

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

Held on 14 December 2017

PRESENT MRS. ANSELL MR.COOPER CLLR. GREEN MR. HUSSELL
MRS.GRANT MR.CARTER MR.PARRY-SMITH

ALSO PRESENT; 5 members of the public, Cllr. Richard Hosking, Mrs. McDonough (Clerk).

OPEN FORUM

48 Yealm Road 3949/17/HHO-a parishioner referred to a number of objections to the planning application having been raised by neighbouring residents. Reference was made to Cam Cottage which, similar to No. 48, had been built as a series of six bungalows up to No.58 around the same time. No. 58 had been developed but its height had been restricted and was on the same footprint of the original dwelling. One of the key objectives of the Newton & Noss Neighbourhood Plan (N3P) was to preserve green spaces. The new proposals for No. 48 would increase its overall size by nearly three times the size of the existing bungalow-in contravention of the N3P. The ridge height was increasing by 1.5 metres. A very large two storey extension was proposed-the existing outbuilding was at low level and invisible. The second storey of the building added bulk to the frontage with a large balcony. The addition of a garage in the front garden would add significantly to the bulk of the development. It would overshadow No's 46 and 50. Two buildings behind No 48 were bungalows. The Parish Council were urged to object to the application.

Public Space Protection Order- Butts Park Playing Field Dogs on Leads Order. Three Butts Park residents attended to express concern. They had walked their dogs on the playing field for thirteen years and had received no complaints during that time. The Clerk upon being emailed had clarified the reasons for the signage. The resident had been made aware of the consultation that had taken place at the time but felt leaflets should have been distributed to Butts Park households. The resident advised that he ran his dogs around the perimeter and if the dogs fouled the pitches he would clear it up. He understood play had had to be stopped because dog mess had been discovered. He was the chair of a local hockey club which made pitch inspections before matches. Footballers turfed up the grass, leaving litter when a bin was close by. The Vice Chairman advised that dog fouling at the playing field had been an increasing problem for many years. Dog mess was a problem for the football and cricket clubs as well as for the contractor who maintained the field. Just in the last week, the contractor had cleared six lots of dog mess from the pitch and numerous amounts around the pitch. One of his work colleagues had been covered in dog mess when strimming Children played on the field and could be at risk of Toxicara.

Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo Parish Council Police Report November 2017-PCSO Andy Potter had sent apologies and the following written report

Newton Ferrers

Between 1st - 28th two outboard motors stolen from storage bunker [Court Rd. area] CR/103505/17
Overnight 15th / 16th four crimes Court Wood area,

1. Burglary non- dwelling , workshop broken into ,quantity of tools stolen
2. Burglary non- dwelling , bicycle stolen from garage CR/100098/17
3. Attempt burglary non- dwelling , wooden shed broken into CR/100574/17
4. Theft of property from a boat CR/103684/17

Noss Mayo

1st, report of theft of a quantity of wood CR/097558/17

Newton Ferrers Primary School-Mr. Dan Brown, Head of Teaching and Learning, referred to the parking difficulties at school drop off and collection times. There had been an unfortunate incident outside school the preceding Tuesday involving a local resident. The resident had been aggressive towards himself, parents and children. The police had had to be called to intervene. It appeared to centre on the residents only parking sign at the car park by Dillons Green. The Vice Chairman said that when the houses at Dillons were built, the car park had been intended for use by anyone. Unfortunately the car park had been conveyed to the Housing Association when the land was sold by SHDC. Mr. Brown suggested the sign should be removed and that car parking spaces be marked out in the car park. Mr. Brown was advised this was something out of the Parish Council's control. The land was owned by the Housing Association and not the Parish Council. At present the Housing Association did not enforce resident only parking. If the school or the Parish Council was to contact the Housing Association this view could change and the parking lost. Mr. Brown confirmed the school had no Traffic Management/School Transport Plan.

296/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- there were apologies from Mr. Tubb, Mr. Lyndon and Ms. Adams.

297/17 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED - members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. No interest were declared.

298/17 DISPENSATION REQUESTS- none.

299/17MINUTES the Minutes of the 26 October, 9 November and 23 November Parish Council Meetings were approved as a correct record and the Chairman was authorised to sign.

1/14December2017.....Chairman

300/17 VARIATION OF AGENDA- RESOLVED; matters relating to pre planning application/planning enforcement should be considered in committee. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

301/17 DISTRICT COUNCIL

301.1 Councillor reports

i) Cllr. Blackler- had sent apologies and the following report;

1. Due to the partnership with West Devon Borough Council, South Hams District Council (SHDC) had saved £3.9m.
2. The Budget gap for 2019/20 would be £0.3m.
3. By Towns and Parishes taking over toilets SHDC would save £180,000.
4. The Budget gap for 2018/19 would be £157,000 rising in 2022/23 to £339,000.
5. SHDC had £1.8m in unmarked reserves.
6. There was only £22,483 still outstanding in the Icelandic Bank, SHDC having received 98% of the original debt. They had been promised by the administrators that the whole could be paid.
7. The executive director, Steve Jorden, was resigning to join Swindon District Council.
8. There was to be a Brain Team of professionals set up to monitor Plymouth Eastern Fringe planning applications.

ii) Cllr. Baldry had sent apologies and the following report;

1) District Council Members had had a presentation from the Sherford builders. Their houses were not selling. Fewer than 50 had sold so far against a target of 300 per annum. They were partly blaming the design by the Prince's Trust, which appeared good from the outside, but were not attractive to buyers. He expected an application for a modification in the approvals.

2) He commended to all councillors the video produced by Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm (the longer 6 minute version). It was a worthwhile watch which gave an insight into the good work being done.

3) Cllr. Blackler's report dealt with the first draft on the budget. The proposal to close public lavatories would be resisted by several councillors including himself.

4) Following a series of discussions with Cllr. Ansell and the planning officer, he had asked for the planning application for 59 Yealm Road to go to Development Management Committee. Confirmation was sought that the Parish Council wished this to go ahead.

5) He had had 3 items at the full council meeting that day. The first was a motion to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner, copied to the Chief Constable, asking her to reconsider the suggestion to severely cut the number of Police Community Support Officers. This Motion had all party support and he expected it to be approved.

His second motion; 'This Council supports the CPRE call on Government to toughen up planning policy to prevent major housing schemes in AONBs in order to recognise the importance of our treasured landscapes. In supporting this call, the Council will make its views known to the Secretary of State CLG and to the local Members of Parliament.' He had a question on the agenda asking the Council to support Parishes who wish to adopt the 'St Ives policy' on new homes not used as the first residence.

The Parish Council agreed that Cllr. Baldry should be asked to take the planning application in respect of 59 Yealm Road to the Development Management Committee.

301.2 Community Reinvestment Project Fund- RESOLVED: to vary the agenda and for the application the Community Re-investment Project Fund to be put back until Cllr. Hosking arrived. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

301.3 TAP Fund 2017- the application for TAP funding to refurbish/enhance the Voss footpaths and steps from Passage Road to Noss Voss had been submitted. RESOLVED; to support the application for TAP Funding to be made by Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm for funding for a laptop computer and printer with additional programming to improve their communication with people with Dementia, their families and the wider community. (*Vote; unanimous*)

302/17 PLANNING

302.1 Neighbourhood Plan-the Regulation 16 six week consultation would finish 21 December 2017. Ms. Adams had sent a report advising that the Community Land Trust group now had a provisional name of Yealm Community Housing as it was felt the river brought everyone together. Donations of £1000 had been received from parishioners towards set up costs. The group was exploring whether to set up as a charity or community interest company. The next meeting would be in January when David Parkes from SHDC and a representative taking on some of the community housing projects with him would also hopefully attend.

Planning Decisions

302.2 Anchor Cottage, Riverside Road East 208/17/HHO-householder application for replacement garden room. SHDC; Granted.

302.3 Brook Bakery, Riverside Road West 2027/17/HHO-householder application for refurbishment and renovation of existing cottage, new garage/boat store and replacement of rear extension including a new roof terrace. SHDC; Refused.

Planning applications received;

302.4 Menryn, Court Wood 3905/17/TPO. Work to Tree Preservation Order trees.T1: Oak - pollard to 2 metres from ground level, bank underneath roots slipped away, high risk of being uprooted, and trunk resting on nearby beech tree. DECISION; No objection. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

302.5 8 Archers Court 3946/17/HHO-householder application for a proposed dormer window to the bedroom.

DECISION; No objection. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

302.6 Cross Park, Stoke Road 3960/17/VAR- application for the removal of agricultural occupancy condition (original consent: WB/8303/86/51) (resubmission of 0349/17/VAR.) DECISION; No objection. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

302.7 8 Perches Close, 3952/17/-TPO work to Tree Preservation Order Trees.T1: Ash - fell and remove; T2: Beech - fell and remove. DECISION: No objection. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

302.8 48 Yealm Road 3949/17/HHO- householder application to replace existing roof and raise the ridge and eaves height to improve accommodation at first floor, replace studio to rear of property with a 2 storey extension linked to main dwelling and create a new grass roofed garage at bottom of the drive. The Chairman had attempted, unsuccessfully, to contact the planning officer about the ridge heights in comparison with the houses either side.

DECISION; Objection;

1. Overbearing impact on neighbouring properties.
2. Visual impact- in particular the proposed roof height.
3. Proposed ridge height in comparison to neighbouring properties
4. The proposals would adversely affect the street scene.
5. Against objective N3P11 in the emerging Newton & Noss Neighbourhood Plan to retain smaller properties in the parish. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

302.9 Land at SX 553 478 Opposite Thorndean Bridgend 3979/17/VAR-application for variation of condition No.2 following grant of planning permission under appeal ref: APP/K1128/W/16/3153009 (2611/15/FUL) to allow for alterations to approved plans. DECISION; Objection;

The plans were a significant 'variation' to those approved on Appeal 29.9.16.

The appeal was successful subject to condition 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: 1311/SK 59, 1311/SK 60, 1311/SK 61, 1311/SK 62, 1311/SK 63, 1311/SK 64, 1311/SK 65, 1311/SK 66, 1311/SK 67, 1311/SK 68, 1311/SK 69 and PDL-100 Rev B.

Para 11 of the appeal stated that it was approved due to its 'small scale'.

The appeal decision also suggested that South Hams District Council's five year land supply had not been met. It was believed the emerging Joint Local Plan stated that it had been met.

The modest 2 bedroomed chalet application met the Parish Council's needs identified in the Parish Housing Needs Survey which was backed by DP11 and emerging JLP DEV 8 and TTV31 and N3P11 (Newton and Noss Neighbourhood Plan). There was no identified need for larger, four bed properties. The housing supply for the Parish was disproportionately large.

There would be a visual impact created by the significantly higher ridge height. This would affect the views and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

In the event that this planning application moved forward the Parish Council would wish to see the following information as the footprint into the hillside is significant:

1. A full ecology report.
2. Drainage
3. Landscaping
4. Highways input for increased traffic/access to and from the road due to increase in size (for a four bed as opposed to a two bed).
5. A Construction Management Plan would be essential for this site. It was the main arterial road for Noss for all delivery, services and emergency vehicles on stretches of single track road. It was proposed to remove a great deal of soil. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

302.10 Riverslea 35 Yealm Road 4016/17/VAR -variation of condition number 2 following grant of planning permission 2314/17/HHO to allow for a minor material amendment. DECISION; No objection. (*Vote; 6 in favour, 1 abstention.*)

302.11 First Draft Brixton Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Statutory Consultation- the closing date for the consultation was 12 January. It was agreed to put the matter back to the Parish Council meeting in January.

302.12 Significance of Place workshop-the Chairman advised that the workshop had been very good, providing much historical information and where to access it. The Chairman had met those dealing with planning at SHDC and those part of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty organisation. There would be follow on workshops.

302.13 Planning application consultation arrangements - RESOLVED: for those applications from December-12 April inclusive, 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.*)

303/17 VARIATION OF AGENDA- RESOLVED; matters relating to Public Space Protection Orders should be brought forward on the agenda to enable parishioners to leave earlier if they wished. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

304/17 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS- Butts Park Playing Field. The Dogs on Leads requirement was due to come into effect 1 January 2018. The order could be reviewed after three years. Ms. Honey Foskett, SHDC, had advised that all children's play areas that were enclosed by a fence, hedge or wall were automatically categorised as dog exclusion zones. Acting on the Parish Council's request in March this year SHDC had proposed that the wider area of Butts Park and The Green, Newton Ferrers (including areas adjacent to the War Memorial and to Dillons) were included in the Dogs on Leads category in an attempt to reduce dog fouling offences. The Parish Council had related incidents when play had had to be postponed to enable dog excrement to be cleared up. Keeping dogs on leads would make it easier for dog walkers to notice that their charges had done their business and by implication more difficult for them to ignore signage to pick up. SHDC was aware that the Parish Council was experiencing a problem and Mr. Trevor Pollard and Mr Tim Pollard, Localities Officers, would work with Ms. Tracey Weaver, Environmental Protection Officer, to monitor and enforce the legislation requiring dog walkers to pick up after their dogs, hopefully making an application for an outright ban in three years unnecessary. Mr. Pollard had been asked to update the Clerk on monitoring routines and Ms Weaver to advise the Clerk of outcomes relating to enforcement action. A suggestion was made that part of the playing field could be fenced off as a dog exercise area as a compromise. The Vice Chairman suggested that the Parish Council had attempted to compromise by requesting Dogs on Leads rather than an outright ban on dogs in the playing field. The Parish Council was mindful of the diseases risks to the public from dog faeces .A parishioner suggested that the residents at Butts Park should have been sent leaflets individually. The Clerk had put the consultation on the Parish Council website, Parish Council notice boards and sent to those who had registered for Parish news by email circulation. Press releases had been made by South Hams District Council. A parishioner asked for clarification on the signage at the play park restricting the area to those under 12 years of age. A number of residents had gates backing on to the play park which they used for access. There was also the new gym equipment which people from the village came up to use. The Vice Chairman emphasised that the age restriction signage had been put up before the play park refurbishment. It was agreed to review the signage. It was agreed the Clerk should contact SHDC to see if it was possible to vary the Public Space Protection Order should the Parish Council decide to partition part of the playing field off as a dog exercise area.

305/17 ADMINISTRATION

305.1 Events applications- none.

305.2 Budget 2018/2019- the budget working group had met to discuss draft cashflow forecast, to 31 March 2017, anticipated routine income/expenditure for 18/19 draft earmarked/general reserves schedule and draft budget. The documents had been circulated to Parish Council members prior to the meeting. The documents and budget proposing a 3% increase in the precept request were approved in principle, to be finalised at the Parish Council meeting in January. The Parish Council had been made aware that SHDC was considering public toilet closure unless responsibility for maintenance was taken over by Parish /Town Councils. Members discussed the savings on maintenance costs by SHDC in Newton & Noss by the Parish Council taking on the land assets and that this should be factored in if closures were suggested.

303.3 Notification of external auditor appointments for the 2017/18 financial year- details of the appointment and arrangements had been circulated to Parish Council members. Under powers set out in Regulation 3 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015, Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd (SAAA) was appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government as "a person specified to appoint local auditors" and as the Sector Led Body (SLB) for smaller authorities. Under the Regulations, SAAA was responsible for appointing external auditors to all applicable opted-in smaller authorities, for setting the terms of appointment for limited assurance reviews and for managing the contracts with the appointed audit firms. Newton & Noss Parish Council had agreed to be opted-in to the central procurement process and therefore an external auditor, PK Littlejohn LLP, had been appointed for the Council for the 5 year period commencing with the financial year 2017/18.

305.4 Emergency Plan review-Mr. Carter agreed to review the Emergency Plan and update any contact details. Copies of the plan were held by the Chairman, Parish Clerk and Mr. Carter. Mr. Carter did not think it necessary to pass a copy to the emergency services- who would know to contact the Chairman/Parish Clerk in the first instance if the need arose.

305.5 Snow Plan review- difficulties had been experienced with securing motor insurance coverage for the volunteer driver of the salt spreader this year. The Parish Council's own insurance provider was unable to provide coverage. Unsuccessful enquiries had been made with other insurance providers, Devon County Council (DCC) Local Highways Officer and Ugborough Parish Council who also had a salt spreader. Mr. Paul Clark, the Parish Snow Warden, suggested DCC should provide coverage both for motor insurance and volunteers. It was agreed to raise with Cllr. Richard Hosking.

305.6 Parish Council vacancy- an application had been received from Mr. Philip Rogers. Mr. Rogers was proposed and seconded. RESOLVED: Mr. Philip Rogers was co-opted as a member of Newton & Noss Parish Council. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

306/17 CORRESPONDENCE

306.1 Dementia Friendly Parishes-had sent a report detailing events taking place in December which had been circulated to Parish Council members. Events included Christmas Sing-along Friday 8th December, Craft Market Sunday 10th December, Christmas Tree Festival Saturday 16th December, Walking Group every Wednesday morning,

4/14December2017.....Chairman

Shared Reading Group met every Thursday morning, Gentle Exercise met every Tuesday morning, 'Hobby Tree' - a craft and hobbies group met on Monday 4th December and Tea at Kitley House Hotel Friday 22nd December For more information about Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm or how they could help contact Maxine on 07450206312.

306.2 Council Tax discount-Mr. Hussell advised that households, where a person had a severe mental impairment, may be entitled to apply for a Council Tax discount which could be backdated for up to six months. Mr. Hussell suggested that parishioners should be made aware by articles in the Parish Magazine and on the website notice board. It was agreed the Clerk should contact Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm for further information. A parishioner advised that the Citizens Advice Bureau was able to help with both the claim and any appeal.

307/17COUNTY COUNCIL

307.1County Council report- Cllr. Richard Hosking was in attendance.

i) Snow Warden- concerns were raised over the difficulties in securing motor insurance coverage for volunteers to tow the salt spreader. It was suggested DCC should assist. Cllr. Hosking advised he would investigate.

ii) Budget-between now and February, DCC would be looking to agree the budget for 2018/19. There would be a reduction of twenty two million pounds in the grant from central support. It was likely the Council Tax would be increased by 3% for Social Services and 1.99% general Precept increase.

iii) Wig Wags- could not be provided for Parsonage Road as the speed data would not permit. A self- financing project may be possible. Some costings had been provided by the Local Highways Officer Mr. Colton. Mr. Brown, Head of Teaching and Learning at the Primary School, was present and confirmed that the project would be supported by the Primary School. **RESOLVED**; to make an application to the Community Re-investment Project Fund in the sum of £5000 for flashing warning lights/wig wags on the approach to Newton Ferrers Primary School and at the bottom of Bridgend Hill, and for £7000 to complete refurbishment/enhancement of the steps from Passage Road to Noss Voss to improve pedestrian safety in the Parish. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

iv) Community Resilience Forum- the event had had a talk on terrorism. The **Anti- terrorism telephone number - 0800 789321**. A couple of incidents had taken place linking terrorism to the south west. Parishioners were asked to be vigilant and report anything suspicious. The **Domestic Abuse Helpline- 0345 155 1074**.

v) Public Health nursing- DCC would be taking Social Services relating to Childrens' Services back in- house. CAMHS/SENDS would be going to tender in April 2018 with a view to a new contract in 2019.

vi) Planning- Cllr. Hosking had sent an email regarding the access issue on the planning application referred to at the last Parish Council meeting he had attended but had received no response. Cllr. Hosking was advised that it was thought the application had now been dealt with.

307.2 Highways/Transport-

i) Dillons- Devon & Cornwall Housing owned the car park by Dillons Green. Dillons Green had been designated as a Green Space in the draft Neighbourhood Plan. Discussions took place as to whether more parking could be made available in the Primary School or the dropping off area provisions changed. Cllr Hosking referred to the dropping off area at Yealmpton Primary School which had been closed off due to concerns about liability for children being injured. Cllr. Hosking advised he would be happy to be part of discussions with the Primary School and Parish Council on formulating a School Traffic Management/School Transport Plan.

ii) Newton Hill- Cllr. Hosking would make enquiries about whether a Parish Council was able to "buy in "additional parking enforcement services, following a Parishioner's request for additional parking enforcement on Newton Hill to try and assist the Post Office.

iii) Court Road- the Local Highways Office had advised that unfortunately at this time DCC would not be in a position to introduce a 20mph speed limit or zone in the Parish. The criteria set out in their policy stated: significant vulnerable road user activity, speed related casualty accident history, mean speeds low (around 20mph) or proposed engineering would make the speed limit self-enforcing (evidence to be collated,) environmental impact of scheme to be considered in terms of signing lining noise pollution etc, not on roads serving a strategic function, if outside a school should also be part of the adopted school travel plan and must have support in the wider community. Some but not all of the above requirements were met within the Parish. He found it difficult to see how a scheme of the size required could be financed even if all of the above criteria had been met as DCC had very limited budgets for this type of work. As a guide 20mph speed limits required repeater signs spaced approximately 200m apart to be legal and 20mph zones require "traffic calming" features every 50m although this did not mean road humps and could be naturally occurring.

307/17 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 308/17

308/17 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

Balance in Unity Trust Deposit account		£21010.92
Santander Current Account :	Total balance at 30/11/17	£60402.42
The balance includes:		
Monies held in respect of the Butts Park Play Park Improvement Project		£2088.32
Monies held in respect of the maintenance of the Revington Memorial Seat		£390
Big Greenspace Challenge		£406

5/14December2017.....Chairman

Monies granted by Parish Council/ Revelstoke Community Trust/Ryda/Community Rights Programme for Neighbourhood Plan £1263.48
Community Rights Programme Neighbourhood Plan (17/18) £658.65
The following cheques were authorised totalling: £3972.47

Chq No	PAYEE		AMOUNT
2402	Newton & Noss Village Hall	Hire fee NNPC Meeting 14 December 2017	£30.00
2403	S.McDonough	Net salary-November 2017	£1,243.86
2404	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerk's Tax and National Insurance November	£291.16
2405	CPRE	Annual membership fee	£36.00
2406	South Hams District Council	N3P- Important Views Map- preparation & printing	£133.80
2407	South Hams District Council	N3P-banner stickers,map preparation and bound N3P copies	£127.89
2408	South Hams District Council	N3P- printing maps and posters/photos	£193.14
2409	South West Water	Public tap Pillory Hill 17/8/17-29/11/17	£16.95
2410	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	Data Protection training	£36.00
2411	South Hams Garden & Property Services	Grounds maintenance	£604.50
2412	South Hams Garden & Property Services	The Green/Dillons Green-levelling,topsoil and re-seeding	£180.00
2413	South Hams Garden & Property Services	Signage; Hillhead, Butts Park Play Park/Playing Field	£65.00
2414	South Hams Garden & Property Services	Sports Pavilion-slate tile repair/replacement	£15.00
2415	South Hams Garden & Property Services	Butts Park Play Park- re-turfing, temporary nest swing removal/storage	£150.00
2416	Groundwork UK	N3P grant funding underspend repayment	£849.17
Total			£3,972.47

*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments:£0 total to date;£790

DD	EDF	Sports Pavilion	£10.00
DD	B & C E Financial Services Ltd	Employee/employer Pension contribution	£17.06
DD	Hoot Hosting	N3P website hosting	£20.00
SO	Reading Room	Storage facilities	£40.00

309/17. MEETINGS ATTENDED:

309.1 Harbour Authority- Mr. Carter advised mooring fees would be increased by 10% next year. No increase for Harbour Fees.

309.2 Halls- Mr. Parry-Smith advised that restoration of the Revelstoke Garden at Newton & Noss Village Hall would start in January. There was no report in respect of the W.I. Hall.

310/17 MAINTENANCE

310.1 Maintenance working groups-

i) Sports Pavilion- the roof slates had been replaced/repared.

ii) The Green/Dillons Green-there was no update on the proposed way leave agreement.

iii) Play parks-

Butts Park Play Park- a meeting would be taking place in January with Flete Gardens about a willow den. Payment of £20 to South Hams Garden and Property Services for assisting with the removal of the nest swing and co-ordinating with the installers, Sovereign, over its repair had been authorised. The sum of £2088 remained to carry out further improvements. SHDC play park inspector had reported that one of the concrete bench legs was broken **RESOLVED;** to authorise South Hams Garden & Property Services to remove and dispose of the broken bench, and make good the surface, at Butts Park Play Park in the sum of £70. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

Noss Play Park- the work to improve drainage around the slide appeared to be working.

iv) Noss Recreation Areas- South Hams Garden & Property Services had been asked to quote to effect repairs to the car park fencing. There were moles in the area-it was agreed to take no action.

310.2 Newton and Noss Voss- a site visit had taken place Monday 4 December attended by a structural engineer and Public rights of Way Warden (PROW) from DCC, the Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Hussell, the Clerk and Mr. James Watkinson who undertook the cleaning. The PROW officer had subsequently confirmed that DCC was organising a contract to get the Voss pressure washed, and to also repair the broken section of concrete where a step had formed. This would be subject to their budgetary considerations. DCC were working on the basis that pressure washing may get rid of the black algae which was felt could be the cause of the slippery surface. However, this would be a test to see if it was effective. He would also be ordering a sign for the approach on the Newton side stating the path was slippery. He suggested it had to be agreed and accepted that the Voss paths were always going to be

6/14December2017.....Chairman

slippery due to their inherent nature. They had noted when walking back over, that the two edges of the Voss had much better grip due to barnacles covering the surface (about 10cm wide along both edges). It was discussed whether reduced cleaning may actually allow further barnacle growth and spread, which could lead to a better surface to walk on. This was maybe something the PC could consider experimenting with next year on a particular length, to see if barnacle growth was increased across the surface. The quote for pressure washing was due by 22 January. The Clerk had contacted the Harbour Office to see if they had any suggestions as to alternative cleaning agents which would be environmentally compliant to use in the river. The Harbour Office had advised they had no alternatives to suggest and had found Selgiene effective. The Clerk had made enquiries with Salcombe Harbour Authority who had suggested a product supplied by Natural Solutions Ltd. The Clerk was asked to make further enquires with the supplier and to liaise with Mr. Carter.

310.3 Doctor's Steps- a parishioner had raised concerns about the stability of the wall adjacent to the steps. The Clerk had contacted both the PROW warden and Devon Building Control, having reported similar concerns in 2016. Lyn Coffman, Building Control Surveyor, had advised that she had re- visited the wall during week of 4 December and in her opinion there was no change in its condition since her last visit in August 2016. Although the wall was cracked it remained stable and resistant to a good push. It was therefore not deemed immediately dangerous. They would keep monitoring it. They had not received a response to a letter sent last year highlighting the issue to the owner. Due to the owner's circumstances, it was felt he was unlikely to respond to a letter from them. She suggested an approach from the Parish Council may be more appropriate as the owner was living within their community and may be more open to a local more personal approach. It was agreed the Clerk would write to the owner.

310.4 Other areas for consideration-a parishioner reported concerns regarding an overgrown hedge adjacent to the highway in front of the water tower at Butts Park. He had been trying to maintain it. The resident was advised that concerns about overgrown hedge could be reported online direct to Devon County Council using their "Report a problem" facility.

In committee

311/17PRE PLANNING APPLICATIONS/ PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

Planning enforcement matters were considered.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm