

**Proceedings of Ordinary Gram Sabha Meeting held on 09/02/2020** at 10.00 am in the premises of Panchayat Hall, Buticas Navelim, This meeting is presided over by the Sarpanch Smt. Bebinda Gonsalves.

The signatures of the members present are taken on the attendance register where in 66 members are present. Earlier this meeting is adjourned by half an hour after waiting for 15 minutes and the same started at 10.45 am.

At the outset the Sarpanch welcomed the members present and extended her warm greetings and called upon them to co-operate with the chair, to conduct this meeting in a cordial atmosphere and requested to limit the discussion to developmental matters for Navelim Village. She thanked the members in anticipation for their Co-operation. She further informed the Gram Sabha members that being elected as Sarpanch of the V.P. Navelim this is her first meeting to preside over as the Sarpanch; she requested the Gram Sabha members for their support and co-operation as always shown by them. Smt. Suchita Kolvenkar, V.P. Clerk, V.P. Assolna nominated Officer of the Block Development Office, Salcete Block, Margao was present.

**8) To read and confirm the proceedings of previous meeting:-**

Filomena Coutinho	Proposer
Eleuterio Carneiro	Secunder

Proceedings of the previous Ordinary Gram Sabha Meeting held on 03/11/2019, is read and unanimously confirmed.

Also the action taken report of the said meeting is placed before the members.

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

Unanimously confirmed that there are no proposals received for discussion.

Since there are no proposals received for discussion in today's meeting the Chair invited the Gram Sabha members to put forth their suggestions if any relating to development in the village and the following suggestions are discussed:-

h) The Gram Sabha member Shri. Melvyn Pereira congratulated the Sarpanch for being elected as the Sarpanch of V.P. Navelim. He expressed his appreciation to Smt. Vilma D'Silva, Ex-Sarpanch for selflessly serving the village of Navelim during her tenure. He further informed the chair that the people travelling towards the south have no bus stop and hence there are lot of hardships faced by the school/college students, senior citizens regarding lack of bus shelter. He also informed the chair that the same was proposed many times but he feels that no action was taken by the Panchayat and therefore requested the Sarpanch to take up necessary steps to erect the bus bay/bus stop at the earliest. The chair informed that a feasible location for Bus Stop

will have to be identified and necessary action will be initiated in the matter.

- i) The Gram Sabha member Shri. Inacio Vas informed the chair about all the unwanted activities like smoking, drinking, prostitution, playing of loud music etc. are happening behind the corporation bank. He further said that he was assured that there will be high mast installed at the said place for better illumination of the area but nothing has been done till date. The chair informed that the matter was referred to the Electricity Dept. and that they have informed that the high mast cannot be installed in the said place being not feasible. Shri Inacio Vas requested the chair to explore other alternatives and initiate action in the matter.

The Gram Sabha Member Shri. Harold Pinto requested the chair to do proper investigation before granting NOC's to fabrication workshops as they are causing social disturbance to the residents in the vicinity. He therefore requested the Panchayat to seek NOC from the neighbours before granting such NOC for business of fabrication workshop. He further informed that he is surprised to see the mobile tower which is installed on the roof top of the Panchayat and also the one which is installed at Nagmodem. The Chair informed that the Panchayat is already in receipt of a complaint from the residents of Nagmodem in respect to erection of tower at Nagmodem and that the matter is being followed up. Shri. Cruz Rodrigues participating informed that the matter regarding installation of mobile towers was already discussed in the previous Gram Sabha meeting and installation of towers in jurisdiction of Navelim was unanimously approved by the Gram Sabha members. Further the Sarpanch read out the resolution No. 4 of the Gram Sabha Meeting held on 27/01/2019 for information of the Gram Sabha. She further informed that the said matter is a complaint matter and no further discussion shall be allowed as the Panchayat is awaiting response from the other concerned depts. in the matter as filed in the respective departments. She further informed that action will be initiated accordingly.

- k) The Gram Sabha Member Smt. Celly Quadros informed the Gram Sabha members that being Chairperson of Navelim Bio-Diversity Management Committee she is ought to present matters related to Bio-Diversity in every Gram Sabha Meetings of the Panchayat as per the circular released by the Concerned Dept. She further informed that the PBR for Navelim Village has been completed and is forwarded to the Authorities for approval. She requested the Gram Sabha Members to provide inputs related to the same so as to do additions in the said

PBR. She informed the Gram Sabha Members that the only Zarambo in Navelim which was at the site of western bypass could not be saved however she has grafted saplings of the tree. She further raised concern related to the salinity of the tributary of River Sal at Mandopa and requested the Chair to request the Concerned Authorities to re-verify its salinity as she opined that the water of the said tributary of River Sal is half salty and half fresh. Further in congruence to the matter of mobile tower being discussed in this Gram Sabha; she opined that mobile is a need of an hour and the people should compromise a little to enjoy benefits as most of the things are harmful yet sometimes we do not pay a heed to it. She informed the Gram Sabha members that there are radiations emitted even while speaking on the mobile phones which are also very harmful. She further supposed that there is a large number of Gram Sabha Members attending today's Gram Sabha only because they have concern in regards to installation of tower; she suggested that all should attend the Gram Sabha otherwise also, and rather than holding the Panchayat responsible in all the matters, one should also question themselves about their contribution towards development in their ward including the members who are representing their ward in the Village Development Committee.

- l) Shri. Harold Pinto discussed that the Pillars erected for overbridge of western bypass are erected in the road set back area and therefore stop work order should be issued in the matter. He further suggested joint meeting with the concerned MLA and Authorities of the Western Bypass in order to seek more clarity in regards to the Western Bypass.
- m) The Gram Sabha Member Shri. Harold Pinto informed the Chair that Citizen Amendment Act (CAA) passed by the Government should be opposed as the same is anti-people. After discussion the members unanimously resolved to oppose the said act and forward the same to the Govt.
- n) Shri. Harold Pinto further said that he was not aware about today's Gram Sabha meeting. He further requested the Chair to use SMS system or Whatsapp system to send messages to the phone numbers available with the Panchayat in order to inform about the scheduled Gram Sabha meeting.
- o) The Gram Sabha Member Shri. Joao Mergulhao informed the Gram Sabha members that the Govt. has recently released a list of Panchayats which are included to be a part of urban area, however in the said list the name of Navelim Panchayat is missing. He further

asserted that the Panchayat should take note of the same and conduct and inquiry beforehand as he apprehended something devious. He further informed the Gram Sabha that the Panchayat Secretary and the Panchayat Staff are assigned BLO duties which affect the working of the panchayat thereby affecting the public at large due to the absence of the said staff. He suggested writing to the Block Development Officer, Salcete Margao to abstain from assigning any sort of additional duties to the Panchayat Secretary and Panchayat Staff.

- p) The Gram Sabha Member Smt. Mariam Almeida inquired with the Chair about the Schedule for collection of door to door dry garbage as her garbage is not collected on regular basis. The Chair informed that the days for collection of garbage are re-scheduled and list of the same has been put up on the notice board.
- q) The Gram Sabha Member Smt. Celly Quadros informed the chair that people from her locality dump garbage into the river tributary thereby causing nuisance and pollution of the said river. She also informed that people throw food items along the roadside for the stray dogs, which also creates nuisance, therefore she requested the chair to take necessary action in the said matter. Further she brought to the notice of the chair about the garbage which flows below the Mandopa Bridge and to take immediate action in the matter. Shri. Eleuterio Carneiro informed that sewage from Aquem Baixo is released in the tributary of River Sal which has polluted the said river. He further suggested that net should be put along the tributary of river Sal in order to avoid dumping of garbage into it. Shri. Anthony Alvares participating informed that as per his knowledge the Government sanctions certain amount to take up the work of cleaning / desilting the river tributaries and therefore the Panchayat is ought to inquire with the Government about the same so as to utilize the amount for taking up work of cleaning / desilting of the said river tributary.

As there being no other matter to be discussed, this meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all those present by Smt. Adelina Fernandes, V.P. Member, at 12.35 p.m.

Recorded by:-

Sd/-  
(Joaquim Rodrigues)  
Secretary, V.P. Navelim.

Sd/-  
(Bebinda Gonsalves)  
Sarpanch, V.P. Navelim.