

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEWTON & NOSS PARISH COUNCIL

Held on 22 July 2010

PRESENT Mr. Young Mr. Carter Mr. Buckland Cllr. Cooper Mr. Hussell
(Chairman)
Mr. Cooper Mr. Matthews Mr. Brown Mrs. Hinchliffe
ALSO Mrs. McDonough
PRESENT (Clerk)
1 parishioner was present for the Meeting

OPEN FORUM

Land by Noss Hard- A parishioner asked for an update on progress made to contact a landowner about tidying a garden by Noss Hard. The Chairman advised that he would try to speak with the landowner whilst she was in the village over the summer.

213/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Reasons for absence were noted from Mr. Tubb, Mr. Stitson and Mr. Taylor.

214/10 MINUTES – The Minutes of the 24 June Meeting were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

215/10 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 items relating to South West Water having worked for South West Water's parent company, Pennon Group Plc, in the past. Mr. Buckland did not consider himself to have either a personal or prejudicial interest in the same items. South West Water, the Environment Agency had been clients to the firm he used to work for and after retiring became a member of Watervoice's South West branch committee, but he had not been involved with the former for over ten years or the latter two for over five years.

216/10 PLANNING

.1SHDC planning decisions – The most recent decisions received were noted:

i) 75 Court Road 37/0986/10/F- Householder application for extensions to dwelling as previous expired consent 37/0403/07/F. SHDC: Granted

ii) End of the Strand, Riverside Rd East 37/0389/10/F- Householder application to remove upper floor glazed conservatory and replace with slate roofed sunroom on same plan footprint. SHDC: Granted

Applications received – Current applications were considered which included:-

.289 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. DECISION: No objection (*Vote;8 in favour, 1 abstention*)

.337 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. DECISION: No objection (*Vote;8 in favour, 1 abstention*)

.4 STABLE COTTAGE, PARSONAGE ROAD 37/1505/10/F- Removal of condition 2 of permission 37/2197/07/F (ancillary family accommodation) to allow use as a separate self contained residential unit. Application affecting the setting of a listed building. Mr. Matthews declared a personal interest and took no part in the debate. DECISION: For the condition to remain in place unless the Planning Officer was in favour of the application. (*Vote;4 in favour, 1 against, 4 abstentions*)

.5 29 THE FAIRWAY 37/1529/10/F-Householder application for demolition of garage and erection of single storey side extension. DECISION: No objection in principle to the extension, but objection to the design. (*Vote;7 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention*)

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216.6. Applications withdrawn- The application withdrawn in respect of **Coombe Cottages, 32 Noss Mayo 37/0968/10/F** (application for replacement garage with sail loft and store) was noted.

216.7 Appeals – CURLEWS, RIVERSIDE ROAD WEST, APP/K1128/D/10/2131074- the planning appeal against refusal of a householder application for the erection of a garage was noted.

217/10 ADMINISTRATION

Pre consultation on planning applications- Mr. Stephen Munday, Head of Development Management SHDC had suggested some guidance following their suggestion that the Council engage in pre consultation:

- i) Councillors should avoid meeting developers individually, and should keep an open record of what transpired;
- ii) Definitive and final opinions on the planning merits should not be given, and it be made clear that final judgments would have to wait until all opinions had been received. In this way the Council could reserve its position, in much the same way that planning officers did;
- iii) The opportunity should be taken to highlight the sort of issues that concern Members and the nature of the information that should be provided to address those concerns;
- iv) That the Council's engagement be part of agreed approach in the pre-application process that was being co-ordinated by SHDC's Development Management service;
- v) The comments to the developer be in writing, either separately representing the observations of the Parish Council, or incorporated within the response of the Development Management service.

The Clerk advised that someone had already made enquiries about such consultation on behalf of their client. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to Mr. Munday advising that the Parish Council was prepared to listen to potential applicants, that Members may ask some questions and then any comments or feedback would be sent direct to Development Control for passing on to the potential applicant.

218/10. FOOTPATHS- the terms of the draft licence offered by South Hams District Council to enable the Parish Council to take advantage of Parish Online-enabling access Ordnance Survey Mapping had been reviewed by the Clerk and Mr. Matthews. Mr. Matthews advised that the Licence was suitable for Parish Council purposes. **RESOLVED:** To authorise the Chairman to sign the Licence on behalf of the Parish Council. *(Vote: Unanimous)*

219/10 VILLAGE GREENS – the Members considered advice received by the Clerk with respect to applications for registration of Village Greens and had noted the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge which aimed to protect playing fields in communities. Cllr Cooper advised that the Parish Council would be receiving a letter from South Hams District Council proposing a long term lease of SHDC assets to the Parish Council. It was agreed that no further action would be taken at present with respect to protecting Noss Green by making application for Registration as a Village Green.

220/10 PROPOSAL TO VARY THE AGENDA- RESOLVED: in light of the interests declared by Mr Matthews in items relating to South West Water and The Environment Agency, it was proposed that the item be dealt with at the end of the evening *(Vote: Unanimous)*

221/10 TREES AT BROKEN WAY- **RESOLVED:** To accept the offer of assistance from Moor Trees, a charitable organisation providing free advice and trees to landowners for the planting and regeneration of native woodlands. *(Vote: Unanimous)*

222/10 MEETINGS ATTENDED – Design Panel- the Chairman gave a report of the meeting of the Design Panel 6 July 2010 in respect of a scheme for “Redlands” Court Wood. Copies of the documentation presented to the panel were made available for Members to view.

223/10. ALLIANCE AND LEICESTER SAVINGS ACCOUNT- the establishment of the Alliance & Leicester 30 day Account was noted. **RESOLVED:** The amount to be transferred from the current account to the deposit account be delegated to the Budget Working Group. *(Vote: Unanimous)*

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224/10. SPORTS PAVILION- The Chairman provided an update on progress made with SHDC regarding lease/licence negotiations. It was noted however that SHDC may be in the process of proposing a long lease for the playing field at Butts Park. The Vice chairman outlined the organisational arrangements for the running finances for the Pavilion. The football and cricket club contributed a set fee which was used for general maintenance and to build up revenue. It had not, historically, been used to purchase equipment. The Yealm Old Boys Football Club was seeking to attract new members and it was agreed that the Clerk would place an article in the Parish Magazine to this effect. Further problems had been experienced with dog excrement on the football pitch. There were now 2 appropriate bins for disposal – one near the play area and one by the gate by the Pavilion. The Clerk would place a note in the Parish Magazine, once again, asking owners to clear up after their dogs.

Mr. Matthews left the Meeting.

225/10. SOUTH WEST WATER/ENVIRONMENT AGENCY- Mr. Buckland had prepared a draft letter to SWW which had been circulated to the Council and which was discussed at the Meeting. Concerns were raised about the level of testing in the River and leaking sewers. Concern was also reiterated about South West Water’s standard operating procedures and monitoring of the pumping stations in the Parish .It was agreed that the draft letter would be amended into 2 separate letters the first dealing with the incident at the Pumping Station and the second raising the other concerns. Cllr Cooper advised that Mr. Nigel Mortimer the South Devon AONB Estuaries Officer had offered to attend an Open meeting, to be organised by Cllr. Cooper, to look at Parishioners’ concerns, to which South West Water and the Environment Agency would also be invited.

The Meeting closed at 9.15pm

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