

**Minutes of the Meeting of Newton Poppleford and Harpford Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 at 7.30pm.**

**Present: -** Cllrs:- Cole – Vice Chairman in the Chair , D Jeffery, H Jeffery, Clarke, Cook, Pearce, Phillips, Slattery and Tillotson. Cllr Salter arrived later having notified the Clerk he would be late. [Note – He had sought a slight change to the Minutes in respect of the wording misunderstood Minute x refers. Noted and withdrawn on main Minutes.]

**In attendance: -** Cllr Channon CC, Cllr Potter DC, D G Atkins (Clerk).

**Apologies: -** None received.

**Declarations of Interest : -** Cllr Cole in respect of planning application at Southerton (14/0601/OUT), near neighbour and knows the applicant (Personal).

Cllr D Jeffery in respect of planning application as knows the applicant.

Cllr H Jeffery in respect of planning application at The Shippon, Southerton (14/0703/FUL). Next door neighbour and knows the applicant.

The above Members took no part in the debate or vote.

**10/13/50** **Minutes of the meetings held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014 – resolved, agreed and signed.**

Cllr H. Jeffery requested potentially defamatory remarks about the Monitoring Officer should be removed from the minutes of 24 February 2014.

Proposed	Cllr	Phillips	
Seconded	Cllr	H Jeffery	Unan.

**10/13/51** Late election of Chair until the APCM (due to the resignation of Cllr Sanders). Proposal for Cllr H Jeffery to take the Chair.

Proposed	Cllr	C. Cole	
Seconded	Cllr	D Jeffery	Unanimously agreed.

**10/13/52** **Reports**

**A) Chairman's**

1. Police – written reports were read and noted (attached to main minutes).
2. Harpford Hall – Noted no further response from the Agents to date.
3. Update provided on the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) meeting on 20 March 2014. Clerk has submitted the request to develop a NP to EDDC. To appoint two Council members to join the Steering Group of the Neighbourhood Plan Group to maintain the Parish Council's ownership of the Plan, as required.

Note at this point the council meeting was adjourned to allow comments from the public. Dan Turner addressed the meeting with his interest to join as previously noted. At this point the register of interested people was circulated to obtain any other interested people to join the Steering Group. Those so far are listed below: - D Zirker, Dan Turner, Mr and Mrs Coppell, Ms Cameron-Webb, Val Ranger, Haylor-Lass, Mr and Mrs Martin VORSA, Lorna Dalton, Cllr H Jeffery, Tillotson and Cook.

The Chair reopens the meeting.

4. To advise the meeting that a Poll had been called for the vacancy in the Harpford Ward. This is to take place on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Euro Election Day. This would save any large expenditure from the Parish Council (procedural matters awaited).

**B) Clerks**

1. Finance – Bank Statement to end of February. Noted. Balance.
- 2-3 Probable year end March 2014. Position and Receipts and Payments to end of February 2014 as against budget including the landscape presentation. It was questioned as to the difference between probable year end and actual and was it likely that £14,000 would be the spend during March. The Clerk advised this was not so as certain expenditure heads would not be spent. He hoped to provide a further report within the next 2 weeks to clearly establish the end of year figures. It was also noted that as there was a healthy balance, could £5,000 be repaid to the PWLB. It was resolved to await the final figures before proceeding.
4. Copies of the agreed budget for 2014/15 were presented for information to Members and the public.
5. To report receipt of money from the sale of land beneath the buttresses at Venn Ottery Green. It was noted that £740 had been received and banked, being capital receipt £500 to be placed in the VOG Account and legal cost reimbursement £240.00 to Parish Council. Resolved – Noted. Unan.
6. To consider the purchase of a strimmer for use by Harvey Tillotson to cut the track areas at the allotments. It was noted he has used his own machine which has become worn out. (The Clerk had loaned him his personal machine). Resolved that provided he obtained the necessary certificate if required for insurance purposes, the sum of a maximum of £400 be used to purchase a new machine. The Clerk pointed out that volunteers were covered by the Council's insurance, but he was to make further enquiries from Zurich Municipal.
7. To note that the Council has to agree its own dispensation policy. The District Council no longer have this duty (Government requirement). Resolved to take this item to a special meeting in due course.

**C) County Cllr**

1. Cllr Channon referred to the traffic meeting as requested by Cllr Slattery. It was resolved that this matter would take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April, meeting in the back room of the Village Hall at 3.30pm. It was hoped the police would be in attendance. Confirmation would be emailed to Members.
2. Farthings Lane – Funding for the improvements to the surface had been agreed but it was considered by the County that the matter should tie in with the planning permission at the adjacent site.
3. Red Bridge, Harpford – Serious concern has been expressed by the Officer, Richard Spurway. He had indicated that works were urgently required but that no timeline was as yet in place.
4. Pot holes – It was noted that triple teams were engaged on the matter but that A and B roads were taking priority.
5. The road to Venn Ottery Quarry. Mike Deaton had advised Cllr Channon that the quarry company was charged with works of reinstatement and in respect of the overflow from the Pond, Toby Taylor had agreed to clear two pipes under the road and was to liaise with the Company. It was also stated that works at the quarry would be completed in 2016.
6. The matter of Straitgate Farm Quarrying would not see materials dealt with at Blackhill. It was proposed to move the plant to Rockbeare. Cllr Channon agreed to circulate the Minutes of the Quarry Liaison Meeting when received.
7. New School – Cllr Channon reported that the plans would be drawn up by September. It was also noted that the new school would be built on the existing playing field. She completed her report on the matter of a cycle way consideration from Feniton to Budleigh but noted there were access problems. Cllr Cook considered pressure should be put on the landlords.

**D) District Cllr**

1. Cllr Potter had two issues: -
  - a) The road situation to and from Venn Ottery Quarry. He supported the works required.
  - b) Judicial Review – ‘The (East Devon District) Council has been challenged on its decision to grant permission for the development at King Alfred Way. Having obtained advice the Council now agrees that due to technical reasons the decision is unsafe and therefore has agreed not to defend the challenge. This will mean, in time, that the application will be returned to the Development Management Committee for the decision to be taken again. The technical issues

relate to the legal agreement to secure the Drs surgery and the screening opinion issued under the Environmental Impact Assessment regulations. Both of these issues will be corrected when the application is re-heard by the Committee.’

**E) Cllr Phillips – Grants**

1. It was noted that £15,000 was in the fund held by EDDC for expenditure only on Play and Sport. There was available £5,000, but the public had to be in support, various options were considered to alert the general public.

Resolved in the event to discuss further at the open session (see below).

2. Websites – Cllr Slattery reported the fact that 6 tenders had been received. He had emailed the information to those involved.

It was resolved to stay with Vision ICT the current providers.

Proposed	Cllr	Slattery	
Seconded	Cllr	Cole	Unan.

**10/13/52 Matters raised by Members**

1. **Cllr Cole – re. Venn Ottery Green** – Water egress from the lane beside Wayside. A meeting had been held that very day with interested parties and consideration of a way forward discussed. Aggregate Industries were prepared to assist and Cllr Cole suggested a match funding resolution. It was resolved to support a financial input to the sum of £500 maximum.

Proposed	Cllr	Cole	
Seconded	Cllr	Salter	Unan.

2. It was further resolved to place the spare jubilee seat on the Green at Venn Ottery.

Proposed	Cllr	Cole	
Seconded	Cllr	D Jeffery	Unan.

3. It was also resolved to increase the grass cutting to 5 times during the year.

4. Cllr H Jeffery – Recording of Meetings – In respect to the recording of the last Council meeting, it was acknowledged that whilst this had not been notified to the meeting it was carried out to gauge the sound quality and for the purposes of using on the web and the amount of space needed to accommodate it. Cllr H Jeffery considered it would be good practice to have the ability to record meetings for clarification of decisions and actions.

It was resolved to agree this course of action.

Proposed	Cllr	Cole	
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5. At this point, Cllr Salter raised the matter of the revised response to EDDC on the Parish Council's response to the Villages Plan consultation. Cllr Salter queried the Minutes of the 24 February 2014 where it was suggested that the first three lines were removed from the document produced by EDDC in respect of KAW, SHLAA response and the two planning applications. The matter revolves around a response to EDDC on the Sustainability Appraisal of SHLAA sites where the Parish Council by a majority agreed the KAW site was the most suitable for development including a community hall and new surgery. Whereas the KAW planning application did not receive support from the Parish Council due to the removal of the hall and too many houses.

Cllr Salter requested that at the next meeting of the Parish Council a further written response is made to EDDC due to the report of the Judicial Review and the position of the DMC and EDDC having to decide on a decision that was flawed.

6. Cllr Slattery then referred to the fact that Mark Sanders was responsible for inspection of the play area and equipment on a weekly basis. He wanted to know if this was to continue. It was noted that he had given up being the relief key holder for the pavilion.

### 10/13/53 Planning Applications Received

1. **14/0601/OUT** Land north of Grange Farm, Southerton

**Proposal:** - Erection of single dwelling (outline application with all matters reserved).

**Observations:** - Members considered that the site lies in the open countryside, outside the built-up area boundary, in the AONB and therefore it would set a precedent, furthermore there is no agricultural support. It would be prominent in the landscape and is not a sustainable location, it is not on a public transport route and it is some distance from the village centre (5 letters of objection had been received).

2. **14/0703/FUL** The Shippon, Hoppins Farm, Southerton

**Proposal:** - Erection of a storage shed (re-submission of application 13/2097/FUL)

**Observations:** - The Parish Council fully support as previous. Members considered that as this proposal was smaller than the previous proposal and it is not considered that the shed will have any deleterious impact on the area.

3. **14/0724/LBC** Land west of Peeks/Otter House

**Proposal:** - Conversion of barn to ancillary accommodation to be used in conjunction with Otter House and as holiday accommodation (amendments to permission granted under ref 13/2049/LBC).

**Observations:** - Members support this proposal as it has an approval from EDDC for its use as now approved.

## **10/13/54 Planning Decisions**

1. 13/0316/MOUT Land south of King Alfred Way, Newton Popleford, Sidmouth

Proposal: - Outline application for the development of up to 40 houses, doctors' surgery and associated infrastructure, open space and landscaping (all matters access reserved).

Status – EDDC - Approved. Parish Council – Did not support.

2. 13/2408/FUL Littledown Farm, Littledown Lane, Newton Popleford, Sidmouth

Proposal: - Garage and store (partially retrospective) revised design and layout to 09/1951/FUL)

Status – EDDC - Approved. Parish Council – Did not support.

3. 13/2591/VAR Old Southerton House, Southerton, Ottery St Mary, EX11 1SE

Proposal: - Removal of Condition 2 (which secured holiday occupation only) and condition 5 (which ensured that the holiday unit was operated and serviced in conjunction with Southerton House) on planning consent 07/2922/COU (conversion of outbuilding to form 2 no. units of holiday accommodation).

Status – EDDC - Refusal. Parish Council – supported.

The Chair closed the meeting

## **Open Session**

1. Cricket/play area protective netting – Cllr Phillips referred to his earlier report in respect of erection of netting. In respect of public participation he was hoping for support from those present at the meeting. In respect of the netting, 23 people supported going ahead. In respect of the exercise play equipment, it appeared 4 were in favour. In response to a question “How long had the Council got to spend the capital sum” the answer was two years.
2. Ms Cameron Webb welcomed the concept in respect of the above but she wished to make a formal complaint why the matter of recording at the last meeting was not notified to those present and she could not understand why this was so. Debate ensued as to previous alleged recordings by Members of the Public. It was noted that information had been emailed out to all Members, no vote was taken. As previously referred to above it was only recorded for website purposes.

Cllr Slattery stated that the recording had been made to define the file size and to check the ability to record a council meeting. Cllr Slattery had then only used the file to check a

disagreement on a point of procedure in the discussion. Cllr Slattery had deleted the file but had sent a copy to Cllr Salter. The Chair asked for all copies of the recording to be deleted.

3. Mr Nancekievill raised two points'

Questions referring to why the Clerk referred to the SHLAA meeting, whilst Denise Lyon called it the Village Plan consultation meeting. The Clerk responded "It was the first time he had heard of the term Village Plan consultation meeting" EDDC had got it wrong.

Closure. The Chairman closed proceedings.

Chairman

Date