

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWTON & NOSS PARISH COUNCIL

Held on 9 December 2010

PRESENT Mr. Young Mr. Cooper Cllr Cooper Mr. Tubb Mr. Gough
(Chairman) (Vice-Chairman)

Mr. Hussell Mr. Carter Mr. Stitson Mrs. Hinchliffe Mr. Matthews

ALSO Mrs. McDonough
PRESENT (Clerk)

4 parishioners were present for part of the Meeting

OPEN FORUM

Village Housing Initiative- a parishioner confirmed Tor Homes would be visiting those residents in the vicinity of the proposed site on a direct basis the following week to discuss the plans. The Parish Council was urged to review the plans and design and provide feedback to Tor Homes.

Police- PCSO Lawrence had sent apologies on behalf of both himself and P.C. Batchelor. There had been one recorded crime for the period: J1/10/1052. Between 1700hrs on the 29th Nov and 0300hrs on the 30th Nov, a white Ford Transit had both its rear wheels stolen in Newton Hill. Enquiries were continuing.

They were currently working with partner agencies regarding the health of an elderly local resident. Both Newton and Noss had been fairly quiet and they hoped that continued over the Christmas period. They wished all season's greetings and a happy new year.

344/10 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

344.1 Budget – it was anticipated figures would be available towards the end of the following week. It was believed 70-80 million pounds would be taken out of the Budget. Many items which the public expected as a statutory provision were in fact discretionary and would be under pressure.

344.2 Viridor-determination of the planning application had been put back to 2011. South Devon Waste Management would be meeting the following Thursday to consider the proposals for New England Quarry and Devonport Dockyard. It was anticipated that should Viridor's bid be unsuccessful, the company would submit an application to deal with commercial waste arising.

344.3 Community Workshop- had taken place on a pilot basis the previous evening for Ivybridge and the surrounding parishes. It had been well attended with representatives from Devon County Council, South Hams District Council, the Police and most surrounding parishes. Youth, rural transport and the economy formed the main issues. A summary would be sent out.

345/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Reasons for absence were noted from Mr. Buckland and Mr. Taylor. Cllr. Cooper had advised that she would be late and would be able to attend for a short time only.

Cllr Cooper arrived at 7.15pm

346/10 MINUTES – The Minutes of the Meetings 11 and 25 November were confirmed and signed as a correct record

347/10 INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED

Members were invited to declare interests in the items for discussion during the course of the Meeting. Mr. Matthews declared a personal and prejudicial interest in matters pertaining to Viridor.

348/10 PROPOSAL TO VARY THE AGENDA –

RESOLVED: that items 13 and 14 relating to consideration of quotations for the refurbishment of notice boards and drainage work should be considered in Committee. (*Vote: Unanimous*)

349/10 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILS

349.1 Highways- there were no issues.

349.2 Locality Budget- the pedestrian signs for the Collaton/Butts Park crossing had been put in place. RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the invoice from Signworld in the sum of £471.17 (*Vote: Unanimous*)

349.3 Collaton-Butts Park Link – The Vice Chairman advised Members of the amended figure for the quotation receive from the fencing contractor for gap filling and latches. (£280 plus Vat and fittings at cost). Three, two way latches would be fitted at a cost of £25 each. The Council approved the amended figures. Devon County Council's legal department had raised several requisitions with respect to the title to the land outside 1 Butts Park with Tor Homes solicitors.

349.4 District Councillor's Report- Cllr. Cooper had nothing to report.

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349.5 Village Housing Initiative- the public consultation meeting was to take place on Thursday 16 December 2010 at the WIC Hall. The finish time had been extended to 7.30pm. "The Nose", "Up the Creek" and the parish database had all been notified of the amended timings. Amended posters supplied by Tor Homes that morning would be put up the following day by the **Clerk** together with a further poster urging those who would like one of the houses to come to the meeting to register their interest. A parishioner raised concern about the number of posters put up. It was confirmed posters had been put up in ten locations around the Parish in addition to the local publications and emailing the Parish database.

Cllr Cooper left at 7.25pm

349.6 Noss Play Parks-

Mrs. Hinchliffe reported on progress with respect to improvements.

i) Further public consultation would be taking place on Tuesday 14 December at 6pm at Newton & Noss Village Hall when the plans would be presented.

ii) MOREwoods had confirmed they would fund natural hedging to replace the Leylandii and trees for the orchard.

iii) South Devon AONB had been unable to give financial assistance but promised help with the consultation and launch event

iv) **RESOLVED:** To grant the request for payment of the hire fee for the hall for further public consultation on 14 December. *(Vote: Unanimous)*

v) The Council agreed to support cash flowing / underwriting the Community Facilities Fund part of the project until funds (of maximum £15,000) were received - as required by SDCLAG application. Funding applications totalling approximately £100,000 had been made. The assistance from MOREwoods was in the region of £3000. If some funding applications were unsuccessful the scheme would be adapted to cover the shortfall.

vi) Mr. Buckland had reported water was still flowing out of the bank around the area where the broken and cut end of a field drain was found. It appeared that due to the clay nature of the soil that the water did not penetrate the thin layer of soil top into the permeable stone below. Mr. Buckland suggested that the stone layer was brought up to the surface and two more short spurs were constructed. On 23rd November he had removed the top soil layer from a short length and the installed drains were now intercepting the flow. The original contractor had been asked to quote for the additional work. vii) SHDC had been notified of the proposed improvements. Mr. Ross Kennerley, of SHDC Landscape and Leisure, had advised that he had not yet considered the plans in detail but would be minded to support the application subject to;

a) The Parish Council clarifying the arrangements for future maintenance and responsibility for the features

b) There being no covenants that would preclude the works (his property colleagues were to check)

c) Any necessary consents being secured

d) Future insurance arrangements being in place

e) The entering of a licence to cover the installation and future management and maintenance of the project.

A Meeting had been suggested. It was agreed the **Clerk** would suggest a meeting in February which the **Chairman, Mrs. Hinchliffe, Mr. Hussell, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Carter** and **Mr. Stitson** would attend.

349.7 South Hams District Council Asset Transfer- it was agreed the members of the working group would join in with the Meeting proposed with Mr. Kennerley from SHDC in February. It was noted DCC had given a strong indication at the Community Workshop the preceding day that Parishes should be looking at increasing their Precepts to cover anticipated shortfall in services. It was agreed that the budget for taking over SHDC land assets, particularly the play park and tennis courts, would need to be looked at carefully, together with the transitional arrangements with SHDC and the need for public consultation.

350/10 PLANNING

Applications received –

350.1 Crispin's Cot, Bridgend 37/2624/10/F- revision of planning ref 37/0089/09/F to cantilever the living room over estuary wall to align with existing bay window (to be demolished). One letter of objection had been received. **DECISION:** Objection. Planning permission for the development had been given on the basis that there would be no overhang. The Crown Commissioners' and River Yealm Harbour Authority's consent was required. *(Vote; 8 in favour of objecting, 1 abstention.)*

350.2 Revelstoke, Noss Mayo 37/2728/10/F-removal of condition 3 to planning approval 37/0097/10/F (restricting the use of new access way to serve only the stables) to enable use in connection with "Revelstoke". **DECISION:** No objection subject to Devon County Council's Highways Department being satisfied. *(Vote; unanimous.)*

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350.3 Revelstoke, Noss Mayo 37/2728/10/F -householder application for two storey side extension and adjoining underground garage. DECISION: Objection .Out of keeping in terms of both proportion and fenestration.

(Vote; Unanimous.)

Existing applications-

350.4 Stable Cottage, 37/1505/10/F- concerns raised by a parishioner addressed to SHDC Development Control regarding the time taken to determine the application and the potential access and parking difficulties were considered. A Development Management Committee Site Inspection was due to take place on Monday 13 December in relation to both Stable Cottage and 65 Court Road (37/2110/10/F) which Mr Matthews agreed to attend.

350.5Viridor- Mr. *Matthews left the meeting for this item. (Min 344.2 refers)*

350.6 Applications withdrawn-one application had been withdrawn in respect of 91 Yealm Road (37/2400/10/F)

351/10 ADMINISTRATION

351.1Budget 2011/2012 – It was agreed in principle to keep the Precept at the current level. Investigations would be undertaken into the costs involved in taking over SHDC land assets which would then be taken to the Parish for consultation. The Precept request was to be made by 14 January 2011. The contingency figures needed to be amended. The working group would review matters further with the Budget figures being presented to the Council at the 13 January 2011 Meeting for final approval.

351.2 Bishops Court- Service Charges/Grounds Maintenance- the Housing Services Manager had confirmed by email on 19 November 2010 that the cleaning company had agreed to reduce their charge from 29 November 2010 and had provided a breakdown of time previously spent. She had confirmed that the water served the communal areas of all Block 2 and not just the parish room. She was waiting to hear from the VAT consultant. Once all the information was to hand, an adjustment of the service charge would be requested and sent to the Parish Council. The person who had expressed an interest in hiring the room had not made any bookings to date. The other individual hirer had reported matters as being quiet.

351.3 Annual Parish Meeting- suggestions for speakers for the meeting scheduled for Tuesday 15 March 2011 had been put forward. It was agreed the **Clerk** would approach Coastwatch or the RNLI to see if they had a speaker available.

351.4 Councillor Responsibilities- following the filling of the Councillor vacancy, the remaining vacant positions following Mr. Brown's resignation were filled by Mr. Gough save for Allotments (Mr. Stitson) and the Design Panel(Vice Chairman). Mrs. Hinchliffe agreed to take over from the Vice Chairman as representative on the Newton & Noss Network. The full list would be updated on the website and copies circulated to the Members.

351.5 Environmental policy- members considered two draft options for Environmental Policies together with proposed amendments to the more detailed Option 1 prepared by Mr. Peter Brown. It was agreed that it was unnecessary to make provision for the policy to be reviewed annually/bi annually. RESOLVED: To adopt option 2 as the Newton & Noss Parish Council Environmental Policy. *(Vote: Unanimous.)*It was agreed the **Clerk** would write to Mr. Brown to thank him for his assistance.

352/10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED The main items received concern:-

352.1 Community Safety Forum Event- it was agreed it was unnecessary to send a representative.

352.2 Ivybridge and Surrounding Area –Parish Cluster Meeting- it was agreed the **Chairman and Mr. Matthews** would attend subject to commitments.

352.3 SHDC-Review of Landscape and Leisure Activities- the implications of letter dated 23 November 2010 in the context of public expenditure reductions was noted.

352.4 SHDC-Budget Meeting with Town & Parish Councils- no one was available to attend the meeting on 13 January 2011, falling on the day of the Parish Council Meeting.

352.5 Ivybridge and District Association of Parish Councils- it was agreed the **Vice Chairman** would attend.

353/10 MAINTENANCE

353.1Noss Hard- the Chairman and Mr. Carter had had a site meeting. It was agreed further work was necessary in respect of which three tenders would be sought for consideration at the Meeting on 24 February with a view to the work being completed by week beginning 22 April2011. **Mr. Buckland** would be asked to draw up the specification and plan in conjunction with **Mr. Carter** and the **Chairman**. A contribution would be sought from the publican of "The Ship Inn".

353.2The Green- Garden Services had reported on the condition of the grass area outside the WIC Hall. The grass was poor under the trees primarily due to the branch coverage, root growth and lack of soil. The WI had undertaken bulb planting this year. RESOLVED: To take no action to rejuvenate the soil. *(Vote: 5 in favour, 4 against).*

353.3 Pope's Quay- concerns raised by a parishioner following fly tipping of household glass on the foreshore were noted.

353.4 Other areas for consideration. It was agreed the **Clerk** would report some loose granite setts in the wall opposite Newton Village Furniture on Parsonage Road to DCC Highways Department. It was further agreed that the **Clerk** would write to the landowner of the blocked entrance to Collaton (between Widey and Richardson Drive) asking for the rubbish and debris to be cleared. **Mr. Carter** agreed to look at damaged Revelstoke Railings along Riverside Road East.

354/10. GRANT REQUESTS-

354.1 SOUTH HAMS CAB- for financial assistance. RESOLVED: To make a contribution of £50.00 in support. *(Vote: 8 in favour, 1 abstention)*

354.2 RYDA- towards the costs of Public Liability Insurance for the annual Harbour Clean Up 2010. RESOLVED: To grant a request for payment of £55 *(Vote: Unanimous)*

354.3 THE HOPE COVE LIFE BOAT (HCLB) - for financial assistance following the decision the Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA) to hand the boat and its operation over to the community. The Clerk had asked what area was covered by the Life Boat but had not received a response. It was also debatable whether the grant would bring any direct benefit to the Parish RESOLVED: To decline the request for financial assistance. *(Vote: Unanimous)*

355/10 MEETINGS ATTENDED: To receive brief reports regarding the following:-

355.1 Harbour Authority- Mr. Carter advised the budget had been approved and increased by 3%. Sixty one applications for the Harbour Master's position had been reduced to three. It was hoped the decision would be made the following Thursday.

355.2 Halls- there was nothing to report

355.3 Primary School- Mrs. Hinchliffe advised the School had had their Christmas Production that day and were due to have their Christmas Lunch and Carol Service the following week. Everything was on track.

355.4 Community Workshop- the Clerk made a brief report .Concerns had been raised by other Parishes in the Ivybridge area about market/affordable housing and sustainability. Pursuant to the Development Plan Documents Yealmpton were due to get 50 houses in 2012 followed by a further fifty. Sherford was moving forward slowly but the developer was having difficulty in securing funding. Public Transport issues were raised, with DCC advising that they would not have enough funding to subsidise all bus routes. The concept of the 'Big Society' was raised with some local parishes keen to take over services from DCC/SHDC. The issue of costs transparency was raised. Both leaders of DCC and SHDC had referred to the anticipated cuts in public expenditure with encouragement for precept increases so that Parishes could deliver services which DCC/SHDC may be unable to. Police matters- Ivybridge had lost two Police Community Support Officers leaving three remaining PCSO's.

356 /10 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS –

Cheque payments were authorised and signed in accordance with the schedule prepared by the Clerk, checked by Mr. Hussell and listed in Minute 357/10

357/10 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Alliance & Leicester Current Account : Total balance at 1.12.10
£60423.32

The balance includes: receipt of the half year precept:
£19622.50

Hedge Cutting Bond
£3000

The Gratuity Fund:
£16,396.07

The following cheques were authorised totalling:
£2850.27

Chq No	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
1234	Newton & Noss Village Hall	Hire NNPC Meeting 9 December	£20.00
1235	Mr.A.Cooper	Travel Expenses	£22.00
1236	J Allen	Cleaning: Noss Voss & Popes Quay November 10	£44.80
1237	S McDonough	Net salary- November	£939.83
1238	Newton & Noss Village Hall	Donation: Christmas Tree and lights*	£25.00
1239	WIC Hall	Donation: Christmas Tree and lights*	£25.00

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1240	Ricoh UK Ltd	Invoice for copies 1 Aug-31 October 2010	£40.75
1241	M.Hingston	Cleaning: Newton Voss & steps November 10	£79.00
1242	Garden Services Society of Local Council	Grass cutting: The Green- 6 October 2010	£16.00
1243	Clerks	Membership Renewal 2011	£135.00
1244	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerks Tax and National Insurance	£820.22
1245	Signworld	Supply & fixing signs: Collaton/Butts Park Link	£471.17
1246	Access Technology	Website maintenance March-August 2010	£211.50
		Total	£2,850.27
	*Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 payments:£50 Total to date:£1280		

In Committee

358/10 NOTICEBOARDS No quotations had been received for repair/refurbishment. It was agreed the **Clerk** would put notices on the Parish Council notice boards to see if there was any interest in quoting and extend the deadline for quotations to be provided. Consideration would be given to quotations at 24 February Meeting with the work being completed by the end of May 2011.

359/10.NOSS PLAY PARK DRAINAGE- No quotation had been received for additional drainage work. The **Clerk** would liaise with **Mr. Buckland**.

The Meeting closed at 9pm