BACS for £38.40.

## 64/18 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

**Balance in Unity Trust Deposit account** balance 31/03/18

**£25030.01**

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<b>Santander Current Account</b>	balance at 31/-03/18	<b>£43901.66</b>
<b>The balance includes:</b>		
<b>Monies held in respect of the Butts Park Play Park Improvement Project</b>		<b>£2088.32</b>
<b>Monies held in respect of the maintenance of the Revington Memorial Seat</b>		<b>£390</b>
<b>Big Greenspace Challenge</b>		<b>£134.43</b>
<b>Monies granted by Parish Council/ Revelstoke Community Trust/Ryda/Community Rights Programme for Neighbourhood Plan</b>		<b>£650.39</b>
<b>The following cheques were authorised totalling:</b>		<b>£2833.83</b>

<b>Chq No</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
2451	L. Finch	Cleaning;Noss Voss and Popes Quay steps and pathways	£60.00
2452	South Hams Community and Voluntary Services	Grant donation*	£50.00
2453	GetmappingPLC	ParishOnline Annual Fee	£36.00
2454	Flete Gardens	Assistance with play park willow den construction	£90.00
2455	S.McDonough	Net salary-March 2018	£1,237.44
2456	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerk's Tax and National Insurance March	£279.69
2457	Newton & Noss Village Hall	Hire fee NNPC Meeting 12 April 2018	£30.00
2458	South Hams Garden & Property Services	Grounds maintenance March	£432.00
2459	South Hams Garden & Property Services	Noss car park posts-further repairs	£75.00
2460	South Hams Garden & Property Services	Butts Park Play Park emergency fencing	£15.00
2461	DALC	Devon Association of Local Councils annual subscription	£446.70
2462	AJ Watkinson	Newton Voss and steps cleaning March	£82.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,833.83</b>

\*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments: £50 total to date; £50

BACS	South Hams District Council	Neighbourhood Plan maps	£38.40
DD	EDF	Sports Pavilion	£10.00
DD	B & C E Financial Services Ltd	Employee/employer Pension contribution	£41.14
DD	Hoot Hosting	N3P website hosting	£20.00
SO	Reading Room	Storage facilities	£40.00

#### **65/18 MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

**65.1 Harbour Authority** - Mr. Carter advised that the Harbour Authority had turned down an application to extend the pier below the former River Yealm Hotel. The Harbour Authority had asked for a trough, built to remove waste water from the site, be buried.

**65.2 Halls** - Mr. Parry - Smith advised that there would be an opening event for the Revelstoke Room garden 28 May 2018. Ms. Adams advised that there would be a W.I. Hall committee meeting in early May.

#### **66/18 MAINTENANCE**

##### **66.1 Maintenance working groups,**

**i) Sports Pavilion/playing field** – the risk assessment submitted by Yealm Cricket Club had been considered by the working group. Fire Evacuation signs would be purchased and placed in the Pavilion. Mr. Lyndon would look at the fire risk assessment. The Cricket Club had suggested a screen to improve visibility and safety netting. It was agreed the Clerk would refer the Cricket Club to potential sources of funding through the District/County Council Locality Funding. Concerns were raised by a Council member about the condition of the changing rooms. The Clubs would be referred to the Licence Agreements and the need to keep the Pavilion clean and tidy. The showers had been refurbished recently by Mr. Larry Finch. It was not considered necessary to have a surveyor inspect the property. A resident at Butts Park had raised concerns about two football matches Good Friday/Easter Sunday. Particular concerns about the good Friday match were about parking, obstruction, litter and the use of the playing field in wet conditions. Reference had been made to the Football Club's risk assessments. It was suggested to the meeting that the Good Friday match had been an informal gathering and was not organised by Revelstoke Rangers. There had been no parking on the field due to the conditions. It has been suggested that should such a recurrence of inconsiderate parking take place in the future that any obstruction should be reported to the police. Regarding the Easter Sunday match, the resident had been asked if he would like his letter to be disclosed to the Football Club to enable them to address his concerns about their risk assessment.

**ii) The Green/Dillon's Green** – the Clerk was waiting for an update regarding Gigaclear. It was understood other residents in the Parish were receiving similar proposals for way leave agreements. The Vice Chairman referred to Primary School parents parking cars on the grass at Dillon's Green, damaging the surface. Requests to desist had been

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made via "Up the Creek" news. Small stones had been put down to try to deter parking - but had been moved by parents. It was proposed to put 12 large boulders on Dillon's Green to protect the grass. RESOLVED: To accept the quotation from South Hams Garden and Property Services to place 12 boulders on Dillon's Green in the sum of £122. (Vote; unanimous.)

**iii) Play parks** – it was believed the annual inspection had been undertaken by Allianz, the reports were awaited.  
**Butts Park Play Park** – a site visit had taken place to look at maintenance/further improvement the preceding Tuesday. Some work was suggested but it was agreed to wait for the Allianz report to see if any other matters were raised. The nest swing appeared to be low down, and the Sutcliffe play slide netting worn but the SHDC play park inspector had advised that they were in order. A suggestion to repaint/refurbish rather than replace the concrete benches had been put forward. There was £2088 available from fund raising towards further improvements. New signs were awaited from SHDC.

**Noss Play Park** - no matters were raised.

**iv) Noss Recreation Areas** – the Tennis Club had advised that fees derived from hire to non-members in 2017 had been £548.75, down on 2016 figure of £907.40. The Tennis Club was looking at a new lockable honesty box. Mr. Parry-Smith and Mrs. Grant would be meeting with South Hams Garden and Property Services to look at potential path improvements in the community Orchard.

**66.3 Annual asset inspection** - it was agreed Members would pass back inspection reports before the next meeting.

**66.4 Collaton/Butts Park footpath.** The Vice Chairman gave a report of the site visit he attended 28 March 2018, with Mrs. Helen Clayton Devon County Council Public Rights of Way Officer, Mr. Stewart Barnes Chairman Collaton Residents Association and the Clerk. The "Private- No Public Access" sign at the Collaton end of the path was discussed. Mr. Barnes advised that two residents had expressed concern about non-residents crossing private land in addition to insurance issues. The Permissive Path Agreement with Mr. Yonge stopped at the boundary. No further permissive path agreement had been negotiated as there had not appeared to be an access issue at the time the path was constructed. Mrs. Clayton had advised that it was DCC understanding that the path would be open to all otherwise DCC would not have provided funding. She would not be able to justify costs for continued maintenance and public liability insurance from public funds if the path was not open to all. She suggested, for DCC to continue with the current arrangement, an additional permissive path agreement with the Collaton Residents' Association. Discussions took place as to the route. If the residents were unable to agree to this, Mrs. Clayton asked what action the Parish Council would be likely to take. Mrs. Clayton was advised that the Parish Council would need to consider whether to take on public liability and maintenance costs in their entirety, using public funds, if access was for Collaton residents and not open to the general public. If the Parish Council felt unable to undertake this responsibility, it would then be up to the Collaton Residents' Association. Mr. Barnes advised there were 32 dwellings at Collaton. All would be balloted on the proposal for a permissive path agreement. Mrs. Clayton would be in touch with Mr. Barnes direct. She would consider whether it would be necessary for the Parish Council to be a party to the proposed new agreement. Mrs. Clayton suggested improved signage at both ends of the path.

**66.5 Tree inspection** - the three-year annual inspection was due to be undertaken this year. It was agreed to include Butts Park Recreation areas, land at the Green, Noss recreation areas and land at Ferry Wood/Kilpatrick's Steps. Broken Way would not be included.

**66.6 River Yealm** – there had been reports of sewage leaks around the Noss Creek area. These had been reported to South West Water and the Environment Agency. It was understood South West Water would be undertaking dye testing

**66.7 Noss Hard**- concerns had been raised about cars parking in front of the kayak rack and obstructing access. RESOLVED; To accept the quotation from South Hams Garden & Property Services to place a "No parking" sign on the kayak rack in the sum of £21. (Vote; unanimous.)

**66.8 Other areas for consideration** –

**i) Parsonage Road footpath** - a parishioner had raised concerns about soil/hedge encroachment on the footpath adjacent to Parsonage Road grass verge near the water tower crossing. It was agreed to seek a quote to clear.

**ii) Cellars footpath** - Mr. Rogers advised that the National Trust would be effecting repairs to a section of the path leading from the beach. The old permissive path to the beach had been closed.

**iii) Bioblitz**- an event was taking place over 13/14 July on the River Yealm. It was understood the National Trust and landowners were awaiting details.

*In committee*

**67/18 PLAY PARK MAINTENANCE** - the annual inspection reports from Allianz were awaited.

**68/18 TAP FUND / FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS** – an engineer from Devon County Council Public Rights of Way department had requested details of the proposals and quotes received for the proposed work.

**69/18 PRE-PLANNING APPLICATIONS/ PLANNING ENFORCEMENT** - planning enforcement matters were considered including correspondence from a concerned resident to South Hams District Council regarding the number of Enforcement Notices issued and acted upon.

*Meeting closed at 9pm*

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