



### **South Hams District Council Elections**

We would like to congratulate our two new District Councillors. We wish them good fortune in their selection and hope that the RYDA is able to support them in their task over the coming years. Should there be anyone amongst you who has not seen them, here are the results for the new ward of Newton and Yealmpton

Keith Baldry (Lib Dem)	1,762	from Yealmpton	Selected
Ian Blackler (Con)	1,537	from Cadleigh	Selected
Suzie Cooper (Con)	1,417	from Newton Ferrers	
John Green (Green)	1,083	from Newton Ferrers	

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank Suzie Cooper, who represented the old ward of Newton and Noss, for all her hard work over the last 8 years.

### **Newton and Noss Parish Council Elections**

There was no election of Parish Councillors in Newton and Noss since there were insufficient applicants to fill all the seats. Accordingly the following 11 people will be installed unopposed as your new Council.

Caroline Adams	Alison Ansell
Rod Carter	Alan Cooper
Suzie Cooper	Suzanne Cove
Fiona Evans	John Green
Dominic Hussell	Colin Lyndon
Tony Tubb	

Our thanks to the two retiring members and good wishes to the new Council, particularly in the hope that they will do something to encourage the production of our Neighbourhood Plan.

We would expect that in the not too distant future our Parish Clerk will be attempting to find someone to come forward and volunteer to take up the 12th seat on the Council. We would also encourage you all to consider this seriously, particularly now that there is a unique opportunity to do something tangible about shaping the future of our community in the coming years.

## **Affordable Housing**

It has been reported that members are becoming confused about the plethora of proposals that are currently in the pipeline to build complexes of Affordable Houses on undeveloped sites outside the village development boundaries. Historically, in 2006, the Council identified 11 sites within the Parish upon which the land owners had offered to build affordable houses. However up until recently only one of these had been taken forward. In the last 12 months 3 additional proposals have been put forward. Since there is yet one more imminent now, making a total of 5 projects in all, it is appropriate to remind you where we stand. In chronological order we have the following proposals.

**Parsonage Road.** This is a long-standing proposal to build 14 houses comprising a mix of shared ownership and rented properties on the south side of Parsonage Road opposite the Gunsey Lane entrance (that is on the left as you come into Newton from Yealmpton.) There has been much delay over this project but we have recently been informed by our retiring District Councillor that it is now going ahead, the landowner and developer having signed an agreement to that effect over the Christmas holiday period.

**Collaton.** This proposal is to build 70 houses plus light industrial units and offices on the old RAF site between the two existing housing developments at Collaton. 40% of the homes would be Affordable Houses (28 houses). The proposal is currently awaiting a planning decision by SHDC.

**Hannaford Lane.** This is a proposal for a mixed affordable housing development of 12 houses on land in the Combe in Noss just up the valley above the childrens' play park. The proposal was briefed to the Parish Council last autumn and the landowner was advised that he should consider holding a public consultation. As far as we know that is where the matter rests at present.

**The Fairway.** The Parish Council were briefed at the same meeting about a proposal to build 5 open market houses on an extension to the Fairway running up towards, but not joining with, Middle Leigh. As a quid pro quo, two affordable houses were offered on an undisclosed site elsewhere in the villages. As far as we know this project is also still at the consultation stage.

**Parsonage Farm.** The latest proposal is to build 11 houses, 6 of which would be open market and 5 affordable houses on the other side of Parsonage Road (the north side – on the right coming in). This is on a plot of land, also outside the village development boundary which lies behind Parsonage Farm.

Members will perhaps wonder why we need a total of some 55 affordable houses in our community. The common factor, of course, is that they are all to be built on land on which otherwise it might not be possible to get planning permission.

### **Public Consultation over the Parsonage Farm Project**

The proposal described immediately above is the one that is now going to public consultation. This will take place in the WI Hall, Newton Ferrers on Wednesday 13th May from 3.30 – 6.30pm. It will be an opportunity to see, and comment on, the plans that have been drawn up and we would encourage you to go along.

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