

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWTON & NOSS PARISH COUNCIL
held on 14th February 2008

PRESENT: Mr Brown Mr Buckland Mr Carter Mrs Cooper Mr Cooper
Mrs Hinchliffe Mr Hussell Mr Matthews Mr Stitson Mr Taylor

ALSO PRESENT: Mr Lomax (RYDA) Mrs Eschbaecher (Clerk) Three parishioners

APOLOGIES: Mr Tubb Mr Young

POLICE REPORT P.C. Nolan reported as follows:-

Road Safety - The Police Road Safety Officer would visit with P.C. Nolan to review the problem areas and advise on safety issues. The areas of particular concern had been identified as the Butts Park crossing and Collaton Cross; the successful solutions in place at Torr in Yealmpton and Saltash were noted. As all traffic was to be diverted via the Coast Road on 18th and 19th February, P.C. Nolan would alert Caulston Farm re mud on the road.

Crime Report – Enquiries were ongoing following fires in Newton Wood; P.C. Nolan asked that “evidence” at any crime scene should be left untouched (a note would be included in the Parish Magazine and NNPC website). Two thefts of high value items had occurred at Collaton; information was requested.

OPEN FORUM

Tidal Waters – Comments were noted concerning the extent of the modernisation work undertaken without formal planning consent. On the basis of current planning legislation, the Planning Officer’s decision to issue a Certificate of Lawfulness was questioned. Change of Use consent for the conversion of the derelict building to the south would have been expected – local knowledge confirmed that the building had formerly been used as a Sunday School and had been occupied by bats; it had never been occupied as a dwelling. Mr Buckland would do some research as a matter of interest and Cllr Cooper would contact the SHDC Planning Department.

16/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE The reasons for absence were noted.

17/08 PREVIOUS MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January were confirmed and signed.

18/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare interests in the items to be discussed during the course of the Meeting; the following were recorded:-

Mr Stitson declared a personal interest in item 8 – the planning application for 10 Revelstoke Road and abstained from voting.

Mr Buckland declared a personal interest in item 8 – the planning application for Lyndayne, Stoke Road and abstained from voting.

19/08 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILS

19.1 Cllr Mumford reported that there was the potential to group Road Traffic Orders which would provide flexibility and be more cost effective. Access to the mobile speed camera had been agreed and would be requested for use on the B3186. The DCC budget for 2008/09 had been agreed – an increase of 3.9%. Pillory Hill – repairs to surface damage caused by contractors’ vehicles had also been agreed. Cllr Mumford confirmed that the options for reducing street lighting were being considered.

19.2 Grant funding opportunities – As previously reported, there was an urgent requirement to identify projects requiring funding. After discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman would prepare an initial bid for submission to DCC via Cllr Mumford for the following improvements (in priority order):-

- i) B.3186 Road safety: This scheme should include a safer pedestrian/cycle route between Collaton and Butts Park, with traffic calming measures to slow vehicles at Butts Park.....a road narrowing/gateway feature was suggested.
- ii) Popes Quay: Initial arrangements were already in place to repair the quay but in the process, further strengthening work might be identified. Match funding was available from the Parish Council.

- iii) Butts Park Play Area: A requirement for play opportunities for older children and young teens had been identified in principle.

During the discussion, the following topics were also raised:-

- a) A local skateboarding and/or BMX facility: this idea had been considered previously but was confirmed by P.C. Nolan as being on the youngsters' wish list.
- b) Lack of transport: young people found difficulty in accessing facilities outside the Parish.
- c) Sports Pavilion: there were use limitations in its present form. The Committee would meet soon.
- d) St Peter's Church: an expensive restoration of the bells was planned.

19.3 Members' involvement – The following action was agreed:-

- i) Butts Park - Mr Matthews and Mr Stitson would talk to the residents to gauge what might be required. They would also consider a contribution to play facilities at Collaton Park.
- ii) Collaton/Butts Park link – Mr Cooper and Mr Taylor would meet on site.

19.4 B3186 flooding between Broadmoor Farm and Collaton – It was suggested that the adjacent landowner had a responsibility to minimise the amount of water draining from his land onto the road. Cllr Mumford would query this with Highways as it was agreed that the flooding was extensive and dangerous. Action was needed.

19.5 Devon Local Transport Plan 2006 to 2011 – Mr Hussell would peruse and report. **Agenda: March**

19.6 Cllr Cooper reported that Council Tax was expected to rise by approximately 5.5% overall. The breakdown in budget increases was:- SHDC 4.4%, DCC 3.9%, Police 8.9% and The Fire Authority 4.9%. It was noted that joint working between South Hams, Teignbridge and West Devon Districts was helping to reduce some costs.

19.7 SHDC Budget Consultation – The Chairman reported. Devon's Government settlement for 2008/09 had been better than expected; it had been recognised that some rural counties had been under-funded in recent years but disappointingly, funding for Devon's Education was the 3rd worst in the country. The Fire Authority had provided a comprehensive financial report. There had been a significant improvement in policing in the rural parishes.

19.8 Waste water disposal: Yealm Estuary – A subject for future discussion.

19.9 Development Control & Conservation User Group - The Chairman would attend the meeting on 2nd April.

19.10 Community Composting – The Chairman had agreed to chair the forthcoming public meeting. Strong opposition to the scheme as presented to date had been received from some Collaton residents. The Parish Council's support in principle for a scheme to compost garden waste only (not general recycling) was reiterated.

19.11 Play Area, Noss – The perimeter trees adjacent to the road were in need of tidying to ensure children could be seen. The Clerk would request some action from SHDC.

20/08 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

20.1 Cllr Cooper updated Members and was disappointed to have to report difficulties in making meaningful progress with SHDC. Although a Community Land Trust was still a possibility, the Devon & Cornwall Housing Trust had been invited to assist. Housing needs figures required updating; locally parishioners with a housing need would be encouraged to apply to SHDC. Cllr Cooper was thanked for the significant amount of time and effort which she had devoted to the negotiations.

20.2 SHDC Affordable Housing DPD – The following comments were noted and would form the basis of the Parish Council's response which would be prepared by the Chairman:-

- a) There was no specific housing number allocation for Newton & Noss.
- b) A definition of "key workers" in the local community was required and should be emphasised.
- c) The rules regarding the localisation of finance (i.e. mitigation) should be clarified.
- d) Exception sites: the wording needed amendment to include "practicable".
- e) PPS3: there did not appear to be any monitoring of the Government's targets.

21/08 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS The following had been received:-

- i) Validating Planning Applications: Guidance from DCC. No comments were proposed.
- ii) Affordable Housing DPD from SHDC. The Chairman would draft a response. *[Min.20.2 refers]*
- iii) Orders and Regulations relating to the Conduct of Members. No comments were proposed.
- iv) The Post Office review. Consultation would commence on 20th May. Decisions would be announced on 22nd July for implementation on 19th August.

22/08 SHDC PLANNING DEPARTMENT

22.1 Access Statement – This item was deferred.

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22.2 Pool Mill Farm 2250/07/F – Planning consent for a new orangery had been refused as the design was at odds with the traditional character of the property within the rural setting and AONB.

22.3 16 Perches Close 0118/08/F – Several objections has been lodged but the application had been withdrawn.

22.4 Butts Park 0079/08/F - Hardstanding and crossover.

Decision: Support. [Vote: 6 in favour 0 against 4 abstentions]

22.5 Woodside, Pillory Hill 0101/08/F – Alterations.

Decision: No objection. [Vote: 7 in favour 1 against 2 abstentions]

22.6 Camelia Court, Court Road (formerly known as “Toad Hall”) **0139/08/F** – Removal of Condition 2 of 37/1793/03/CU to allow full residential use.

Decision: No objection provided the property was suitable for full-time occupation.

[Vote: 8 in favour 1 against 1 abstention]

22.7 10 Revelstoke Road 0143/08/F – Resubmission of 2335/07 for alterations and extension.

Decision: No objection. [Vote: 8 in favour 2 abstentions]

22.8 Lyndayne, Stoke Road 0257/08/F – Alterations to garage.

Decision: Support. [Vote: 8 in favour 2 abstentions]

22.9 Highover, Passage Road 0219/08/TCA – Surgery to a Sweet Chestnut. The Clerk would liaise with the Tree Warden before commenting.

23/08 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED The main items received had concerned:-

23.1 Redevelopment of The Co-op – The Chairman updated Members following an informal meeting at which representatives from The Co-op had outlined their proposals to demolish and rebuild the premises, providing a larger store and associated space, plus seven flats with seven dedicated parking spaces. Informally the Members present at that meeting had reiterated the importance of The Co-op and had welcomed the expansion plans in principle. However, the potential for an improvement in parking facilities would be pursued.

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23.2 The Post Office – Regarding the review of the South West Devon Area Plan, the Revelstoke Community Trust had made representations to The Post Office. It was agreed that a letter of support should be sent.

23.3 South West Lifelong Learning Network – A research programme into the training needs of clerks and councillors was being undertaken by Plymouth University. Questionnaires were awaited.

23.4 Riverside Road West – Parking difficulties at The Brook had been identified. The suggested improvements seemed sensible but Mr Hussell would check the measurements.

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24/08 FOOTPATHS and SEATS

24.1 FP16 Yealm Steps – RESOLVED: Mr Wilson’s invoice for £100.46 for minor repairs was authorised.

24.2 Newton Hill/Bishops Court – This item was deferred.

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24.3 FP37 Church Steps – The new handrail had been installed by DCC.

25/08 MAINTENANCE

25.1 Sports Pavilion – In Mr Young’s absence, this item was deferred.

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25.2 Pope’s Quay – Mr Carter had nothing to report.

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25.3 Bridgend: iron trough and surrounding area – This item was deferred.

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25.4 Bridgend milestone – RESOLVED: To accept in principle the request for a contribution of approximately £100, subject to the receipt of a formal written request.

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25.5 Butts Park Bus Shelter – RESOLVED: To accept Mr Leonard’s estimate of £100 to replace the glass with Perspex. [Vote: all in favour]

25.6 Tree maintenance at The Green – It was noted that the SHDC Tree Officer had authorised that the Holm Oak should be replaced by a Hawthorn.

26/08 NEWTON & NOSS NETWORK

26.1 **Finance** – This item was deferred.

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26.2 **Payments** – Six payments had been checked, five of which were covered by additional ROLI grant funding.

27/08 MEETINGS ATTENDED

27.1 **Harbour Authority** – No items were reported.

27.2 **WIC Hall** – In Mr Young's absence no items were reported. However, Mr Matthews would find out when the Lease was due to expire.

27.3 **Primary School** – The Chairman had met with the Headteacher and would report at the next meeting. He and two other Members would meet with the children to discuss their local concerns.

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27.4 **Code of Conduct for Members** – Mr Cooper had attended a useful training session and offered to share the information given to him at the meeting.

28/08 ADMINISTRATION

28.1 **Parish Council efficiency** – This item was deferred.

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28.2 **Annual Parish Meeting** – No items were received for the Agenda.

29/08 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

Cheque payments were authorised and signed in accordance with the schedule prepared by the Clerk, checked by Mrs Hinchliffe and listed in the Financial Statement Min.30/08.

30/08 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Alliance & Leicester Current Account	balance at 1.02.08	£	13,365.85
Nationwide Building Society Capital Fund		£	45,018.83
Nationwide Building Society Gratuity Fund		£	11,432.82

The following cheques were authorised totalling £ **4,363.80**

R Wooderson	Cleaning: Newton Voss and steps	73.75
J Allen	Cleaning: Noss Voss/Pope's Quay	43.00
J Eschbaecher	Net salary and 50% overtime for 2007	1,468.03
J Eschbaecher	Expenses: postage and office supplies	27.26
M Wilson	Yealm Steps repairs	100.46
J Leonard	Various repairs	60.00
WIC Hall	Hire for NNPC Meeting January 08	15.00
RYHA	Newton Voss: Cleaning fluid 5L Slipway	18.80
Principal Furniture	Grant: Village Hall – 24 chairs	717.69
Access Technology	Website maintenance: Sept – Feb 2008	211.50
Ricoh UK Limited	Hire of photocopier + copies	45.98
Newton Ferrers Primary School	Grant: Contribution to playground shading	842.00*
A Cooper	Mileage to Code of Conduct meeting	8.00
<i>Network payments:-</i>		
Devon County Council	Hire of IT Suite: Excel & Powerpoint workshops	180.00
<i>The following to be covered by an addition to the Network's ROLI grant:-</i>		
Displaykit	Two display panels	272.60
C Smith	To cover purchases	100.00
PCM Potters Supplies	Pottery supplies	70.15
Kitley Antique Restorations	Upholstery supplies	95.68
Totem Timber	Pottery supplies	13.90

*s.137 payments: £842.00 [Total to date: £ 3,463.91]