

**Minutes of Newton Poppleford Parish Council Meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014  
held in the Village Hall at 8.00pm**

**Present: - Cllrs** H Jeffery – Chairman, Cole, Cook, Pearce, Phillips, Ranger, Tillotson, Slattery.

**Apologies: - Cllrs** D Jeffery, Clarke, Potter (DC).

**In attendance: -** D G Atkins (Clerk & RFO) and 6 Members of the Public.

**Open Session** – No matters raised.

**Council Meeting commenced. Meeting was recorded.**

**Declarations of Interest** – None at this time.

**10/13/116 Reports**

**A) Chairman's**

1. The Chairman noted that the **minutes** for 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were awaiting checking and would be presented at the next meeting (this was due to the change of Broadband provider and the system not being fully operational).
  
2. **Police** – There were three reported crimes in October 2014, compared to six in October last year. There was one incident of harassment, one of theft and one of attempted burglary. There have been thirty-eight reported crimes for the year to date, compared to fifty for the same period last year.

Whilst reporting Chris Bolsover updated the September figures, see below: -

There were five reported crimes in September 2014, compared to three September last year. There was one incident of harassment, two of assault and two of criminal damage. There have been thirty-five reported crimes for the year to date, compared to forty-four for the same period last year.

3. **Ottery St Mary Hospital** – meeting in the pavilion re. public responses to Chairman and Clerk for onward transmission. It was noted these were to be forwarded to the Council. Action: Parish Council to draft a letter to respond to the consultation.
  
4. **Harpford flooding and Red Bridge stabilization needs** – It was agreed that a round table meeting was required to involve all parties at the earliest opportunity. Cllr Ranger said she had many photographs of the problems in respect of the ditches in Lower way and these had been forwarded to Cllr Channon. Action: Clerk to contact Cllr Channon.

5. **Report from Cllr Salter re. Webber's Meadow Maintenance** – The Chairman advised this matter to be dealt with at the next meeting due to Cllr Salter not being present, she had however received an emailed report. Noted. Agreed.

## **B) Clerks**

1. **Receipt and payments schedule to end of November** – The figures were noted and these had been added to the landscape sheet which Cllr Slattery had now updated. These to be presented to the Finance meeting for ratification prior to presentation at the January Council meeting when the budget for next year would also be considered.
2. To note East Devon District Council **update on election charges**. It was noted that a third of the cost would be charged if a poll was required at parish level (cost £1,200). The RFO pointed out this could have implications in respect of by-election charges.
3. **106 funding update** (Cllr Phillips) – Cllr Phillips reported that the amount available to the parish stood at £12,165.00. There was £12,108 available for sport provision and £6,000 for land purchase, but this could not be used to pay off any previous loan in respect of Webbers Meadow as the policy stands at this time. In respect of the live/work units at Southerton, agreement was awaited from the developers if they agree to the monies being used in Newton Poppleford. The officer at EDDC was charged with making contact with the developers. It was resolved to talk to neighbouring parishes to see if they could co-operate under “The Villages together funding” to use these funds.
4. **Venn Ottery Water run off** – Further update to the Clerks previous verbal report. Cllr Cole referred to the matter and Southerton and considered the quarry should pay for the clearing of the ditches to stop the water running over the road. It was noted that the County Council had cleared the roadside ditches down to the area concerned, but that they needed to hire transport to take away the resultant material. The Clerk said that a further meeting with Mr Chris Down was awaited. The P3 warden had advised that he considered nothing could be done as far as P3 was concerned. It was noted a quarry liaison meeting was scheduled for January. Action: Cllr Cole to pursue action with the quarry.

In respect of pot holes on the road from the quarry, it was considered this was an urgent matter and that the agreement with the quarry had made it clear that they were responsible. It was agreed that the position is dangerous especially for cyclists. The Clerk said he would contact Cllr Channon the next day. Further discussion should take place at the next meeting.

5. **Date and time of next meeting**. It was agreed that this take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015 in the village hall at 8.00pm. The precept would have to be agreed as requested by EDDC.

- 6. The Clerk reported that he had a supply of empty **sand bags** on hand. It was resolved to pass some to members so that local sources of sand bags are available.
- C) **County** – No report.
- D) **District** – No report.
- E) **Cllr Ranger – Harpford Hall update** – It was noted that funds were being collected and that it was hoped to complete the purchase in the new year.
- F) **Mr T Swan re. P3 Matters** – Mr Swan said that FP 16 is part of the East Devon Way. The East Devon AONB partnership has produced a new booklet highlighting interesting areas.

**10/13/117 Planning Report**

Decisions received – Members and the public had a hard copy of the report. Noted, attached to main Minutes and filed.

**10/13/118 Communications**

- A) **Police Commissioners meeting** at the Beehive, Honiton at 12.30 until 4.30pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014 (details on the website).  
Noted.
- B) East Devon AONB Partnership Working re. East Devon Way. Noted, reported above under P3.

**10/13/119 Planning Applications Received: -**

**1. 14/2890/LBC Land West of Peeks, Harpford**

**Proposal: -** Conversion of barn to ancillary accommodation to be used in conjunction with otter House and as holiday accommodation (amendment to application ref. 13/2049/LBC) to include roof light on south elevation replaced with larger glazed opening.

**Observations: -** Members supported. Cllr Ranger declared an interest in this application and refrained from voting.

**2. 14/2806/FUL East Hill Pride Farm Shop, Four Elms Hill, Harpford, Sidmouth**

**Proposal: -** Construction of single storey side extension to existing farm shop to provide meeting/education room.

**Observations: -** Members supported with a reservation in respect that no coaches would be allowed access (the applicant assured the meeting he did not have any wish for coaches to be able to visit). It was also considered that it would have no greater impact on the AONB as that which is already in place and in view of the educational approach. Members were supportive of the proposal with the condition of no access for coaches.

**3. 14/2846/LBC The Dray, Venn Ottery Barton  
Venn Ottery, Ottery St Mary**

**Proposal: -** Internal and external alterations (amendment to application 14/1373/LBC) for relocation of fireplace and flue.

**Observations: -** Members fully supported the application.

**4. 14/2725/FUL 12 Otter Reach, Newton Poppleford**

**Proposal: -** Construction of single storey rear extension.

**Observations: -** Members fully supported the application.

**10/13/119**

**Matters Raised by Members – None.**

It was noted that the Venn Ottery Road Cemetery Board had been refurbished by Cllr Phillips at minimal cost. He was thanked for his effort.

Cllr Cook raised the matter of graves not being laid out flat for mowing. It was agreed the clerk contact undertakers reminding them of their responsibilities of filling, leveling and tidying up after an interment.

**10/13/120**

**Closure –** The Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and closed the meeting at 9.40pm.