

## **NEWTON & NOSS PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **May Parish Council Meeting and The Annual Meeting of The Council**

The Parish Council will return to face-to-face meetings in May after many months of remote meetings. The May meeting has been put back by one week to fit with Government guidance.

The May Parish Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May** at the **Newton and Noss Village Hall** at **7.30pm**. This will be preceded by the **Annual Meeting of The Council** which will take place at **7.00pm** on the same evening.

**A risk assessment and Covid safety measures will be in place for everyone's safety. If any parishioners wish to attend, please email the Clerk beforehand to confirm your attendance. Full safety details will be shared before the meeting.**

### **Traffic and Parking Survey Update**

We have had a number of meetings with Devon County and South Hams to discuss the Survey results and how the priority list can be implemented.

In some cases we are struggling to make progress !

#### **1. Construction Management Plans (CMP)**

In order to reduce the disruption to Residents from the continued building activity and the impact on our narrow roads we need to have a robust CMP for all building work.

We have produced a Template and are meeting with South Hams shortly to agree the final version. This will then be distributed to the main Architects and Builders that work within Newton and Noss.

While this is being finalised, we have responded on all Planning Applications using the Template as a basis for the points to be covered in the approved CMPs within the Planning Applications.

**2. Traffic calming and 20mph throughout both villages.**

Devon CC advise that Newton Abbot will be turned into blanket 20 mph zone over the next year and until that is introduced and the results analysed then no others will be considered within Devon, so Mid 2022.

The 20mph Zone in Noss Mayo is not currently enforceable as the signage doesn't comply with regulations, so we are looking at ways that additional signs can be erected within Noss Mayo similar to those you may have seen in Ermington and Modbury.

**3. Vehicle Activated Sign ( VAS ) and WigWags**

We now have the Funding for the VAS and WigWags and are planning for the installation.

The VAS will be similar to that in Brixton and Yealmpton and the plan is that it will be positioned initially at Butts Park and Stoke Road.

Wig Wag signs are Flashing signs that will be erected outside the school and activated at the start and end of the school days.

**4. Additional signage at:**

Widey Hill "No HGV" signs – we are waiting for information from Devon CC as to when these will be installed .

Hannaford Lane & Passage Road 'Dead end Road / No Public parking' are being investigated.

**5. Road cleaning to expose Yellow lines, clear Road Drains.**

Routine Road Cleaning is the responsibility of South Hams and we raised a number of requests with South Hams in January that are still to be completed.

Blocked Drains and Gully are Devon CC's responsibility, we carried out an audit in Noss Mayo in January and are still waiting for the Camera survey and clearance to be carried out.

If you find a blocked drain then please report it via Devon CC's "Report it" webpage.

**6. Traffic warden to visit during summer weekends and school holidays.**

Requests have been made to Devon CC in January and again early April for a parking warden to visit Newton and Noss during the busy

weekends and summer holidays – focussing on the end of Yealm Road, Newton and The Hard / Coach Road in Noss.

**7. Additional Road marking and specific Parking Restriction.**

We have made proposals for additional yellow lines at Bridgend (Newton Side) and Combe/Foundry Lane, where parking causes obstructions.

At Yealm Road from the “Cinder Path” to the Harbourmasters Steps the proposal is to introduce parking time restriction to reduce long term parking in the area and to enlarge the drop-off zone.

We are advised that this now needs to go before The Devon CC Highways committee and that it is unlikely to be complete before summer 2022.

**8. Cycle racks**

The cycle racks have been ordered and we are planning for the erection of cycle racks at 5 locations – Butts Park Playground, Butts Park Pavilion, Noss Tennis Courts, Newton outside the Co-op, Newton at the junction of Yealm Road and the “Cinder Path”.

**9. Dog and Litter Bins**

No further action has been taken. If you find a broken Dog Waste or Litter Bin/or it is full then please report it via:

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/4342/Tell-us-about-a-problem>

**10. Paddle boards code of conduct.**

A draft version of the “code of conduct” has been produced and we are in discussion with the Harbour Authority.

**Kevin Thomas, Newton and Noss Parish Councillor, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Parish Tree Planting and Adopt a Tree Initiative**

You will recall that as a part of the Biodiversity and Climate Emergency initiative I have organized trees to be planted at various sites around the Parish. Providing the Woodland Trust deliver on their promises and my eight teams of volunteers are able to wield their spades we should have some 318 trees planted by the end of April. No doubt you will be able to see the biodegradable tree guards in various locations. Hopefully these will do their

job and keep the rabbits at bay and these small trees will get off to a good start.

However due to cyber attacks on the Woodland Trust their work programme has been delayed and these trees are arriving with us quite late in the season. There is a real chance that they will perish if the weather is dry. So, a call to arms! Do you value your environment? Do you wish your children and grandchildren to enjoy bird song and butterflies? If so, perhaps you would like to adopt a tree? All I am asking is some of your time. Could you take 2 litres (4 pints) of water each week up to 'your' young tree and pour it into the tree shelter/guard to offer some moisture to its roots. Of course, if you could pull away any overgrowing weeds around its base that would be an added bonus! If you would like to help please contact me at [paulloisehardy@gmail.com](mailto:paulloisehardy@gmail.com) or pass your name to the Parish Clerk (01752 872538) and I will endeavor to allocate you a tree. Each of the tree stakes should be identified by a number as I endeavor to ensure an even spread of watering!

Can I also offer our thanks again to Di Jennings who previously worked at Newton Ferrer's Primary School. She has donated three saplings, now planted on Dillon's Green. Although she has moved out of the village it was most kind of her to think of us as we embrace actions to ameliorate the damage done to our environment and the steps we can all take to tackle our Climate Emergency.

Also more good news! There will be second wave of trees to be planted, Woodland Trust permitting, planned for this Autumn. Two sites have already asked me to facilitate this. I wonder if you are aware of any other areas that would benefit from tree planting. These trees should have an amenity value to comply with the Woodland Trust's guidance. Again please be in-touch if you have some ideas.

**Paul Hardy, Biodiversity and Climate Emergency Lead for Newton and Noss Parish Council**