

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

Held on 27 April 2017

PRESENT **MR. COOPER** **CLLR. GREEN** **MR. LYNDON** **MR. CARTER**
 MRS COOPER **MS. ADAMS**

ALSO PRESENT; 1 member of the public, Mrs. McDonough (Clerk).

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

OPEN FORUM

Ms. Lisette Granados, Labour party candidate for the forthcoming Devon County Council Elections for the ward of South Brent and Yealmpton, introduced herself to the Parish Council. Ms. Granados gave a short outline of her proposals should she be elected.

108/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- there were apologies from Cllr. Baldry, Cllr. Blackler, Mrs. Ansell, Mr. Parry-Smith, Mrs Grant, Mr. Hussell and Mr. Tubb.

109/17 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED - members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting.

110/17 DISPENSATION REQUESTS- none.

111/17 VARIATION OF AGENDA – RESOLVED: matters relating to consideration of quotations for grass cutting and pre planning applications/planning enforcement should be considered in committee. (*Vote; Unanimous.*)

112/17 MINUTES- the Minutes of the 23 March 2017 Parish Council Meeting were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

113/17 DISTRICT COUNCIL

Both Councillors Keith Baldry and Ian Blackler had sent apologies.

114/17 PLANNING

114.1 Neighbourhood Plan- Locality Funding of £4361 had been received from Groundworks. Cllr. Blackler and SHDC had confirmed approval for Locality Funding of £500. An updated funding spreadsheet had been circulated to the Members. The RYDA had advised that unfortunately they were not in a position to provide further grant support.

Planning decisions

114.1 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. SHDC; Granted.

114.2 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: Granted.

114.3 The Lookout, 97 Court Road, 0578/17/VAR- variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 37/0903/15/F for amendments to ground floor footprint. The site adjoined/affected a public right of way. SHDC; Granted.

114.4 Shelldyke, Stoke Road 0411/17/FUL -proposed new two storey dwelling with undercroft garage on site of former dwelling. Application affected the setting of a Listed Building. SHDC; Granted.

114.5 Newton Ferrers Water Tower 0114/17/FUL-the installation of 3no. pole mounted antennas on the existing water tower, 2no. ground based equipment cabinets, along with ancillary work. SHDC; Granted.

114.6 1 Richardson Drive Yealmpton 0467/17/HHO-householder application for the erection of Single storey rear extension. SHDC; Granted.

114.7 The Tea House, Beacon Hill 4046/16/FUL- the safeguarding and reuse of the Tea House Beacon Hill as one bedroom holiday accommodation. SHDC; Refused.

114.8 Western High, 10 Perches Close 3734/16/TPO- work to Tree Preservation Order Trees. G1: Sycamore - Coppice group and manage regrowth for conservation purposes; G1.01: Sycamore - Coppice; G1.02: Sycamore - Coppice. Replace with 1x Castanea sativa and 1x Quercus Robour. SHDC; Granted.

114.9 Briar Hill Farm Court Road 3352/16/FUL- Construction of storage building associated with general maintenance and management of adjoining holiday lodge. SHDC; Granted.

114.10 The Haven, Yealm Road 0656/17/ARC- application for approval of details reserved by condition 11 (natural stone sample) of granted planning consent 37/0419/09/F. SHDC; Granted.

Planning applications received including;

114.11 Roding, Stoke Road 0868/17/HHO- householder application for refurbishment of existing bungalow, new floor and side extension. Some concerns were raised regarding the modern design of the building which was thought to be out of context with surrounding buildings. DECISION; No objection. (*Vote; 5 in favour, 1 objection.*)

114.12 Hoarstone, Bridgend 0958/17/HHO-householder application for a single storey extension to existing garage to provide games room. DECISION; No objection. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

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114.13 The Barn, Revelstoke Road 1054/17/HHO- householder application for proposed extension to provide porch to granny flat. DECISION; No objection. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

114.14 End of The Strand, Riverside Road East 0807/17/HHO-householder application for small side extension to accommodate WC. DECISION; No objection. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

114.15 Rowden House, Stoke Road 0216/17/LBC- Listed Building Consent for removal of 280mm of kitchen wall. DECISION; No objection subject to the Conservation Officer being satisfied with the proposed plans. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

114.16 The Haven, 51 Yealm Road 1112/17/HHO- householder application for a single storey extension. DECISION; No objection. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

114.17 Land east of Courtside, 85 Court Road 1187/17/FUL- construction of new 3 bedroom dwelling and separate garage. The plans were awaited from SHDC. It was agreed to defer the decision to the next meeting. Cllr. Green suggested that if approval were give, that the trees be retained.

114.18 South Hams District Council Development Management Committee – it appeared the planning application in respect of The Cottage, 97D Court Road had been referred to Committee. It was agreed either the Chairman/Vice Chairman or Mrs Grant would attend to represent the Parish Council's views subject to availability.

114.19 Housing White Paper- "Fixing our Broken Housing Market" consultation. The Parish Council had no response to make.

115/17 ADMINISTRATION

115.1 Events applications- no applications received.

115.2 End of Year Accounts 2016/2017-

i) RESOLVED; the Council received and approved the cashbook accounts following the financial year end review by the accounts inspection working group, subject to the internal audit and authorised the Clerk and Chairman of the meeting to sign the same. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

ii) RESOLVED: the Council received approved the end of year budget comparison. (*Vote; unanimous.*)

115.3 Insurance schedule-the insurance schedule was agreed with the potential inclusion of the new Phase 2 Butts Park Play Park equipment, in respect of which a quote from the Parish Council's insurers had been sought

115.4 Parish Council meeting 8th June- both the WI Hall and Newton & Noss Village Hall would be unavailable due to use for voting for the General Election. It was agreed to maintain the meeting date but to hold the meeting at The Tilly Institute, or if unavailable, the Revelstoke Room.

116/17 COUNTY COUNCIL

116.1 Passage Woods fencing- the Highways Officer had advised that he had been waiting for advice on the issue and had now received some guidance. He would make a bid to the person responsible for the fencing budget to undertake repairs to the damaged section as soon as possible. However it would then depend on where the works fitted in with the wider programme and other fencing works that may be considered a higher priority. He was not able to give a timescale at present. At Cllr. Green's request confirmation had been sought as to what the criteria was for ranking the priority, so the Council was aware of how best to provide information about the issue (given that the risk of falling over a cliff at the edge of the road appeared to be relatively high priority.)

116.2 Education- Cllr. Green had ascertained that Newton Ferrers Primary School had lost funding equating to £600 per pupil.

117/17 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS -Cheque payments were authorised and signed in accordance with the schedule prepared by the Clerk, checked by the Vice Chairman and listed in Minute 118/17.

118/17 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The following cheques were authorised totalling:

£351.16

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No PAYEE

AMOUNT

2282	River Yealm Regatta	Grant- Regatta Fireworks 2017	£75.00
2283	South Hams Community and Voluntary Services	Annual membership	£20.00
2284	Ricoh UK Ltd	Printer/copier quarterly lease charge and copies	£156.16
2285	Devon Link Up	Grant-Safe Place Scheme	£100.00

Total £351.16

*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments:£195 total to date;£195

119/17 MAINTENANCE

119.1 Maintenance working groups-

i) **Sports Pavilion-**Mrs Christine Finch had advised that Mr. Larry Finch had completed improvement work. The funding from Devon County Council had been released and the Council would be updated once the final invoices were in. The shed roof had been replaced and the main roof repaired. A lot of work had been undertaken by Mr. Finch on a voluntary basis. They were hoping as much as possible could be included within the funding.

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ii) **The Green/Dillons Green**-the Vice Chairman and the Clerk had met with a tree surgeon from Dart Forest Trees on 20 April to look at the trees adjacent to Cottage Green Lane. He had advised that BT would not take any action unless there was a loss of service. He did not believe there was any imminent risk. He had pointed out a couple of trees that were failing and should be monitored. One tree had had garden waste deposited at its base which could be cleared. Some branches that were touching electricity lines had been reported to Western Power.

iii) **Play parks-**

Butts Park Play Park

-Phase 2 work would start week commencing 15 May and would last approximately two weeks. South Hams District Council had been advised. A site meeting with Caloo/Flete Gardens had been arranged for the following week. Caloo had been requested to provide details of its insurance, Health & Safety Policy, risk assessments, park closure actions, post installation inspection and invoice timings. Flete Gardens had been asked for their risk assessments. A quote had been sought to insure the new play park equipment

- Sovereign were being pressed for a response in respect of the post installation/annual inspection findings.

-SHDC had been asked about arrangements for the continuation of play park inspections after 30 June.

-RESOLVED; to delegate authority to the Vice Chairman and Mr. Lyndon to incur contingency costs to a maximum of £3500 in the event work had to take place whilst contractors were on site and before authority could be sought from full Council. (*Vote; Unanimous.*)

Noss Play Park- no response had been received from Earth Wrights with respect to the findings of the annual Allianz inspection over the condition of the wooden play park supports.

iv) **Noss Recreation Areas-**

Community Orchard- it was agreed to delegate authority to the Chairman Mrs. Ansell and Mr. Parry Smith to approve the siting of new benches and a table, together with approval of the design and siting of an information board instigated and made by the Newton & Noss Community Orchard Group.

Car park- the Brookings Down Wood entrance by the car park had been closed for repair.

Tennis Courts- some concerns had been raised by neighbouring residents about new signage and the proposed erection of wind breaks. It was agreed to suggest to the Tennis Club that the wind breaks be erected and then a site meeting take place with representatives of the Parish Council, including Ms. Adams and the Vice Chairman, to look at the impact.

119.2 Parish Asset Inspection- the draft schedule was considered. It was agreed the schedule would be considered at the next meeting. In the interim it was suggested Mr. Parry- Smith, Mrs. Grant and the Vice Chairman review potential work at Noss Play Park.

119.4 Other areas for consideration- Cllr. Green advised that the hedge replaced on Parsonage Road following completion of the solar farm work looked dry. The Chairman and Mr. Lyndon suggested the hedge was showing signs of growth and the weather forecast for the weekend weekend was rain.

In committee

119.5 Grass cutting- the Vice Chairman had authorised emergency grass cutting by the water tower and Parsonage Road verges to preserve visibility at a cost of £50 in the interests of public safety, which was agreed by the Parish Council.

120/17 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT/PRE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SHDC planning enforcement had confirmed that they were investigating two referrals made by the Council.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm