

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

Held on 25 February 2016

PRESENT MRS.ANSELL CLLR.GREEN MS. LONGWORTH MR. HUSSELL MR. CARTER
MS. ADAMS MR.PARRY-SMITH

ALSO PRESENT; Cllr. Keith Baldry, 1 parishioner, Mrs McDonough (Clerk).

OPEN FORUM

No matters were raised.

Mr. Parry- Smith was welcomed to Newton & Noss Parish Council.

44/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- there were apologies from the Vice Chairman, Mr. Lyndon and Mr. Tubb. Ms. Cove had given notice of resignation from the Parish Council.

45/16 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED - members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. None were declared.

46/16 DISPENSATION REQUESTS- RESOLVED: Mr. Parry-Smith should be granted a dispensation to speak and vote in respect of consideration and settlement of the Precept, to consider allowances, travelling expenses and indemnities for Members, for moorings/outhauls and matters relating to the Yealm Yacht Club. (*Vote; 6 n favour, 1 abstention.*)

47/16 MINUTES- the Minutes of the 28 January Parish Council Meeting were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

48/16 VARIATION OF AGENDA –RESOLVED: Matters relating to consideration of quotations for removal of cricket nets and pre planning applications/planning enforcement should be considered in committee. (*Vote; Unanimous.*)

49/16 PLANNING

Planning decisions including;

49.1 37/1426/15/F- proposed Solar PV array at SX 553 496, Newton Downs Farm – discussions took place as to the status of Section 106 negotiations. Neither the decision nor the planning conditions made by the Development Management Committee appeared to be on the SHDC planning website. Cllr. Green advised that he would contact the planning department to ascertain why. Cllr. Green advised that the community could negotiate to purchase the development which could be in the order of £5 million pounds. It was thought this would lead to a hiatus of approximately 6 months whilst the negotiations were ongoing between Good Energy and Yealm Community Energy. If that was not possible then the Community Benefit would be approximately £10,000 p.a. Cllr. Green advised Yealm Community Energy believed the Community Benefit would operate through their organisation. It was suggested that the Parish Council had decided at a previous meeting that it wished to be consulted on the final decision as to the Community Benefit and how it would be administered. Some Members had felt that the Community Benefit should operate through the Parish Council. The Clerk advised that there were statutory limitations on the Parish Council's power of spending. The provisions of Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 limited spending under that Act to, currently, £7.36 per elector. The limitations could limit flexibility on spending. The Parish Council had no spending power under the General Power of Competence.

49.2 1 Archers Court 2637/15/HHO-householder application to convert garage into accommodation, extension to kitchen, alterations and car port extension, removal of part of boundary wall. SHDC: Granted.

49.3 Land at SX 553 478, opposite Thorndean, Bridgend 2611/15/FUL- application for the erection of a dwelling. The proposed development did not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land in which the application related. SHDC; Refused.

49.41 The Point Noss Mayo 37/2515/15/F householder application for repair to quay to include increase in height, with remedial repairs to cliff face. SHDC; Granted.

49.5 Briar Hill Farm, Court Road 37/2181/15/VAR-removal of condition 6 of planning consent 37/0518/15/F (to allow owner's accommodation to be stand alone property and not tied to the site.) SHDC: Granted.

49.6 98 Yealm Road, 3138/16/TPO 438-Work to Tree Preservation Order TreesT1. Pine-fell.SHDC: Granted.

Planning applications received;

49.7 The Bower Parsonage Road 3096/15/FUL-application for demolition of existing non-traditional construction dwelling and replacement with 1.5 storey, 3 bedroom dwelling and detached garage. Ms. Longworth declared an interest by virtue of owning a neighbouring property and took no part in the debate or vote. DECISION: No objection. (*Vote; 5 in favour, 1 abstention.*)

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49.8 80 Court Road 0304/16/HHO- householder application for alterations and extensions to dwelling. DECISION: No objection. (Vote; Unanimous.)

49.9 Newton & Noss Neighbourhood Plan –the Chairman advised that the Housing Needs Survey was going ahead. Mr. Christopher Lunn had resigned as Chairman. No new Chairman had come forward. A suggestion had been made of a rotating chairman. Cllr. Green suggested that the Parish Council may need to push the Neighbourhood Plan forward. He would be attending the CPRE Neighbourhood Planning Roadshow on 18 March. The Vice Chairman would be asked if he would be available to attend also.

50/16 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILS

50.1 County Council-no update.

50.2 Highways/Transport-

i) Membland- concerns had been raised about the position of the Membland place name sign at Perches Close and that it obscured visibility at the junction. Mr. Nick Colton from Devon County Council Highways was investigating. RESOLVED; the Parish Council having viewed photographs taken by both a concerned Membland resident and Mr. Nick Colton was of the belief that the position of the sign was dangerous and that Devon County Council Highways should be requested to move the sign. (Vote; Unanimous.)

ii) Road to Newton Downs Farm- Mr. Hussell advised that the road appeared to have been marked out for future tarmac repairs by DCC, despite other areas in the Parish needing more immediate attention. It appeared the road was scheduled for repair before construction of the solar farm. Mr. Hussell would raise this with Cllr Hosking at the next meeting.

iii) The Green parking difficulties- it was agreed to ask the school to refrain from sending the parking plan to parents until the outcome of a request made by Devon County Council to the Housing Association, to remove a resident only parking sign in one of the parking bays at Dillons, became known.

50.3 District Council- Cllr Baldry reported;

i) Local Authority Company- he had attended a Special Full Council Meeting when consideration was given to carry out an investigation into a proposal to set up a Local Authority Company- a commercial arm of the Local Authority. This would cover commercial activities but would be local authority controlled. The investigation would cost £300,000 to prepare a detailed business case.

ii) Planning enforcement- there was a backlog of some 500 cases. 3.5 additional full time equivalent jobs had been created. Cllr. Baldry would be consulting with the Parish over the list of enforcement cases pertinent to the Parish.

51/16 ADMINISTRATION

51.1 Events applications- none received.

51.2 Councillor responsibilities- the schedule of responsibilities was considered and agreed;

i) Mr. Parry- Smith to replace Cllr. Green on the Noss Recreation Area group, Ms. Cove on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Mrs Evans on the Accounts Inspection Working Group.

ii) Ms. Adams to replace the Vice Chairman as Parish Council representative for the WI Hall

iii) Replacement for Ms. Cove on the risk assessment working group, for trees, for play parks working group, The Green working group and Collaton liaison were not thought necessary at this stage and would remain under review.

51.3 Ivybridge & District Association of Local Councils- the Vice Chairman and Cllr. Green would attend.

52/16 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 53/16

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The following cheques were authorised totalling:

£1123

Chq No	PAYEE		AMOUNT
2065	J. Longworth Newton & Noss Parish	Dependants' Carers Allowance reimbursement	£15.00
2066	Council	Unity Trust Bank - to open deposit account	£1,000.00
2067	Vantech Media	DIY hosting package, annual fee newtonandnoss-pc.gov.uk	£95.00
2068	S. McDonough	Reimbursement expenses- stationery	£13.00
		Total	£1,123.00
DD	BT	Broadband Services	£76.80

*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments: £0 total to date; £480

54/16. MAINTENANCE

54.1 Maintenance working groups-updates.

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i) Sports Pavilion- a suggestion had been made and a recommendation made by the posts suppliers that protective padding should be provided for the rugby practice posts. The company had suggested that it was a health and safety requirement for all their posts to have post protectors on them. If the posts were going to be available for the public to use they would highly recommend that the Parish Council used them. Cllr. Green suggested that protective padding may not be necessary they were practice posts only. Mr. Parry Smith disagreed in light of the advice received. It was agreed the Clerk would contact SHDC Locality Officer for advice on their adopted practice. There was no update from the working group as to the position regarding the Licences for the Football/Cricket Clubs, risk assessments, inspection schedules and insurance.

ii) The Green/Dillons Green- Grounds Maintenance South West would be looking at the remedial work on the bench plinth on The Green outside the WI Hall. The application for permission to fell the decayed Beech Tree was progressing. The Tree Warden had been consulted and had not objected.

iii) Play parks- the Clerk was authorised to complete and sign the 2016 TAP Fund Agreement on behalf of the Parish Council for the Butts Park Play Park refurbishment.

iv) Noss Recreation Areas- it was agreed PCSO Andrew Potter would be contacted and asked for “Crime Stoppers” signs for Noss car park advising car thieves were operating in the area. Mr. Parry Smith suggested signage advising drivers parked their cars in Noss car park “at own risk”. The Clerk would clarify the position with the Locality Officer and the Parish Council’s insurers. Mr. Carter advised that he would check a drain that may be blocked in the car park. The stream grille at the Hannaford end of Noss Play Park needed to be set in concrete. The Clerk had sought a quote. The stream grille access at Noss Green was difficult from Gypsy Meadow. The owner of Gypsy Meadow had confirmed that she checked and cleared the grille. It was suggested the row of barbed wire on the border with Gypsy Meadow was redundant.

54.2 Other areas for consideration

i) Noss Hard- Mr. Parry Smith advised that a commercial car cleaner appeared to be operating on Noss Hard with a hose. The water source used would be checked.

ii) Coach Road- it was agreed the Clerk would set up a meeting with DCC Highways to discuss any residual matters arising from the recent culvert repair work. The Chairman and Mr. Carter would attend.

iii) Collaton footpath- the hedge/grass was due to have been trimmed that day.

iv) Pope’s Quay- the Steemson seat was due to be attended to by Grounds Maintenance South West shortly.

v) Noss Hard- after discussions it was agreed one tidal warning sign was sufficient given the geography of the area.

vi) The Fairway- a resident had expressed concern regarding loud bangs going off in an adjacent field early in the morning. It was suggested someone may be shooting or have a device to scare birds. Ms. Adam would investigate.

vii) Passage Woods- a parishioner had expressed concern to a Member about broken roadside fencing. The Clerk advised that the parishioner had been given details of the Devon County Council “Report-a –problem” website.

In committee

54.3 Cricket nets- Mr. Larry Finch had taken down the Cricket Nets. A member would make a site visit to see if any further work was needed.

55/16. PRE PLANNING APPLICATIONS/PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

No matters.

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm