

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

Held on 27 October 2016

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

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

OPEN FORUM

Sheep worrying- the meeting was attended by Mr. Philip Rogers, Worswell Farm, and Ms. Lorna Sherriff, National Trust Warden. On Monday 24 October two Labradors, owned by a local family, had attacked and killed two of Mr. Roger's sheep on the Piece Plantation near Wide Slip Quay. The dogs had run off from Wide Slip, had been caught by Mr. Rogers who returned them to their owners. He had subsequently discovered the dead sheep and took them to the dog owners who paid compensation. The police were contacted the following day who took it as a crime. Mr. Rogers had lost 26 sheep in the last ten years through sheep worrying- half by dogs owned by local people. Concerns were raised that dog owners did not keep their dogs on leads around the cliffs and his land, disregarding signs requesting them to do so. Ms. Sherriff advised that whilst other parishes had similar issue the problems being experienced by Mr. Rogers were by far the worst. Dog owners disregarded signs asking dogs to be kept in leads believing it did not apply to their dogs. Sheep had been chased off cliffs as well as being physically attacked. The areas had to be grazed due to the triple SSI area The National Trust did not want to have to fence in the path as it would be of detriment to the views and the costs involved. Mr. Rogers would seek legal advice from the NFU as to his position regarding shooting dogs who worried his sheep.

241/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- there were apologies from Cllr. Blackler and Ms. Longworth.

242/16 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED - members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. Mr. Parry- Smith declared an interest in the "Midvale" planning application by virtue of owning an adjacent property.

243/16 DISPENSATION REQUESTS- none.

244/16 VARIATION OF AGENDA – RESOLVED: matters relating to grounds maintenance, quotes for bus shelter and bench repairs, play park repairs/refurbishment and planning enforcement should be considered in committee. (Vote; Unanimous.)

245/16 MINUTES – the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22 September were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

246/16 DISTRICT COUNCIL

246.1 Councillor reports-

Cllr Baldry reported on the following;

Sustainable Community Locality Fund- £200 had been allocated to Newton & Noss village Hall radiator fund. £100 remained from the fund to be allocated by 31 March 2017. He believed Cllr. Blackler may have some funding allocation remaining.

Cllr. Blackler had sent apologies.

246.2 TAP funding 2016/2017-RESOLVED: to submit an application for £3000 for the Newton & Noss Adult Outdoor Gym project. (Vote; Unanimous.)

247/16 PLANNING

247.1 Newton & Noss Neighbourhood Plan- a Steering Group meeting had taken place. There would be further consultation within the Parish to cover as many people as possible including the Ivybridge School bus and Primary School. There would be consultation events at The Dolphin Inn (11 November 5-8pm), The Ship Inn (18 November 5-8pm,) Yealm Yacht Club (25 November) and The Swan Inn on a date to be confirmed. The working groups were being co-ordinated by Fleur Fisher. Discussions had been taking place as to which areas should be designated as Local Greenspace.

Planning decisions

247.2 Field at SX553 488, Newton Downs Farm 2983/16/NMM-non material amendment following grant of planning consent 37/221/15/F to reduce area of turning circle, changes to proposed hedgerow and to half the line of site. SHDC; Granted.

247.3 Solar PV array at SX 553 496, Newton Downs Farm 2858/16/NMM-Non-material amendment following grant for planning consent 37/1246/15/F. SHDC; Granted.

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247.4 Development site at SX 553 487 , Parsonage Road 2260/16/ARC-application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (roof specification), 4 (render details,) 5(weatherboarding details), 6 (stone wall sample), 7(joinery details),8(boundary treatment), 9(hard surfacing details), 10 (proportion of energy supply), 11 (landscape scheme), and 14 (landscape and biodiversity design, implementation, management and maintenance plan) of planning consent 37/1714/15/F.SHDC; Granted.

247.52 Perches Close, 2695/16/TPO-Work to Tree Preservation Order Trees.T1 Beech - Removal of lowest overhanging branch. T2 Oak. Removal of overhanging branch. T3 Sycamore. Removal of lowest branch. SHDC; Granted.

247.6 Netton Farmhouse 2350/16/HHO-Householder application for erection of an oak framed garden room. SHDC; Granted.

247.7 Overstrand Riverside Road West 1329/16/FUL-Readvertisement (amended description.)Conversion of existing garden room and garages including erection of projecting balcony, to create a separate dwelling to be used in connection with the main house. Application affected the setting of a Listed Building. Application affected a Conservation Area. SHDC; Granted.

247.8 The Bakery, Riverside Road West, 1191/16/HHO-READVERTISEMENT (revised plans received.) Householder application for erection of replacement porch and rear extensions. SHDC; Granted.

247.9 River Yealm Hotel TPO- Mr. Alex Whish, SHDC Specialist – Natural Environment, had written to advise that a temporary TPO had been recently served on land at the River Yealm Hotel and just beyond (Yealm House/Sunray) and fundamentally protected much of the woodland (W1) behind the hotel, with a small Area (A1) element that was included to cover the two Beech trees. Some parts were not included and were being reviewed in case of further TPOs needed – including the larger Holm oaks to the front of the land retained by one of the previous owners. This had been prompted by the Parish Tree Warden over the summer. Mr. Whish had met on site with the prospective new owner to understand future intentions in terms of the woodlands/trees and to discuss the new Order. This included discussion relating to early clearance of shrub and brambles outside of the Order and partly within A1. This was agreed as not subject to the restrictions of the Order and did not affect the important trees. The works were to allow safe access to the old tennis court area and derelict sheds for surveying purposes. No other works were planned at this early stage. He had noted at the meeting that one of the large Beech trees to the west of the hotel (within A1) had a large decay fungus present (not previously spotted within the ivy at about 3m). This tree would therefore be reviewed when the TPO was assessed for confirmation. Mr. Whish had written to provide information and to assure that SHDC was aware of activities at the hotel which were agreed.

Planning applications received including;

247.10 Seagulls Stoke Road 2720/16/HHO- householder application for alterations and extension to an existing dwelling DECISION; No objection (*Vote; unanimous.*)

247.11 Newton Ferrers Water Tower, Parsonage Road, PRE APP - proposed new base station installation at VF 95507 –Newton Ferrers. The Parish Council had no objection, in principle at this stage, to the proposal outlined subject to there being full consultation with the residents whose properties were in the vicinity of the water tower.

247.12 Pellows, Parsonage Road 2877/16/FUL- application for renewal of extant planning application 37/2056/13/F for construction of first floor flat and alterations to shop front. DECISION; No objection (*Vote; unanimous.*)

247.13 Midvale, Revelstoke Road 3041/16/HHO- householder application for an extension to balcony and terrace to include developing basement rooms, and new access to first floor of property off parking level to include loft conversion. Application affected the setting of a Conservation Area. Mr. Parry-Smith took no part in the debate or vote. DECISION; Objection;

1. Overbearing nature of the proposed front access to the road on the neighbouring property.
 2. The affect of the proposal on the existing street scene.
 3. The affect on the amenity view for the public walking from St. Peter's Church down Revelstoke Road.
 4. There were concerns about the proposed parking proposals in an area where parking was already very limited.
- Members advised that they had no objection to the other aspects of the proposed development. (*Vote; Unanimous.*)

248/16 ADMINISTRATION

248.1 Policies- it was agreed to put back consideration of the draft Health and Safety policy to the next meeting. The draft Accident Book schedule was agreed and would be kept in a specific Parish Council Accident Book.

248.2 Events applications- none received.

248.3 Parish Council meetings 2017-the draft 2017 dates schedule had been circulated. Discussions took place as to whether it was necessary to hold two meetings per month. Comments were made that when only one meeting per month had been held, the meetings could last 3-4 hours. The Parish Council had subsequently taken on responsibility for more land assets and there were still a large number of planning applications. It was agreed to maintain two meetings per month, save for August and December, but to concentrate on planning matters in the second meeting. Members confirmed availability and that the meetings immediately before Easter, the last meetings in July and October 2017 should be quorate irrespective of school holidays.

248.4 Remembrance Sunday-the Chairman agreed to lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. RESOLVED: to make a grant of £125 towards the Remembrance Wreath and by way of financial assistance to the Royal British Legion. (*Vote; Unanimous.*)

248.5 Community Resilience/Emergency Plan- Community Resilience Support / training offer was considered. Mr. Carter agreed to review the Snow Plan/Snow Warden arrangements and risk assessments. He would also inspect the Snow Gritter and confirm insurance arrangements with Mr. Cawse.

248.6 Budget - the quarterly accounts had been inspected by Mr. Carter and Mr. Parry-Smith from which no matters had arisen. The quarterly budget comparison and cashbook had been circulated to Members. Members had no specific items for inclusion for 2017/2018 budget. The budget working group would be meeting during the second two weeks in November.

249/16 CORRESPONDENCE

249.1 South Dartmoor Community Energy/Yealm Community Energy-information had been received from South Dartmoor Community Energy (SDCE) about their role and the potential assistance they could offer. SDCE had evolved out of Ivybridge group, PL:21, and was a community benefit society, registered with the Financial Conduct Authority in June this year. The aim of the society was to reduce fuel poverty across their area and to help local communities to get involved in, and benefit, from renewable energy schemes. They were still in the early stages of their development but had already been selected to be part of the Government's Big Energy Saving Network over this coming winter period. This meant they had funding for two energy champions to help local people to switch fuel suppliers, find out about smart meters, get the best from their current energy suppliers and apply for energy efficiency schemes. All of their advice was free and impartial and they aimed to offer practical hands on support to help people make any necessary changes or applications. They could do home visits if necessary and were looking for groups to talk to, events to attend and people who would like their help. They would be happy to attend a council meeting to further explain their project and their future plans for community owned renewable energy schemes. Wherever possible they were working with their neighbouring community energy societies, as well as Citizens Advice, to add value to their services and avoid duplication.

Mr. Peter Brown from Yealm Community Energy (YCE) had advised that two members of their group had been trained by Regen as "Energy Champions". YCE and SDCE were discussing combining forces for the project. They were wishing to identify those in or at risk of fuel poverty and proposed an article in the Parish Magazine. It was agreed to encourage Mr. Brown to write an article for the Parish Magazine.

249.2 BT Kiosk- SHDC had written to consult regarding the potential removal of the kiosk at Butts Park .There had been no calls made from the kiosk for 12 months to 14/9/16.They had advised that an initial notice would have been placed in the kiosk from 8-15 September giving local residents 42 days to respond with any comments. Options included adopting the phone box for £1, rejecting BT's proposal with reasons based on OFCOM Guidance or confirm that the Council was happy for it to be removed. Mr. Lyndon advised the box was card only. Members agreed there would be no objection to the phone box being removed.

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Highways/Transport- no issues had arisen.

251/16 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 252/16.The goalposts had been ordered from Broxap and an invoice issued. The Vice Chairman advised Revelstoke Rangers had agreed to pay half the costs.

252/16 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The following cheques were authorised totalling:			£2953.32
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No	PAYEE		AMOUNT
2182	Ricoh UK Ltd	Photocopier/printer-quarterly rent © charges	£160.75
2183	Post Office Ltd	Stamps	£55.00
2184	RYHA	Contribution; Public WC cleaning	£400.00
2185	Broxap Ltd	Football goals	£754.80
2186	L. Finch	Noss Voss/Pope's Quay cleaning	£60.00
Total			£1,430.55

*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments: £0 total to date; £75.

253/16. MAINTENANCE

253.1 Maintenance working groups-including

i) Sports Pavilion- dates for use of the Sports Pavilion and Playing Field for a football summer school were awaited from Mr. Golding.

ii) The Green/Dillons Green- no matters had arisen.

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iii) Play parks

iv) Butts Park Play Park Improvement Project

Big Greenspace Challenge- the approved costed delivery plan had been sent to SHDC. The funding agreement had been received, the terms and conditions having been approved by the Vice Chairman and Ms. Longworth, The Vice Chairman had signed the funding agreement which had been returned to SHDC. SHDC had confirmed bank arrangements had been put in place to transfer funds of £3952 to the Parish Council. The funds for ongoing subsequent annual maintenance would be paid in 2017/2018/2019. Groundwork was expected to start on 7 November. It was agreed to authorise the invoice from Tess Wilmot the Permaculture Designer for £450 once funding had been received. Members were advised that as the contracting authority, it needed to satisfy itself that the risk assessments, method statement and Health & Safety precautions were reasonable and sufficient to protect the contractor/employees and members of the public. Flete Gardens had provided general risk assessments but specific controls relevant to the project needed to be agreed including play park closure. The Clerk had written to Flete Gardens in this respect and the Vice Chairman would telephone them. Members agreed that acceptance of the quotation from Flete Gardens was sufficient and no formal written contract should be drafted.

In Committee

New Play Park equipment- a spreadsheet of funding secured to date, potential funding, and playpark equipment costs and suggested contingency funds was circulated to members. Funds secured to date totalled £21848. A copy of the quotation from Sovereign and warranties offered in respect of a zipwire, nest swing and rota net was also made available. Funding claims for SHDC TAP needed to be submitted by 16 February and for DCC Invest in Devon by 9 March 2017. The play park appeal continued and a suggestion of funding had been made by the Tennis Club, First Tuesday Lunch Club and Toy Sale. Businesses within the Parish had also been approached for grant donations but were yet to respond. The Vice Chairman advised that the order for the play park equipment needed to go ahead to enable claims for TAP funding and DCC to be submitted and before prices of the equipment increased from 1 January 2017. Taking into account the equipment cost and ROSPA post installation inspection, funding was just under £1000 short to date plus contingency provision costs which was estimated at 10% of the project cost. The option was to drop one item of play park equipment or ask the Parish Council to stand surety for the additional costs and contingency provision on the basis further fund raising was going ahead. The Parish Council budget for 2016-2017 had included provision of a contribution to the Butts Park play park redevelopment contribution of £5000. Contingency provisions also included a general play parks refurbishment sinking fund of £10989.

RESOLVED; To accept the quotation from Sovereign for three pieces of play equipment comprising a basket seat, zip wire and rota net in the sum of £22060.18 plus VAT together with a ROSPA post installation inspection in the sum of £474 plus VAT and to accept responsibility for any additional contingency costs to a maximum of 10% plus VAT, should the costs not be available from funding raised. *(Vote; Unanimous.)*

Investigations would be made as to whether some costs could be saved by locally sourcing fencing

Noss Play Park- a letter had been sent to Eden Design requesting a response within 21 days. A site visit with the director of Earthwrights had been requested-Cllr. Green asked if he could be included in the site meeting.

v) Noss Recreation Areas- no matters had arisen.

253.2 Tree inspection- reference was made to the Council's Tree Management Policy and the necessity to undertake an annual inspection. The Clerk would circulate a pro forma. Mr. Carter offered to inspect the area by Kilpatrick's Steps Broken Way and Pope's Quay. The Vice Chairman made reference to suggestions to manage some of the trees in Butts Park Play Park. He would speak to Tess Wilmot the Permaculture Designer for further details.

253.3 Other areas for consideration- no other matters were raised.

In committee

253.4 Bus shelter repairs; RESOLVED- to accept the quotation from South Hams Garden & Property Services to effect repairs to the bus shelter on Yealm Road in the sum of £30. *(Vote; Unanimous.)*

253.5 Bench repairs; RESOLVED- to accept the quotation from South Hams Garden & Property Services to effect repairs to benches by the Tennis Courts and Noss Play Park in the sum of £100. *(Vote; Unanimous.)*

253.6 Noss Mayo Play Park repairs- RESOLVED- to accept the quotation from South Hams Garden & Property Services to spread the sand to be provided by SHDC for Noss Play Park in the sum of £220. *(Vote; Unanimous.)*

253.7 Grounds maintenance- Members were advised that seven invitations to tender had been received. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk had met to open the tenders submitted. There had been four responses- two of those responses had been apologies for being unable to tender due to existing commitments. A draft report on the two tenders submitted had been prepared and approved by the Chairman and Vice Chairman which would be circulated to Members on the basis the contents were to be kept strictly confidential at this stage.

254/16. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

The latest planning enforcement list issued by SHDC was considered.

The Meeting closed at 9.05pm