

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWTON & NOSS PARISH COUNCIL

Held on 25 November 2010

PRESENT Mr. Young Mr. Buckland Mr. Carter Cllr. Cooper Mr.Gough
(Chairman)
Mr.Hussell Mr. Taylor Mrs.Hinchliffe
ALSO Mrs. McDonough
PRESENT (Clerk)
4 parishioners were present for the Meeting

OPEN FORUM

Village Housing Initiative- a parishioner raised concern about the timing for the public consultation and the issue of affordability.
Maintenance- a parishioner referred to a pile of rubble having been left at the entrance to Broadmoor Woods, a pile of concrete blocks in one corner of Noss Hard and a blue tarpaulin cover which had been left outside the Noss Mayo W.Cs.

326/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Reasons for absence were noted from the Vice Chairman, Mr. Tubb, Mr.Stitson and Mr. Matthews.

328/10 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED

Members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. Cllr Cooper declared an interest in the “Woongara” planning application being a neighbouring resident.

329/10 NEW COUNCILLOR- Mr. Peter Gough was welcomed to the Parish Council and his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Undertaking to Observe the Authority’s Code of Conduct was noted.

330/10 MINUTES – The Minutes of 28 October Meeting were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

331/10 PLAY PARKS- Eden Design Landscape Architects and a member of the Play Park Improvement Group gave a presentation of the proposed plans for improvements to Noss Play Park. The sketch scheme was based on information gleaned from the public consultations at the Primary School and Newton and Noss Village Hall. The plans for the play park were based on a “Shipwreck “theme. A locally based company used by Plymouth City Council, was being asked to come up with locally sourced equipment. An amphitheatre, play area and orchard were planned for the field adjacent. A creative project based on sustainability, art and wildlife was planned in conjunction with the Primary School. The project was planned to encourage children to look at the minutiae of wildlife in science lessons. Totems sculpted with details of the childrens’ findings would lead to the woodland with a large totem bringing everything together on a large scale. The improvement project costs were anticipated at totalling £100,000. There had been promises of £80,000 together with provision of trees and materials for natural hedgerows.

The Parish Council were asked to be the body responsible for making an application for funding for play park improvements through “Awards for All”. RESOLVED; The Parish Council would make an application to “Awards for All” for funding in connection with the Noss Play Park Improvements. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

It was agreed the Clerk would draft an Environmental Policy for Members to consider and if appropriate adopt, to enable an application for funding to be made through the South Devon Coastal Local Action Group.

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Clerk’s note: The Noss Play Park Improvement Group has subsequently clarified that the field adjacent will have amphitheatre seating and a community orchard with no play area. There have been funding promises of £60,000 so far together with the possible provision of trees and materials for natural hedgerows.

332/10 PROPOSAL TO VARY THE AGENDA –

RESOLVED: To consider the letter regarding the Ivybridge and Surrounding Area Parish Cluster Meeting dated 19 December 2010 (for response by 8 December 2010) at the end of the Meeting. (*Vote: 7 in favour, 1 abstention*)

333/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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333.1 SHDC planning decisions – To note the most recent decisions received.

i) **17 Court Road 37/1237/10/Lb** -retrospective listed building consent for removal of windows and replacement with new windows.Granted.

ii) **32 Foundry Lane 37/2188/10/F**- resubmission of planning application 37/0968/10/F for remodelling of garage to provide a larger single garage.Granted.

iii) **St. Louis, Riverside Road West 37/1729/10/F**- resubmission of 37/0142/10/F for demolition of existing dwelling and replacement house to incorporate disabled flat for relatives.Granted.

iv) **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. Granted.

v) **Redlands, Court Wood 37/0112/10/F**-resubmission of householder application 37/1750/09/F for summer house, extension to jetty and construction of slipway and refurbishment of existing boat house.Granted.

Applications received –

333.2 Coombe Cottage 37/2433/10/F -replacement of greenhouse and lean-to with garden room and utility room, previously submitted with planning reference 37/1753/10/F.DECISION; Support (*Vote;6 for, 2 abstentions*). Concern was raised that this was the fourth application made, the previous applications having been supported by the Parish Council. It was agreed the **Clerk** would contact Development Control requesting feedback in such situations.

333.3 Woongara, Lower Court Road 37_62/2555/10/O -outline application for replacement dwelling. The site adjoined/affected a public right of way. The applicant was present. DECISION; No objection (*Vote; 7 for, 1 abstention*)

333.4 Applications withdrawn- the application withdrawn in respect of **Yonder, 57 Court Road 37/2047/10/F** -householder application for proposed alteration and extension, was noted.

334/10 VILLAGE HOUSING INITIATIVE- the public consultation meeting was anticipated as taking place on 16 December 2010 at the WIC Hall. The date and times were to be confirmed. It was agreed to request that the meeting continue until 8pm, ensuring that it stay at the same venue throughout.

335/10. VILLAGE PLANS-

335.1 Village Design Statement-Mr. Buckland advised that he was to meet with Mr. John Prosser the following week to discuss the preparation of a Village Design Statement. **Agenda January.**

335.2Listed Buildings- it was agreed that an invitation would be issued to parishioners, at the Annual Parish Meeting, to form a working group to review buildings of special architectural or historic interest which should be recommended to English Heritage for listing.

335.3 Conservation Area- Mr. Prosser had met with Mr. Nils White from SHDC Development Control. An update would be given in January. **Agenda January.**

336/10. ADMINISTRATION-South Hams Society- The current subscriptions payable by the Council were outlined to Members. Bulletins to the South Hams Society were sent out to Parish Councils free of charge. A parishioner had suggested that a subscription payment of £10 per annum should be offered voluntarily. Mention was made of the good work undertaken by the Society which had expertise which could be called upon. It was felt there was merit in supporting the Society by volunteering the annual subscription payment. RESOLVED; to pay the annual subscription to the South Hams Society. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

337/10 MEMORY CAFES- It was agreed the **Clerk** would place an article in the Parish Magazine and contact the Newton & Noss Carers Support Group to see whether a parishioner would be prepared to volunteer to liaise with representatives from Wembury, Brixton, Yealmpton and Health & Social Care organisations with a view to setting up a Memory Café based around the Yealm Estuary. The **Clerk** would also keep Brixton Parish Council advised of the position.

338/10. CORRESPONDENCE-Community Workshop Meeting- it was agreed **Cllr Cooper** and the **Clerk** would attend the meeting on Wednesday 8 December 6.30pm at the Watermark Centre Ivybridge. **Agenda December.**

339/10. FOOTPATHS

339.1Donkey Path Handrail- It was agreed the **Chairman** would write a final letter to the landowner to the east of the path to see if he would consent to a handrail being attached to the boundary posts. In the event of refusal, the

Chairman and Mr. Taylor had met with the landowner to the west of the path to discuss possible placement of a removable handrail.

339.2Footpath Inspection- Mr. Taylor provided a report. It was agreed the Clerk would report the following to Devon County Council's Public Rights of Way Department;

1. DFP 41 Newton Woods- request a yellow way mark arrow to the back of the finger post.
2. DFP 1 The Pathfields - raised tarmac had already been reported.
3. DFP 28 Nine Mile Drive- repeat request made in July for stile replacement.
4. DFP 21 Hangman's Hill- middle stile in need of improvement.
5. DFP 17 River Yealm Hotel- deep steps on bend in need of attention.

The Parish Council would undertake the following:

- a) Parish Path 8- Kilpatrick Steps. The **Clerk** would obtain quotes to fix three steps at lower end and one at the top.
 - b) Parish Path F- Donkey Path (*Min 338.1 refers*).
 - c) Parish Path C- facing Elm Cottage, Riverside Road West. The Chairman would speak to the landowner and request trimming back vegetation.
 - d) DFP 15 Boathouse Steps- The Chairman agreed to clear the moss.
 - e) Parish Path A the Malthouse-the brambles would be cleared as part of routine maintenance.
- DFP 18- Big Slip had been reported to the River Yealm Harbour Authority.

340/10. TREES – Broken Way- Members considered an update on progress made to arrange a site Meeting at Broken Way. SHDC Tree officer had agreed to attend. South West Water had advised that they did not have a structural engineer for this type of work. If a tree specialist attended the meeting and identified a threat to their asset, they would be happy to discuss. From his report they may then employ him or another contractor to take measures to reduce the risk if considered appropriate, subject to any legal advice re land ownership. A highway engineer from Devon County Council had advised that they had asked an arboricultural consultant to inspect the trees with safety of highway users in mind. They were awaiting confirmation of when the arboricultural contractor would be undertaking the tree survey. They would be in contact further once the report was received. It was agreed to await the report .It was further agreed the **Clerk** would seek advice regarding the Council's position.

341/10 SEATS

341.1The Green- RESOLVED: to accept a quotation from Mr John Leonard for £50.00 for preparing the plinth and fixing a bench to The Green. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

341.2The Green- Members considered a suggestion for a bench to be placed on the green area by the car park at Dillons. It was agreed not to proceed with this proposal at this time, it being suggested that the area could potentially be used as a car park if Tor Homes regulated use of their car park at Dillons.

342/10 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS- the Chairman gave a report following investigations into cost and feasibility. One company had given a quote for supplying lighting for all four trees outside the WIC Hall (£2880).This did not include installation or power supply. It was agreed the Clerk would make enquiries of the WIC Hall to ascertain who provided the up lighting of the trees for the Christmas production.

343/10 IVYBRIDGE AND SURROUNDING AREA PARISH CLUSTER MEETING –it was agreed there should be no nomination of a representative to chair the meeting. The Parish Council would request that discussion of Conservation Areas and how to police them should be placed on the agenda.

The Meeting closed 9.20 pm