

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWTON & NOSS PARISH COUNCIL
Held on 23 September 2010

PRESENT Mr. Young Mr. Cooper Mr. Buckland Cllr. Cooper Mr. Tubb
(Chairman)
Mr. Matthews Mr. Taylor Mr. Stitson
ALSO Mrs. McDonough
PRESENT (Clerk)
No parishioners were present for the Meeting

OPEN FORUM

No matters were raised

259/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Reasons for absence were noted from Mr. Carter, Mr. Hussell, Mr. Matthews and Mrs. Hinchliffe.

260/10 MINUTES – The amended Minutes of the 5 August Meeting were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

261/10 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED

Members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. Mr. Stitson declared an interest in the planning application relating to 57 Court Road.

262/10 BISHOPS COURT- The Parish Council heard from Ms Pauline Watts Housing Service Manager for Signpost Housing Association, regarding the introduction of service charges for the use of the Consulting Room. Ms. Jennifer Parker, Bishops Court Housing Officer from Signpost Housing Association was also present. The terms of the lease pertinent to the Service Charge were outlined and the method by which it had been calculated. The service charge had not been charged to date and Signpost would not make any charge prior to 2009/2010. The service charge for 2009/10 had been calculated as £1322.66 and the estimate for 2010-11 was £1367.93. Ms. Watts advised that she would confirm whether VAT was included in the figures. Concern was expressed at the high level of the proposed charges for the use of one room. Ms Watts confirmed that she would obtain further details of the cleaning costs which formed a large part of the charge. Further concerns were also expressed about the availability of the allocated parking space for those using the consulting room, the intrusive “beeping” noise in the consulting room and the lack of privacy. It was accepted that a number of parishioners liked to use the Doctors surgery at Bishops Court. It was agreed Mr. Cooper and Mr. Matthews would enter into negotiations with Signpost Housing Association regarding the Service Charge.

263/10 NOSS PLAY PARK- Members heard from Mrs. Caroline Curtis, Eden Design (Landscape Architecture and Garden Design) and Mr. Alex Whish from South Hams District Council Landscape and Leisure Department regarding the proposed play park improvements and funding arrangements. Mrs. Curtis gave a presentation on previous projects undertaken by her firm. Mrs. Curtis suggested that the key to success of the project was community consultation. It was hoped the project could encompass all age ranges from toddlers to grandparents. The first stage of a funding application to “Community Spaces” had been submitted and the results awaited. It was also hoped that £10,000 funds currently available from SHDC could be used to draw other funding in. A broad brief was envisaged to draw as much funding in as possible including health, the environment, arts, wildlife and the rural community. Mr. Whish emphasised that it was important to progress the project which was why SHDC would be supporting Eden Design taking the project forward with their fees coming from the £10,000 held. Mr. Ross Kennerley at SHDC was also looking at proposal terms for a lease of SHDC land assets to the Parish Council.

Mr. Whish would send the play park inspection reports for both Noss Play Park and Butts Park to the Clerk.

RESOLVED: To support South Hams District Councils instruction of Eden Design to take forward Noss Play Park Improvement Project. (*Vote: Unanimous*).

Mr Matthews arrived at 8.15pm

264/10. RESIGNATION- the resignation of Mr. Jeremy Brown from the Parish Council was noted. The Clerk outlined the arrangements for filling the vacancy. It was agreed that arrangements for taking over Mr. Brown’s responsibilities on the Council would be discussed further once the vacancy was filled. In the interim it was agreed Mr. Cooper would be

Parish Council representative for the Newton & Noss Network until May 2011 with Mr. Stitson being the representative for the Newton & Noss Village Hall. Mr. Matthews agreed to become a Member of the Budget Working Group.

265/10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

265.1 SHDC planning decisions – The most recent decisions received were noted:

- i) 29 The Fairway 37/1529/10/F Householder** application for demolition of garage and erection of single storey side extension. Granted.
- ii) 89 Yealm Road 37/1421/10/F Householder** application for creation of small entrance porch, external rendering, creation of slate hung fascia to front and part sides. External walling and fences and installation of window. Granted.
- iii) Woodside Cottage, Lower Court Road 37/0713/10/F** Resubmission of 37/2225/09/F for householder application for extension to provide enlarged bedroom with conservatory over and enlargement of garden terrace. Granted.
- iv) 37 Noss Mayo 37/1441/10/F** Permission to replace extant planning consent for 37/1664/07/F for extension to dwelling, widening of parking access, pitched roof over shed. Granted
- v) 1 Coastguard Cottages 37/1130/10/F Householder** application for alterations and extensions to existing dwelling. Granted.
- vi) Revelstoke, Noss Mayo 37/0097/10/F** Revision to access (approval 37/1992/08/F) to serve stables and use of natural slate on stable roof. Granted
- vii) 83 Cleeve, Court Road 37/1274/10/F** Resubmission of householder application 37/2117/09/f for two storey extension, conservatory greenhouse and improved access. Granted.
- viii) Madge Point, Court Wood 37/1283/10/F** Householder application for alterations, extension to form new kitchen family room. Granted.
- ix) Woodlands, Revelstoke Road 37/1546/10/F** Resubmission of householder application planning reference 37/1380/09/F for extension to workshop and conversion to ancillary accommodation. Granted.
- x) Zelte, Revelstoke Road 37/1316/10/F** Resubmission of previous withdrawn householder application 37/2081/09/F for new sun room and balcony to rear elevations. Granted.
- xi) Rosemont, Wrights Lane 37/1345/10/F** Resubmission of 37/1613/09/F for erection of two storey detached dwelling. Granted.
- xii) 7 Newton Close 37/1707/10/F** Householder application for extension to dwelling. Granted
- xiii) 70 Court Road 37/1691/10/F** Retrospective application for additional weatherboarding to front of the house, alterations to one front window and addition of window to rear. Granted
- xiv) 17 Court Road 37/1238/10/LB** Retrospective listed building consent for internal works. Granted

Applications received –

265.2 Slade Barn, Noss Mayo 37/1994/10/F- Householder application for reduction of existing block shed and conversion to garage with playroom, removal of conservatory and utility, and kitchen extension. DECISION: No objection (*Vote; 7 in favour, 1 abstention*)

265.3 Yonder, 57 Court Road 37/2047/10/F - Householder application for proposed alteration and extension. DECISION: No objection (*Vote; 6 in favour, 2 abstentions.*)

265.4 Applications withdrawn- no applications had been withdrawn.

265.5 Appeals –

i) Myrtle Quay APP/K1128/D/10/2131753- Appeal against refusal of householder application for alterations and extension to existing house to provide new kitchen/living/dining space. Demolition of existing garage and provision of new parking area/ access. Planning Inspectorate: Appeal allowed, Planning Permission Granted.

ii) 9 Church Park Road App/K1128/A/10/2126351/Wf. Appeal following applicant's objection to the condition of planning permission:-*Within three months of the date of this permission the timber shed located below the new terrace/balcony and the supporting wall below, hereby approved, shall be painted the same colour or as close as possible a match to the colour of the painted render of the main dwelling house.*

Reason: In the interest of the visual amenity of the immediate and wider surrounding area.

Planning Inspectorate: Appeal allowed. Condition 1 deleted.

266/10. VIRIDOR- A decision from Devon County Council Planning Committee was expected in the early New Year and the decision to be made by the Environment Agency in respect of the Environmental Permit Application was expected late in 2010. Devonport Dockyard was the only other site being considered.

267/10. CONSULTATION-

267.1 SHDC Housing- The invitation to consult in respect of South Hams District Councils draft Local Allocation Policy was considered. Resolved: To support. (*Vote; Unanimous*).

267.2 AONB designation- the invitation to consult on draft guidance on how landscape is assessed for its suitability for designation as an AONB/National Park or to vary the boundaries of one already existing was discussed. The Parish Council had no comment to make.

267.3 Winter service on Devon's Highways- the letter from Devon County Council of 2 September 2010 was considered. The routes proposed into the Parish for the Primary and secondary networks were accepted. The positions of the existing gritting bins were accepted. It was agreed to request additional gritting bins half way up Newton Hill and for the hairpin bend towards the bottom of Revelstoke Road hill. The Parish Council did not wish to facilitate /coordinate a local winter response, purchase its own salt stocks, purchase any other winter equipment or appoint a snow warden. There were no members available to attend the Winter Conference on 28 September.

268/10. TREES –

268.1 The Green-The Clerk had sought three quotations for the work to be undertaken, two had been received. SHDC Tree Officer had confirmed that no TPO Consent was required due to the nature of the work to be undertaken.

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation from Richard Prowse (£80 plus VAT). (*Vote: Unanimous*)

268.2 Broken Way- A report was given of the meeting with Moor Trees on 7 September 2010 attended by the Clerk, the Chairman, the Tree Warden and 9 parishioners. Concerns were expressed about the effect of the large sycamore trees on the structural integrity of the riverbank- with consequential potential effects on the road and the Pumping Station. Mr. Tubb had received three letters from neighbouring residents reiterating those concerns. Suggested action was to set up a site meeting with an Arboriculturalist, structural engineer from Devon County Council, SHDC Tree Officer, South west Water and the Tree Warden to look at updating the management plan with particular reference to any trees that posed an imminent risk. Potential simultaneous replanting should be addressed. It was agreed that the clerk would obtain a quotation from the Arboriculturalist Mr. Mike Woolley, who prepared the original Management Plan for the area, for his costs for attending such a Meeting, to give his views on safety issues and updating the management plan. The Clerk would write back to the concerned residents about the intended course of action.

268.3 Swan Steps- Mr. Taylor gave an update following a report of trees overhanging the steps. The owner had confirmed that the necessary work would be undertaken within the following couple of days.

269/10. BUTTS PARK BUS STOP Devon County Council Highways Department had suggested having a site Meeting to discuss the removal of parking restrictions and/or the repositioning of the bus stop. It had been suggested that Cllr Mumford and concerned Butts Park residents should also be in attendance. It was agreed that the Clerk would accept the invitation to a site Meeting to which Mr. Tubb, Cllr Cooper and the Chairman would attend.

270/10. TENNIS COURTS- Cllr. Cooper advised that the refurbishment of the Tennis Courts at Noss Mayo was on SHDC Property Services Department's "To Do "list. The department had agreed to undertake the work when they had the funding to do so. Cllr. Cooper would follow the matter up. The Clerk would advise the Tennis Club of the position.

The Meeting closed at 9.25pm