

**Newton Poppleford & Harpford Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**  
**in the Pavilion at 8pm.**

<b>Present :Cllr:</b> Zirker (In the Chair), Clarke, Downen, Kemp, Lipczynski, Ranger, Tillotson	<b>Actions</b>
<b>Apologies:</b> - Cllr: - Burhop, Coppel & Jeffery.	
<b>In attendance:</b> - D G Atkins (Clerk & RFO), PCSO Steve Lee & Channon CC .Eleven members of the Public	
<p><b>Police report.</b> PC Lee apologized for Sergeant Turner not being able to attend, but he was hopeful of doing so at the next meeting. Reference was made to the incident alleged to have taken place in Newton Poppleford toilets and PC Lee confirmed that the Police are continuing to monitor the area but there is no evidence at all that it had ever taken place and it appeared to be a hoax. It was noted that 5 crimes had been reported during the month.(2 Burglaries, 2 thefts, and one of domestic violence. Pc Lee referred to engraving Post Codes on all valuable items, the Police do this as a free service, also they still have available a supply of screeching Padlocks. Mr Slade referred to a person urinating in public, PC Lee said he was aware of this and would have a further word with the individual. He then referred to another “ Big Scene day” where 100 vehicles had been stopped and 12 prohibited from proceeding. Shan Merritt raised the matter of the police and crime commissioners forthcoming Election and enquired if it was considered a necessary post. It was noted that the current one had been helpful to the Sidmouth Police.</p> <p><b>Cllr Channon.</b> referred to the new School Build and indicated that DCC had not received the plans and were trying to obtain them. The open day for viewing at the school was 14<sup>th</sup> April. School warning sign, it was considered that this was a matter for the Headmaster to request. Venn Ottery Quarry liaison Committee, note no meetings had been held recently due to an Officers death, but the next one would be notified to VOSRA for a representative to attend. Red Bridge continued considerations are ongoing, costing solutions awaited.</p>	
<b>OPEN SESSION</b>	
<p><b>Mr Swan, raised a burning issues item,</b> in respect of the air Ambulance night time operation, pending landing site availability. He suggested offering the use of the Playing Field. Auto lighting would be required as would a landing surface. It was suggested a letter be sent to Air Ambulance control seeking information.</p> <p>Items discussed under Police &amp; DCC. The other contentious item was the matter of the removal of the over grown hedgerow saplings (referred to as trees). VOSRA complained through the deputy chair that notification should have been given to the residents of Venn Ottery. The Clerk was criticized for this reply to one Resident, but stated the Council had decided to proceed after taking advice from three Tree Surgeons in respect of Danger &amp; the loss of light affecting grass growth. It was noted that when it all re-sprouted it would look better (the matter had been fully considered by the finance committee at two meetings). It was agreed that a letter be sent to VOSRA chair man in due course and further consideration be given to communications via the Policy Committee.</p>	<b>A</b>
<b>Council Meeting</b>	
<p><b>1. Minutes</b> of the previous meeting were agreed. Proposed Councilor M.T seconded Councilor J.C. carried unanimously 1 abstention</p>	

<p><b>2. Declarations of Interest</b>– None</p>	
<p><b>3. Actions List</b> Reviewed &amp; Updated (see report sheet)**</p>	
<p><b>4. Issues requiring decision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Surgery noted ongoing with Finance Chair &amp; Clerk.</li> <li>B) Parish Council May meeting (APM &amp; APCM) date &amp; venue Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 in the Village Hall.</li> <li>C) Life Belt at River Otter. Costing awaited from EDDC.</li> <li>D) A.V. Equipment for planning. Final decision from Lottery awaited query the VAT. . Agreed to meet with the VH management committee, Managing Trustees to agree what was needed to be done in relation to Electric Screens.</li> <li>E) Xmas lunch. Debated again as to should it be Xmas day. Noted that some takers were interested but 4 helpers would be required the Zirker were happy to cook etc for this Xmas. Agreed to consider further at the next meeting and identify those who would like to attend, Cllr Channon again offered a grant of funding from the locality fund.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Queen Birthday Celebration update. It was noted that a full programme was now in place, but that flooring for the marquee was not available from the marquee suppliers. Other options to be investigated next Committee meeting in the Pavilion on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm.</li> <li>B) Flooding issues, ongoing. Chairman needed to attend.</li> <li>C) Toilets update – lessons learnt need for communication Policy. Agreed to discuss at next Policy meeting.</li> <li>D) DCC Grant aid re county grass cutting sites – possibility of applying for Grant aid from County. Noted current years funds allocated but to apply by July next.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A</p>
<p><b>5. Planning Applications Received</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) 15/2866/FUL East Hill Pride Farm Shop, Four Elms Hill, Harpford. Proposal: Construction of a dwelling for a Horticultural worker (new site). Members noted this was an update on the previous supported application, but a new site for the property had had been suggested by Officers at EDDC. Councilor Ranger voiced her concern on the matter, the applicant responding to the point raised and previously considered. Resolved to support the new siting with the addition of an agricultural tie being applied. Proposed Cllr M.J. Seconded Cllr J.C. 4-0-3 ABS.</li> <li>B) 15/2615FUL Hillside House, Exeter Road. Proposal: Change of use from Hotel and Restaurant (class C1) to residential care home (class 2) including alterations &amp; extensions. Noted this has previously been supported, more detailed note of the operation for consideration. Resolved to fully support the proposal. Jobs would be created. Proposed Cllr Kemp Seconded Cllr Downen 6-0-1 ABS.</li> <li>C) 16/0638/RES Little Orchard (Land adjacent), Exmouth Road.</li> </ul>	

<p>Proposal: Reserve matter application seeking approval of details for access, appearance, landscaping &amp; scale in respect of permission. 13/0134/OUT (Construction of three dwellings) Resolved to support the application. Proposed Cllr J.C. Seconded Cllr M.T. 6-0-1 ABS.</p>	
<p>Council Committees Planning. Noted minutes of the last meeting to be presented at the next Committee meeting.</p>	
<p><b>6. Financial Management Report</b> Receipt, Payment, Balance to end of February tabled. Noted Summary to follow.</p>	
<p><b>7. Reports</b> A) Police (See above) B) Cllr Channon (see above)</p> <p>Cllr Ranger DC. Councilor Ranger referred to the affordable housing calculator setting out the contributions that might be requested from all new developments, including for single dwellings. Under the previous system it was only applied if 15 houses were being built. In the DMC training session it was noted a legal case was ongoing. In our area £125 per sq meter was to be charged. It was considered this might close loop holes in the scheme.</p> <p><b>8. Pathways Coordinator (Mr. Swan)</b> A) Gales had brought down trees, some he had cleared others await owner's assistance. B) Replacement steps by the old recycling centre has been replaced; he was thanked for this by Cllr Kemp.</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Plans</b> No report.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Communications</b></p>	
<p><b>9. Exchange of Information</b> Cllr Downen raised the matter of the website and considered it needed refreshing and become more dynamic. Shan Merritt responded seeking input from all members to promote its usefulness, and also that she was happy for someone else to take over responsibility for running the website.</p>	
<p><b>.Date of next Council meeting:</b> Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in the Village Hall.</p>	
<p><b>Closure</b> - The meeting concluded at 10.20pm.</p>	

<b>Chairman</b>	
<b>Date</b>	