

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

Held on 13 April 2017

**PRESENT MRS.ANSELL MR. COOPER CLLR. GREEN MR.HUSSELL MR.LYNDON  
MR. TUBB MR.PARRY-SMITH**

**ALSO PRESENT;** Cllr. Hosking, 5 parishioners, Mrs. McDonough (Clerk).

**OPEN FORUM**

**Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo Parish Council Police Report March 2017**

PCSO 30540 Andy Potter had sent apologies and the following written report;

Newton Ferrers -14<sup>th</sup>, theft of jewellery. CR/023162/17

Noss Mayo-21<sup>st</sup>, report of animal cruelty. CR/021118/17

**River Yealm Hotel**-Mr. Graham Cowe spoke on behalf of a neighbouring resident in respect of her objections to the development proposals;

1. Building Block A- Policy Area 1 (1996) would form part of the Local Plan. This stipulated low density building with mature planting. Under new ownership many mature trees had been cut down. The whole character of the south west corner of the hill had changed. The proposed apartments would take advantage of good views with large areas of fenestration which would not be diffused by mature trees. Block A would dominate this part of the site.

2. Proposed car park- would result in noise pollution for the neighbouring house.

3. Further development- it was anticipated that planning proposals would be submitted for development land adjacent to the site. Granting planning permission for Block A may contribute to further planning proposals being submitted leading to over development.

Another resident enquired about drainage- suggesting that to empty into public drains could overload the system. A construction management plan should be requested. The Parish Council should have input on site parking provision rather than contractors parking on the highway.

**89/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**- there were apologies from Cllr. Baldry, Cllr. Blackler, Ms. Adams, Mr. Carter and Mrs Grant.

**90/17 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED** - members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. Mr. Tubb declared an interest in the River Yealm Regatta grant application by virtue of being the treasurer.

**91/17 DISPENSATION REQUESTS**- none.

**92/17 VARIATION OF AGENDA** – RESOLVED: matters relating to consideration of the draft grounds maintenance contract , Neighbourhood Plan, quotations for the Butts Park Play Park improvement project and photocopier/printer renewal lease should be considered in committee. (*Vote; Unanimous.*)

**93/17 MINUTES**- the Minutes of the 9 March 2017 Parish Council Meeting were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**94/17 DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**94.1 Councillor reports**

**Cllr Baldry** had sent apologies.

**Cllr Blackler** had sent the following report;

1.90 planning applications per week were being received by SHDC. Each planning officer had about 60 cases to deal with.

2. Detailed planning permission for 600 houses had been granted for Sherford to date with approximately 20 reservations.

3. Deep Lane junction was almost finished.

4. Devon and Cornwall Housing would shortly be taking over some of the Affordable Housing- approximately 130.

5. The Locality team had won a gold award for efficiency against other local authorities.

6. SHDC would shortly have to employ more people in the planning department to cope with all the planning applications and was looking to employ apprentices.

7. The planning application fee would have to be increased by 20% to help pay for the cost of officers. The two principal officers in planning were Drew Powell and Pat Whymer.

9. In 2016 there were approximately 700 enforcements to be dealt with, which had now been reduced to about 200.

10. There were 250 planning applications in March when it was usually about 100. There were 14 planning officers having to deal with the workload.

11. The Licensing Committee had now approved higher tariffs for taxis payable from 1 May 2017.

12. £22,483 was frozen in Heritable Bank in Iceland. It was hoped SHDC would recover 100% of its losses.

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13. SHDC saved £3.9million in the current municipal year.

14 The net budget for 2017/2018 - £8.4 million.

15. The Leader's report for the end of the municipal year reported the following;-

a. Waste collection-£2.2m

b. Planning applications £2300

c. Grant funding £288,000

d. Number of enforcements-785

e. Disability facilities grant £487,000

f. Over 800 fly tips had been dealt with.

**94.2 Street cleansing-** following their Street Cleansing reflection SHDC Environment Services had advised that generally, the feedback had been felt to be positive, with a number of comments stating they felt the new mechanical sweepers were effective and had done a good job in many areas. The main overall themes of the feedback were:

- Generally, the overall review confirmed that the majority of the zone classification was considered to be correct.
- There were numerous requests for a new litter bin, replacement bins and relocations of bins. This was an on-going piece of work and the individual requests currently received would be responded to individually in due course. SHDC hoped to complete a full review of the litter and dog bins by the summer 2017.
- Some roads were highlighted as being missed off the zonal mapping and these roads would now be included in the zonal marking and confirmation to the individual town and parish councils would be sent

• There were some requests for seasonal variations to both street cleansing and litter bin collection. SHDC had reviewed these requests and would be able to vary their schedule particularly during the heavy leaf fall months. SHDC could be contacted about any seasonal variations which needed to be addressed.

• The implementation of the Rapid Response Teams and small mechanical sweepers continued to be an evolving service and SHDC welcomed continuous feedback to ensure they made improvements to the service.

**94.3 Consultation-** SHDC had undertaken a consultation with respect to their events policy. The draft policy had been sent out for consultation. The Parish Council had no comment to make in respect of the consultation. The Parish Council's own events policy would be reviewed once the SHDC policy had been finalised.

## **95/17 PLANNING**

**95.1 Neighbourhood Plan-** would be dealt with in committee

**Planning applications received including;**

**95.2 Helm Cragg, 105 Court Road 0111/17/HHO-**householder application for new external access to existing stairway and internal refurbishment. The site adjoined/affected a public right of way. SHDC had not been prepared to grant an extension to respond in light of the target date for dealing with the application. No response to the application had therefore been submitted by the Parish Council.

**95.3 Sunrays, Lower Court Road -**South Hams District Council (Parish of Newton & Noss) (No.937) Tree Preservation Order 2017.Serving of New Order. DECISION; support confirmation as served. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

**95.4 Noss Side, Stoke Road 0294/17/HHO-** READVERTISEMENT (revised plans received.) Householder application for replacement of two existing dormers, extension to front elevation and lower ground extension. DECISION; No objection. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

**95.5 Old Reservoir House, Stoke Road 0686/17/HHO-** householder application for re-modelling house including an extension of floor space, changes to the roof structure, external walls, windows and some external areas and addition of a new pedestrian access to the highway. DECISION; no objection subject to slate cladding on sloping roof rather than zinc. (*Vote; 6 in favour, 1 abstention.*)

**95.6 Yealm Hotel, 104 Yealm Road 0607/17/FUL -**conversion and change of use of former hotel to 6 residential apartments; conversion and change of use of hotel annex apartments to 4 residential apartments; new build block of 4 residential apartments and new build single residential house; with associated landscaping, access and vehicle parking works. The site adjoined/affected a public right of way.

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllr. Green, Cllr. Baldry and the Clerk had attended a site visit with the developer Mr. Friend and his planning consultant Mr. Mark Evans. Concerns had been raised about the design of the new house and whether it was "in keeping" with the area and the existing hotel building. The developer did not wish to consider changing the design. The developer was however commended for his efforts with the design for the hotel and the existing annexe.

DECISION; objection.Newton & Noss Parish Council, whilst approving the plans for the main hotel building and existing annex improvements, objected to the application in relation to the two additional buildings for the following reasons;

1. Local Plan MP12 - development which would significantly alter the density of buildings or damage the landscape and character of Policy Area 1 (specific to that area of Newton Ferrers.) Reason – since this policy was instigated (1996) permission for only 1 new single dwelling property has been given in Policy Area 1. This application proposed 15 dwellings and 2 new buildings
2. NPPF Para 15 - failure to give “great weight ....to conserving landscape and scenic beauty in ... Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.” Reason – overdevelopment of site (buildings’ footprint to double, unbroken line of development, 3m between hotel and the proposed house.)
3. NPPF Para 7 – failure to support socially and economically sustainable development. Reason – 8 out of 14 flats were considered to be of a limited size, thus ensuring the likelihood they would be sold as second homes rather than meet downsizing identified in the Parish Housing Needs Survey.
4. LDF SO18 and DP 2 – failure to conserve and enhance the quality of the District’s countryside and coastal landscapes. Reason – overdevelopment of site (buildings’ footprint to double, unbroken line of development, 3m between hotel and the proposed house.)
5. LF SO 22 – failure to achieve development which ....respects its location. Reason – the proposed house was out of character with surroundings.
6. LDF DP 3 – unacceptable impact on living conditions of occupiers of nearby properties. Reason – the new annex would overlook the garden of Yealm House resulting in a loss of privacy.
7. The Design and Access Statement stated that South Hams District Council 5 year housing targets were not met. This was not thought to be correct. The proposal was therefore not supporting a specific national or local housing need.
8. Over development.
9. The proposals were not appropriate in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty– it was understood that the AONB unit had not yet formally responded but that they may have a number of serious concerns.
10. A specialist heritage) planning officer from South Hams District Council advised the Parish Council in October 2015 that there was no formal process to identify a building or structure as a ‘non-designated heritage asset’. He did however confirm that the River Yealm Hotel was a building he would judge to be a heritage asset, even though it had been rejected for listing by Historic England. If and when an application was received to alter, extend or demolish the building, or to build within its setting, then paragraph 135 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) would be applied by officers in making their planning assessment.  
Para 135 stated ‘The effect of an application on the significance of a non-designated heritage asset should be taken into account in determining the application. In weighing applications that affect directly or indirectly non-designated heritage assets, a balanced judgement will be required having regard to the scale of any harm or loss and the significance of the heritage asset.’  
If a major re-development scheme came forward the officer advised that it would be hoped that a developer would use SHDC pre-application service and would be willing to pay for a Design Review process. South Hams District Council was aware of the recommendations of para 62 of the NPPF in this regard.
11. The proposed house was too close to the boundary and hotel
12. Conversion of non-residential to residential.
13. A construction management plan was imperative. *(Vote; 5 in favour of objecting, 2 against.)*

**95.7 Planning Appeals; Land at SX 553 487 Parsonage Road APP/K1228/W/16/3167190**-construction of two dormer bungalows. The appeal was noted.

**95.8 Village Housing Initiative**- Devon & Cornwall Housing Association (DCH) had advised that out of the eight rental properties two had been allocated to those with a “primary Connection” and the remaining six to those with a South Hams connection. Of the shared ownership, three had been allocated- two to parishioners and one to a person from Yealmpton.

## **96/17 ADMINISTRATION**

**96.1 Events applications**-none.

**96.2 End of Year Accounts 2016/2017**- Mr. Parry-Smith had completed the accounts inspection. The review by Mr. Carter was pending. It was agreed to put the matter back to the next meeting.

**96.3 Dependant Carers’ Allowance**- RESOLVED; to agree, in principle, pay a Dependant Carers’ Allowance to members of the Parish Council. *(Vote; unanimous.)*

**96.4 Land registration**- Curtis Whiteford Crocker solicitors had been in touch.

**96.5 Insurance schedule**- was agreed. No formal valuations were considered necessary.

**96.6 Parish Council Vacancy**- Ms. Longworth had resigned from the Parish Council. The Chairman had written to accept her resignation and to thank her for her contributions to the Council. SHDC had been advised. If no by – election was requested by 5 May, the Parish Council would be free to advertise to fill the vacancy by Co-option.

## **97/17 CORRESPONDENCE**

**97.1 Dementia Friendly Parishes**- Mrs. Caroline Hirst had sent the following update;

Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm was offering new opportunities to get out and about, make new friends, try something fresh or different and share the experiences of living with dementia. All this was possible in Wembury, Yealmpton, Brixton, Holbeton and Newton and Noss as people who were involved with the project could confirm. Their aim at Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm was to help people with dementia and their families remain actively and socially involved in their community. They knew how crucial it was to reduce the negative impact of isolation and loneliness by creating new opportunities. They also raised awareness across the five parishes, helping each community understand what living with dementia meant for the individual and their family. Most important of all was encouraging them to still be part of a lively and active community through joining existing groups and clubs. New and innovative ideas also came from the community to support the project. Recently Jenny and Colin George had organised a Tea Dance at St. Mary's School, Brixton and raised a total of £540.00 for the project. Looking to the future and what's on in April new opportunities continued for everyone with social and exercise activities in the local community.

The 'Hobby Tree' Craft and Hobbies Group had met on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at Yealmpton Community Centre. Everyone was welcome for coffee, a chat and maybe to take part in or have a try at a new hobby, including handicraft or painting. The Shared Reading Group met every Thursday morning from 10.30 - 12.00 midday at The Parish Room, Yealmpton giving people with dementia and their carers the pleasure of familiar books and poetry. Singing for Fun around the piano on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April from 2.00-4.00 pm at St. Marys School, Brixton with afternoon tea. Gentle Exercise met every Tuesday morning at Venn Court, Brixton from 11.30 - 12.30pm open to anyone wanting to build up strength, stay active and prevent falls. Tea at Kitley House Hotel on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April from 3.00 - 4.30 pm.

**97.2 Safe Place Scheme-** members considered the further information received from Devon Link Up together with a list of participating shops/places that were taking part in the scheme and who could offer help to vulnerable parishioners. RESOLVED; to make a grant of £100 to the Safe Place Scheme in Devon. *(Vote; unanimous.)*

**97.3 River Yealm Regatta-** RESOLVED; to make a grant of £75 to the River Yealm Regatta for the annual fireworks. *(Vote; unanimous.)*

**97.4 South Hams CVS-** members considered the benefits of membership. RESOLVED; to join South Hams CVS Local Supporters and to authorise payment of the annual membership fee of £20. *(Vote; unanimous.)* It was agreed to include a note in the Parish Magazine about the South Hams CVS Local Supporters Membership Package.

**97.5 Broadband-** Mr. Jeremy Brown had sent an update. CDS had published information with regard to where Gigaclear were currently considering rolling out fast fibre Broadband. By typing in postcodes on the CDS site it was possible to see which areas were included in the plan. All site were approximate- there was no guarantee that any or all of them could or would be served, nor when. Some were duplicated with BT Superfast and could go.

Some parishioners who had a 4G installation were reporting practical download speeds of about 25 Mbps or higher. Upload speeds of 20 Mbps had also been noted. Old ADSL copper broadband (not BT Superfast) - a few parishioners thought they were achieving slightly faster speeds.

**97.6 CPRE-** "How can we protect our Devon Countryside". No members were available to attend the public event Wednesday 19 April.

**97.7 South Devon & Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership Forum-** no members were available to attend on 15 May 2017.

## **98/17 COUNTY COUNCIL**

**98.1 County Councillor report-** Cllr. Hosking had not yet arrived.

### **98.2 Highways/Transport-**

**i) Passage Woods safety fencing-** the condition of the fencing had been reported to Devon County Council Highways last year. The Clerk had contacted the Highways Officer for an update.

**ii) Ford Hill Plantation footpath signage-**a parishioner had suggested putting signage up directing pedestrians to walk on the path through the Ford Hill plantation rather than on Passage Road. Members were against this as the path was uneven.

**iii) Planning development for land opposite Thorndean (Stoke Road)-**a number of residents had made contact with Devon County Council and South Hams District Council regarding the access arrangements for the development of the land and the reinstatement/extension of yellow lines along certain sections of Stoke Road. The DCC Highways officer, Mr. Colton, had advised that that the planning inspector had granted approval for the development proposals but had not imposed a Construction Management Plan condition. They were uncertain if the Planning Officer had recommended one. Mr. Colton had spoken with the parking enforcement traffic technician and an order would be raised to re-mark the faded double yellow lines on Stoke Road as requested but the lines would not be extended at this time. DCC could not extend without going through a traffic review and this would be both costly and would take time – there was also the likelihood that local residents could appeal against the decision. The only other time this would be considered was if there was a traffic review in the area. There was currently no review taking place. The cost of extending the double yellow lines would be £2500.00 for the Traffic Regulation Order as well as the cost of the line painting. Stoke road was a narrow road and the narrow passing places were something that DCC could not do anything to widen as private property bordered both sides of the highway. The concerns the resident had raised in relation to planning and that the extra volume of traffic could add to Noss Mayo, needed to be raised with South Hams District Council planning department .The DCC development control team were only consulted by the planning

department. As Stoke Road was a category "C" road, DCC only offered standing advice to the planning department, so there would have been no requirement to widen the road for passing places.

iv) **A379-** Mr. Colton was still waiting for confirmation of when the A379 at Brixton would be resurfaced.

v) **Butts Park service lane-**some temporary repairs had been effected. More permanent repairs were anticipated in June. The Clerk had asked for dates in light of the Butts Park Play Park improvement works to be completed.

**99/17 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 100/17.

**100/17 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS**

<b>Balance in Unity Trust Deposit account</b>		<b>£21005.65</b>
<b>Santander Current Account</b> :	Total balance at 31/3/17	<b>£53289.25</b>
<b>The balance includes:</b>		
<b>Monies held on completion of Newton &amp; Noss Play Park Improvement Project</b>		<b>£36.02</b>
<b>Monies held in respect of the maintenance of the Revington Memorial Seat</b>		<b>£390</b>
<b>Awards for All grant Butts Park Play Park</b>		<b>£9990</b>
<b>One Family Foundation grant- Butts Park Play Park</b>		<b>£4500</b>
<b>Tesco Bags of Help funding –Butts Park Play Park</b>		<b>£1000</b>
<b>Appeal monies-Butts Park Play Park</b>		<b>£2457.55</b>
<b>Monies granted by Parish Council/ Revelstoke Community Trust/Ryda/Community Rights Programme for Neighbourhood Plan</b>		<b>£40.39</b>

**The following cheques were authorised totalling: £2219.38**

<b>Chq No</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
2271	WI Community Hall	Hire fee NNPC Meeting 13 April 2017	£25.00
2272	Newton & Noss Village Hall	Hire fee NNPC Meeting 27 April 2017	£30.00
2273	S. McDonough	Net salary-March 2017	£1,234.27
2274	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerk's Tax and National Insurance March	£284.70
2275	DALC	Membership renewal	£437.91
2276	Ivybridge & District Association of Local Councils	Annual subscription	£6.00
2277	RYHA	Slipway cleaning fluid	£24.00
2278	L. Finch	Noss Voss cleaning-March	£60.00
2279	South Hams Garden & Property Services	Grass cutting; The Green 9 & 23 March 2017	£32.00
2280	PBS Accounting	Process year end payroll	£3.50
2281	M. Hingston	Newton Voss and steps cleaning March	£82.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,219.38</b>
		*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments:£0 total to date;£0	
DD	EDF	Sports Pavilion	<b>£10.00</b>
DD	B & C E Financial Services Ltd	Employee/employer Pension contribution	<b>£16.88</b>
SO	Reading Room	Storage facilities	<b>£40.00</b>

**101/17 MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

**101.1 Harbour Authority-** Mr. Tubb advised that the new Harbour Master was currently working in tandem with the outgoing Harbour Master. The Harbour Authority AGM had taken place. The Harbour Master had met informally with the River Yealm Hotel developer Mr. Simon Friend regarding the foreshore.

**101.2 Halls-** Ms. Adams was not present to advise about the WI Hall. Mr. Parry Smith advised that proposals for the Village Hall to become an incorporated charity, to alleviate personal liability, were to be put before the AGM the following week.

**101.3 Ivybridge & District Association of Local Councils-** the Vice Chairman had attended the meeting and AGM 15 March 2017. The membership fee had increased. A speaker from Devon Communities Together had advocated Energy Champions for parishes. It had been an opportunity to speak with other councillors some of whom were also in the middle of preparations for Neighbourhood Plans. There was no information of any negative impacts for those parishes who were not undertaking Neighbourhood Plans as yet.

**102/17 MAINTENANCE**

**102.1 Maintenance working groups-**

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**i) Sports Pavilion-**concerns had been raised with SHDC regarding the lack of and quality of the grass cutting. The grass cutting regime did not appear to fall within the maintenance schedule Agreement when the land had been transferred to the Parish Council. Mr. Hussell had kept a record of the grass cutting that had taken place. It was agreed the Parish Council would advise SHDC of its disappointment that SHDC had not, to date, abided by the agreed maintenance schedule and that it should do so until the end of June. Reports of grass cutting issues had been reported direct to Mr. Mark Capper and his predecessor by both the Parish Council and, it was understood, the local Cricket/Football Clubs. A schedule of cuts/maintenance for the Parish areas had been requested. It was understood the grounds maintenance would continue to 30 June.

**ii) The Green/Dillons Green-** a resident had expressed concern regarding trees on Dillons Green adjacent to Cottage Green Lane. It was agreed to ask a Tree Surgeon to inspect. The Parish Council was mindful of nesting season.

**iii) Play parks-**

**Sovereign-** Sovereign was due to send an inspector to the play park to review the issues raised in the post installation RoSPA report, the zip wire and the Allianz annual inspection. The visit had been postponed on a number of occasions. The visit was now due to take place the following week. The Clerk had asked for date confirmation.

**Phase 2-** the funding updates and spreadsheet prepared by Mrs. Penny Wheatley/the Clerk had already been circulated to Parish Council members. The Vice Chairman and Ms. Longworth had agreed and approved the Community Reinvestment Project Fund agreement/terms and conditions which had been signed and returned to SHDC. The Vice Chairman and Ms. Longworth had reviewed quotes for the equipment and installation costs for Phase 2. The quotation from Caloo for the equipment and installation in the sum of £23,495 plus VAT had been accepted. Quotes for the groundworks for Phase 2 from Flete Gardens had been approved and accepted in the sum of £10850 plus VAT. The Parish Council approved and agreed the actions taken by the vice Chairman and Ms. Longworth .RESOLVED; to authorise expenditure up to £600 plus VAT on the purchase of two benches, bats / balls and scoreboard for the table tennis area. (*Vote; Unanimous.*)

**Grass cutting-** similar concerns were raised about grass cutting in the play park. The grass had been left for too long. The cuttings had been left in the play park which were an eyesore. A resident had re cut some areas himself to enable the children to play. This had been reported to SHDC.

**Noss Play Park-** the Allianz report had been received. Members expressed disappointment at the findings in the report regarding the condition of the equipment given the recent works by Earth Wrights who had advised that the wooden play park equipment was not rotten. The Allianz report suggested some of the equipment was rotten. It was agreed to send a copy of the Allianz report to Earth Wrights for their comments, both in respect of the wood condition/ name plaques and to suggest they make contact with Allianz to clarify the condition of the equipment. The matter may then need to be raised further with SHDC. The sand refills had been completed.

**Noss Recreation Areas-** it was thought the Tennis Club may wish to put in a request for signs to be put up.

**102.2 Parish Asset Inspection-** Mr. Tubb advised that the seat on Newton Hill was in need of repair. Some slats on one of the seats at The Brook were missing-a parishioner had offered to make repairs. The area around the Revington Seat on the Cinder Path was in need of attention. Members were asked for the results of any outstanding inspections as soon as possible to enable a work schedule to be prepared.

**102.3 Village Housing Initiative-** the plans had been reviewed with respect to a parishioner's suggestion for hedge planting on the roadside banks. No other requests had been received. The amenity of the residents was considered. It was agreed to take no further action.

**102.4 Any other areas for consideration-**

**i) Collaton-** the visibility splay at the junction with Puslinch was raised. The Clerk would report the matter to Devon County Council using their on line "Report a problem" facility.

**ii)Dillons car park-** a stone which had been knocked out of the wall would be reported to Devon & Cornwall Housing Association.

**iv) Butts Park-** a quote would be sought by the Clerk for grass cutting by the water tower and the verge adjacent to Parsonage Road.

**In committee**

**103/17 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT-**

The draft contract had been circulated to Members. The Clerk had sought advice from the Local Council Advisory Services and the Parish Council's insurers regarding the appropriate level of Public Liability insurance for the contractor. RESOLVED; to agree and approve the terms of the draft grounds maintenance contract between Newton & Noss Parish Council and South Hams Garden & Property Services with public liability insurance coverage requirement of £5,000,000 and to authorise the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Council. (*Vote; Unanimous.*)

**104/17 BUTTS PARK PLAY PARK**

No quotations to consider.

**105/17 PRINTER/COPIER**

The agreement and terms and conditions had been circulated for the new 5 year lease. RESOLVED; the Clerk's authority from the Council to enter into a new 5 year photocopier lease/copies agreement was confirmed. (Vote; Unanimous.)

**106/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Chairman advised the Parish Council of the planning consultant's schedule of remaining time estimated to progress to submission. Previous costs estimate had been to 31 March 2017. A draft estimate of the remaining costs to conclude the N3P had been prepared by the Steering Group. An approximate estimate of remaining costs was £5869. An offer of further Locality Funding had been received of £4361 (Community Rights Programme) from Groundwork. £40.39 remained in the general funding "pot". There was likely to be a shortfall.

Applications for further contributions from the Revelstoke Community Trust and the RYDA had been made. Cllr. Blackler had given an informal indication that he would be prepared to support a Locality Fund application for £500- in respect of which an application had been submitted and outcome awaited. An application for Locality Funding from Devon County Council would need to wait until after the County Council Elections. The Parish Council had a budget contingency allocation of £1500.

Some members expressed concern at the amount of money being spent on the N3P.

The Chairman advised that it was not in the interest of the N3P to change planning consultant at this stage. Three quotes had been sought initially when deciding upon the appropriate consultant.

RESOLVED; to authorise the planning consultant Mr. Lee Bray to continue to work to progress the Newton & Noss Neighbourhood Plan to submission in the sum of £4500.(Vote; 5 in favour, 1 objection, 1 abstention.)

The Steering Group Members at the meeting advised the Council of the considerable work on the Neighbourhood Plan being undertaken by the volunteers and the often overwhelming amount of work which the volunteers had had to undertake to get to this stage. Excellent progress had been made towards drawing up the N3P which should be completed by September. It was suggested and agreed by the Council, to alleviate some of the burden, and to share the workload, that the points of contact, in the Steering Group, for the planning consultant should be the Housing Group Lead Mrs. Sarah Taylor and the Parish Council Chairman Mrs. Alison Ansell.

The Section 14 consultation was to take place 9-10 June.

*Cllr Hosking arrived at 8.45pm*

*The meeting came out of committee*

**107/17COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Cllr. Hosking reported as follows;

**i) RECYCLING-** the Government had advised that County Councils could not charge for the disposal of DIY waste with the objective of reducing fly tipping

**ii) Education-** the average cost of a teacher's salary was approximately £37,500 p.a. Devon County Council remained concerned that the funding per student was £290 per student below the national average. He was unable to advise how much the funding per pupil had been reduced at Newton Ferrers Primary School.

**iii) Highways-**he had noted the Highways Officer response regarding Stoke Road and the land opposite "Thorndean." Concerns were raised over public safety with Cllr. Hosking about the fencing along Passage Road- which had been reported over a year ago. Cllr Hosking advised that he had concerns regarding the condition of the A379 road surface between Brixton and the Kitley junction. The Highways Officer was considering what could be done as a temporary measure given it did not have the defect category of a pot hole. The new contractors had started two weeks ago. They would be asked to do the work as soon as possible.

*Meeting closed at 9.00pm*