

**Proceedings of Ordinary Gram Sabha Meeting held on 20/08/2017** at 11.00 am in the Panchayat hall, Second Floor, Buticas Navelim, This meeting is presided over by the Sarpanch Smt. Vilma D'Silva.

The signatures of the members present are taken on the attendance register where in 93 members are present. Earlier this meeting is adjourned by half an hour after waiting for 15 minutes and the same started at 11.45 am.

At the outset the Sarpanch welcome the members present and extended her warm greetings and called upon them to cooperate with the chair, to conduct this meeting in a cordial atmosphere. She thanked the members in anticipation for their Co-operation.

**1. To read and confirm the proceedings of previous meeting:-**

Philomena Coutinho	Proposer
Inacio Vas	Secunder

Proceedings of the previous Ordinary Gram Sabha Meeting held on 09/04/2017, and 15/08/2017 are read and unanimously confirmed.

Also the action taken report of the said meeting is placed before the members. During review the members sought follow up action in respect to the following:-

- 1-1) The status of action initiated by the water resources department needs to be obtained including filing of FIR with the Police in respect to destruction caused to the Irrigation Canal during the work carried out on western bypass.
- 1-2) The matter of nationalization of rivers should be immediately followed up with a reminder so that the same are denotified.

Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro, Shri. Inacio Vas, Shri. Siddharth Karapurkar, Shri. Haorld Pinto, Shri. Melwin Pereira participated in the deliberation and shared their views in the matter.

**2. To Form Various Committees.**

Inacio Vas	Proposer
Siddharth Karapurkar	Secunder

The Sarpanch informed that various committees need to be formed and sought their active participation by involving themselves. After discussion the members unanimously resolved to form two Supervisory committees and named them as Eastern Supervisory committee and Western Supervisory committee of Village Panchayat Navelim. The following members volunteered to be the members of the respective committee:-

- Eastern Supervisory committee:-
- 1) Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro
  - 2) Shri. Patrick D'Costa
  - 3) Shri. Gerald Pereira
  - 4) Smt. Benedicta Fernandes
- Western Supervisory committee:-
- 1) Shri. Melvyn Pereira
  - 2) Shri. Harold Pinto
  - 3) Shri. Siddharth Karapurkar
  - 4) Smt. Philomena Coutinho

The formation of Village Development Committee is also discussed and formed as under

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| 1) Smt. Vilma D`Silva   | Chairperson |
| 2) All Panchayat Members  | Members     |
| 3) All members of two Supervisory Committee                           | Members     |
| 4) All members of Village Health and Sanitation Committee             | Members     |
| 5) All members of Garbage Committee                                   | Members     |
| 6) All the members of Village Child Development Committee             | Members     |
| 7) All members of Bio-Diversity committee                             | Members     |
| 8) Shri. Mario J.J. Viegas, V.P. Secretary, Navelim Member Secretary. |             |

The members further resolved to add more names to the said committee, if such names are submitted by the Gram Sabha members with their willingness to join this committee or other committees which are yet to be formed by the Panchayat.

### **3. To revise taxes and fees.**

Harold Pinto	Proposer
George Barretto	Secunder

The Matter of revision of taxes and fees is unanimously rejected by the members present. During discussion Shri. Benedicto Themudo suggested 10% uniform increase rather than a flat levy of Rs. 100/- per unit. Shri. Harold Pinto called for total rejection of revision of taxes and fees until such time all the owners renting premises are assessed for One Month's Rental Tax. Shri. George Barretto too opposed the revision of taxes and fees. However he favoured levy of garbage tax as levied by the Margao Municipality. Shri. Cruz Rodrigues favoured the revision of tax since the same has been revised years back. Shri. Simon Fernandes participating objected the revision of fees.

### **4. To consider the proposals / suggestions received from the Gram Sabha Members, if any.**

#### **4(1) Proposal from Cruz Rodrigues**

With reference to the proposals received from the Gram Sabha member Shri. Cruz Rodrigues, the following are taken up point wise.

#### **1. Nationalisation of Rivers:**

Cruz Rodrigues	Proposer
Siddharth Karapurkar	Secunder

Shri. Cruz Rodrigues informed the members that Nationalisation will have a major impact on the fisherman community. He said that the dredging of River Sal has taken place but filth continues to drain in the River. Shri. Siddharth Karapurkar participating informed that there will be restriction on movement of Canoes and Fishing boats. He further stated that Nationalisation will encourage more jetties with Coal yards as some have already come up in some areas. After discussion it is unanimously resolved to oppose the Nationalisation of Rivers in Goa.

2. Landscaping and Painting of Panchayat front yard:

Cruz Rodrigues	Proposer
Siddarth Karapurkar	Seconder

Unanimously resolved to confirm that the work of landscaping in front of the Panchayat is done. It is further resolved to take up the work of Painting of the front yard.

3. Main Bus stop Shed and Divider Grill repair and Painting:

Cruz Rodrigues	Proposer
Siddarth Karapurkar	Seconder

Unanimously resolved that Panchayat should repair and paint the Divider Grill near Main Bus stop at Navelim. It is further resolved to paint the front yard of the Panchayat complex.

4. Ward wise Development Plan:

Cruz Rodrigues	Proposer
Siddarth Karapurkar	Seconder

Unanimously resolved to prepare village Development plan Ward wise once the Village Development committee takes up the task of planning.

5. Parking for Senior Citizens behind Corporation Bank:

Cruz Rodrigues	Proposer
Siddarth Karapurkar	Seconder

Unanimously resolved to exploit the possibility of providing reservation of Parking area for senior Citizens behind Corporation Bank, as the Parking area in and around the said Bank is always full during business hours and cause lot of inconvenience to the senior citizens.

6. Elevators to Panchayat:

Cruz Rodrigues	Proposer
Siddarth Karapurkar	Seconder

Unanimously resolved to fast track the work of providing of Elevators to the Panchayat Building as the senior citizens are facing the hardships to climb the first floor of the Panchayat Building for their day to day office work.

7. Repairs of Tolleabandh Road.

Cruz Rodrigues	Proposer
Siddarth Karapurkar	Seconder

Unanimously resolved to request the P.W.D. to repair the Tolleabandh Road which was dug by Reliance to lay the fiber Optic cable.

8. Incomplete work on N.H. 17:

Cruz Rodrigues	Proposer
Siddarth Karapurkar	Secunder

Unanimously resolved to request the Highway Authorities to complete the pending work of road widening from Navelim junction to Bellem.

***4(2) Proposals of Eleuterio Carniero:***

With reference to the proposals received from the Gram Sabha member Shri. Eleuterio Carniero, the following are taken up point wise.

1. Garbage Tax:

Eleuterio Carniero	Proposer
Harold Pinto	Secunder

Shri. Eleuterio Carniero sought levy of garbage tax on households and establishment. He stated that as of now some buildings are disposing the garbage at their own cost and these need to be exempted. After discussion the members sought more time in finalizing the said issue of levy of garbage tax.

2. Advertisement tax:

Eleuterio Carniero	Proposer
Harold Pinto	Secunder

Shri. Eleuterio Carniero sought levy of Advertisement tax on boards and display material undertaken within the jurisdiction of Navelim Village.

3. Composting units:

Eleuterio Carniero	Proposer
Harold Pinto	Secunder

Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro informed the Gram Sabha that the Buildings old and new should necessarily have composting units for safe and proper disposal of wet garbage. He requested the Panchayat to devise ways to enforce this requirement.

4. Incinerators for all Housing Societies:

Eleuterio Carniero	Proposer
Harold Pinto	Secunder

Unanimously resolved to request all housing Societies to install incinerators in their respective complexes so that the waste generated from pampers/diapers does not take to the streets after use.

5. Illegal digging by Reliance Jio:

Eleuterio Carneiro	Proposer
Harold Pinto	Secunder

Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro informed the members that Reliance Jio is in the process of installing towers in the form of High Mast Poles. He further informed that rampant digging is being undertaken without the permission of the Panchayat. To a query from members Shri. Benedicto Themudo informed the members that there is no proposal for installation of towers on Rosary College. It is further informed that inspite of road works being banned during monsoon, Reliance Jio continues to take up the said works haphazardly, destroying the roads & Pathways, pits dug continues to be opened. After discussion the members unanimously resolved to reject the proposal of towers and not to allow any work being undertaken in Navelim Village without the permission of the Gram Sabha. It is further stressed that any illegal towers put by reliance should be removed.

6. Rental tax equivalent to one month's rent:

Eleuterio Carniero	Proposer
Harold Pinto	Secunder

Unanimously resolved to continue with the levy of Rental tax equivalent to one month's rent in respect of owners letting out their premises on Rent. Shri. Eleuterio Caniero justifying the levy of rental tax informed that lot of pressure in brought on the existing infrastructure, and the residents unnecessarily are facing low voltage, improper supply of water, haphazard dumping of garbage, inspite of Panchayat door to door collection drive. He also clarified to the members that the rental tax is rightfully levied as per rules of levy of taxes.

7. Works to be taken up under 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission Grants:

Eleuterio Carniero	Proposer
Harold Pinto	Secunder

Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro informed the members to immediately chalk out road map to spend the 14<sup>th</sup> finance commission grants.

8. Drugs and Prostitution

Eleuterio Carneiro	Proposer
Melwin Pereira	Secunder

Shri. Eleuterio Carniero informed the members that one person by name Raju is caught with drugs. He further informed that he is residing on rent in Mandopa. He also informed that the trade of prostitution is raising its ugly head in Navelim Village and the Modus operandi is that a group of four five girls rent out a flat and carry on the said Trade. The concerned owner shall be responsible for the wrong doings if the said person / persons are not registered as a tenant. He further informed that secluded spots are being used by the drug

users namely the students. Groups of students are being seen along the Irrigation canal at Mandopa. Shri. Melwin Pereira suggested to identify black spots, to erect obstruction on access leading to such spots, install CC TV cameras. After discussion it is unanimously resolved to issue notice to the Owners letting out premises to immediately report such suspicious activity being carried by the tenant, request the Police to increase patrolling with the help of locals and also form Vigilance groups.

**4(3) Proposals of Antonio Alvares:**

With reference to the proposals received from the Gram Sabha member Shri. Antonio Alvares, the following are taken up point wise.

1. Approval of Draft Resolution:

Antonio Alvares	Proposer
Siddarth Karapurkar	Seconder

Shri. Antonio Alvares suggested that the draft resolution of the Gram Sabha needs to be prepared duly signed by the proposer and seconder and read out to the members.

2. Possession status of college wing, addition to school building, wells and grounds:

Antonio Alvares	Proposer
Siddarth Karapurkar	Seconder

Shri. Antonio Alvares informed the members that the Government has built buildings for college and Schools. Also public utility infrastructure has been created like wells football ground and he questioned its status. He informed that this infrastructure should be in the possession of the Panchayat as it belongs to the Government. The Sarpanch clarified that as of now the college building and the school building constructed by R.D. A. is handed over to the respective owner for its upkeep maintenance and its rightful use. It is also informed that the College building has been granted the Occupancy as per the approval of the Town and Country Planning Department and the question of initiating action against illegal construction does not arise. The Dy. Sarpanch clarified that if still there is discrepancy the matter could be brought before the Panchayat after due verification of Plans. Shri. Antonio Alvares informed the members that the Panchayat is not tackling the matter with its earnest desire and he will move against the Panchayat before the appellate Authority.

3. Objection to entry of Heavy Machinery:

Antonio Alvares	Proposer
Eleuterio Carniero	Seconder

Shri. Antonio Alvares informed that overnight heavy machinery enters the Panchayat jurisdiction and takes up road digging, cutting and laying of cable

works. The Government machinery is also used for this purpose to impose the will of towers owners on the Panchayat and recalled the summoning of the Gram Sabha by Block Development Officer, Salcete, to approve towers in the disguise of BRICS summit. He informed that the Panchayat is supreme and no other authority can impose their will on the Panchayat and seek decision as per their dictates. He reiterated that these towers if erected would give the monopoly to Reliance in providing mobile services. All action is directed by Reliance and by either by hook or by crook the company wants to erect towers. Shri. Eleuterio informed that now the towers are coming in the form of water tanks, High Mast Poles and called upon the people to be vigilant. After discussion the members Unanimously resolved not to grant any permission for towers without the approval of the Gram Sabha and levy fine for the destruction caused by Reliance while laying of cables. It is also resolved to direct Reliance to Stop all Work proposed to be undertaken within the jurisdiction of Navelim Village and heavy machinery of any type should not be allowed to enter the Village without the permission of the Panchayat.

4. Selling G.S.T. goods improperly without registration:

Antonio Alvares	Proposer
Eleuterio Carniero	Seconder

Unanimously resolved to keep a check on hawkers/vendors selling goods without G.S.T. registration where G.S.T. is applicable.

**4(4) Proposals of Melwyn Pereira:**

With reference to the proposals received from the Gram Sabha member Shri. Melwyn Pereira, the following are taken up point wise.

1. Demarcation of Village Boundaries:

Melwyn Pereira	Proposer
Siddarth Karapurkar	Seconder

Shri. Melwyn Pereira suggested that the Panchayat should make efforts to mark the Village Boundaries in between the neighbouring Villages of Telaulim, Aquem-Baixo and Dramapur-Sirlim. After discussion the members unanimously resolved to sort out any existing conflict.

2. Electricity, water woes, stray dog Menace:

Melwyn Pereira	Proposer
Siddarth Karapurkar	Seconder

Shri. Melwyn Pereira sought Panchayat suggestion in respect of the following concerned services:

1. Attending of Maintenance work of street light/Electricity in a haphazard manner. All the calls are being attended simultaneously on one vehicle with all the lines man and helpers attending to one call at a time, thus wasting man hours. Instead the staff should be provided T.A. and each call should be attended separately by one linesman and a helper. After discussion the members unanimously adopted the same and decided to forward the same to Electricity Department for needful action.
2. Water shortage occurs during normal hours as buildings have put pumps so that they can have maximum water as result the ordinary residents are having water shortage. Shri. Siddarth Karapurkar confirmed the said fact and sought an early end to such illegal activities. After discussion it is unanimously resolved to bring such instance to the notice of the Panchayat so that deem fit action is initiated in the matter.
3. Stray dog Menace has increased as such the members unanimously resolved to tackle the issue with the help of authorities concerned.
4. Bus stop for buses heading southwards from Navelim has been long pending demand. It is known fact that Bus stop was proposed near Rosary commercial Arcade in the road widening area maintained by the Builder but due to objection from the residents the same has been put on hold. After discussion the members unanimously resolved to have a follow up action in the matter.

**5. Any other subject, with the prior permission of the Chairman.**

**5 (1) Congratulatory Motion.**

Melwin Pereira	Proposer
Eleuterio Carniero	Seconder

Shri, Melvyn Perieira congratulated the Sarpanch, and the Panchayat body and extended his good wishes and greetings. He also congratulated the staff and the Panchayat in taking a lead to provide digital services which are available to Navelim residents through vnavelim.com. This being the first Gram Sabha he called upon the Panchayat to provide a corrupt free transparent administration to its villagers which is unanimously adopted. Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro, Shri. Harold Pinto spoke and participated on the congratulatory motion.

**5 (2) Conversion of Wet Garbage into Bio gas.**

Eleuterio Carniero	Proposer
Melwin Pereira	Seconder

A short presentation is made by Mr. Brian on the request of the Sarpanch as to how the wet garbage can be converted to Bio gas which could either be used for cooking in household or generate electricity for limited lighting purpose. He stressed the need for garbage free Navelim through this method and informed that the technology used by his firm is tried tested and working. He also called upon the members to participate in a free demonstration of the kit involved in converting wet garbage into bio-gas after the Gram Sabha Meeting and raise queries if any in the said matter.

**5 (3) Bio gas Project**

Eleuterio Carneiro	Proposer
Antonio Alvares	Secunder

Unanimously resolved to request the Hon`ble M.P. to provide a Bio gas plant for utilizing wet garbage, with Generator set to convert the gas into electricity and infrastructure for utilizing the same for street lighting in the jurisdiction of Navelim Village through MPLADS Funds.

**5 (4) Sewerage Pumping Station**

Eleuterio Carneiro	Proposer
Antonio Alvares	Secunder

Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro objected to constructing of pumping station at Mandopa bridge and is unanimously resolved to object to the same as ground water will be polluted since its proximity to the River Sal tributary also the underground springs will be polluted. It is further resolved to instead connect the sewerage pipe line from Mandopa via Aquem-Baixo as the ground level is even on that side.

**5 (5) Opposition to Tower being proposed at Bellem.**

Simon Fernandes	Proposer
Eleuterio Carniero	Secunder

Unanimously resolved to submit an objection to the Tower coming up in Bellem in Telaulim Village. Although it is in the other Village the members opined that Navelim villagers will be affected due to its proximity to fradilem and Calvaddo, which are residential areas.

**5 (6) Opposition to Mega Housing projects.**

Siddarth Karapukar	Proposer
Eleuterio Carniero	Secunder

Shri. Siddarth Karapukar informed that Mega housing projects lead to urbanization and the Government is planning to include the surrounding Village of Navelim, Raia and Davorlim in the Margao Municipal Council. With the extent of development being undertaken in Navelim it is high time we realize our importance to remain as a Village. He further stressed the need to control mega Housing project and the same should be banned. After discussion the same is unanimously adopted.

**5 (7) Sub-way operational and renting of Panchayat premises.**

Siddarth Karapukar	Proposer
Eleuterio Carniero	Secunder

Shri. Siddarth Karpukar requested the Panchayat to make the sub-way functional and also to rent out the Panchayat premises to earn revenue for the Panchayat. After discussion the same is unanimously adopted.

**5 (8) Erection of speed breakers.**

Harold Pinto	Proposer
Siddarth Karapukar	Secunder

Shri. Harold Pinto proposed to erect speed breakers on the Nagmodem road as it has become broad and accident prone. After discussion the same is considered by the members unanimously.

**5 (9) To revert back Goa state under Pune NGT tribunal.**

Harold Pinto	Proposer
Siddarth Karapukar	Secunder

Shri. Harold Pinto informed the members that the Goa state is brought under NGT tribunal Delhi instead of Pune from Yesterday i.e. 19/8/2017. He informed that this has been intentionally done so as to cause inconvenience to Social Activists from Goa filing cases against the Government. The members after discussion unanimously resolved to object to the said transfer of proceedings/cases to Delhi Tribunal and allow Goa state to continue under the Pune NGT tribunal.

As there being no other matter, this meeting ended at 2.30 p.m.; with a vote of thanks by Shri. Paul Pereira, Dy. Sarpanch, V.P. Navelim.

*Recorded by:*

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