

Other activities in the Parish by DCC & SHDC

Councillor William Mumford DCC

During the year I am pleased to have been able to secure two significant grants for the refurbishment of the sports pavilion as well as to the school to enable them to purchase learning support material.



The long term concerns about the water on the road at Dunstone have been reflected in a significant proposal for drainage improvements which are pencilled in for this year.

**Unitary status for both Exeter & Devon have been turned down and DCC will remain with its present boundaries.



It has been a busy year both locally and County wide and I would just like to thank you again for the chance to work with you over the last year.

Councillor Keith Baldry SHDC

This was the first year in which District Councillors were granted a £1000 discretionary Locality Fund. I was pleased to recommend grants to the Cricket Club and to the Community Association.



Attempts to arrange a local outreach CAB service have not been successful, probably due to a CAB lack of funding.

Modified plans for Sherford New Town were agreed by 7 votes to 6, but no agreement has yet been reached on the Planning Contribution.

Throughout the year the Boundary Committee considered a possible unitary authority for Devon (see **). Some decisions by SHDC were delayed pending a decision. It now appears that SHDC will continue in existence for the foreseeable future. SHDC continue to develop shared services with West Devon and to a lesser extent with Teignbridge.



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Councillor Richard Yonge YPC Chairman

It has been a busy year with a number of successes and a few disappointments. I want to thank all councillors, the Clerk and members of the parish who have helped us with specific tasks.



During the last year Yealmpton Parish Council (YPC) worked on the following projects with the help of Devon County Council (DCC) & South Hams District Council (SHDC).

Additional Housing

We continued our quest for additional housing in the village and John Lawson and the Affordable Housing Committee with the advice of The Prince's Foundation identified both a need for local affordable housing and suitable sites for such housing.

SHDC has adopted in principle its Local Development Framework. The Plan indicates land for 50 houses to the west of the village to be built up until 2016 and a further 50 houses in the following 10 years.



Taylor Wimpey had a public meeting to show how an area to the north west of the village might provide the level of housing we need. They are now developing plans incorporating comments made by the public.

Joint use path linking Brixton & Yealmpton

A ballot was held in July asking parishioners of the two villages which of the two proposed routes they supported: a route beside the A379 or a route along the Yealm Estuary, the latter supported by Sustrans.

Of those who voted 51% supported the A379 route and 48% supported the Yealm Estuary route.

Discussions between DCC and the landowner about developing the A379 route are ongoing and DCC has agreed some funding to help deliver the necessary planning permission. William Mumford commented:



“Whilst I have personally been a very long term supporter of the Estuary Route I am also determined that after all the hard work put in by both Councils that we try and deliver a safe path between the two communities to respond to the public will expressed in the ballot.”

Improvements to Stray Park Play Area

Following an inspection SHDC proposed an improvement plan for the play area. A consultation exercise was held with parents and residents of Stray Park, and as a consequence SHDC spent £25,000 on improving the play area.



Village Appearance

Last summer YPC managed to have all the public areas of grass in the village cut at the same time and to a standard that we had agreed. During the winter we had discussions to see if the same type of arrangement was possible to improve the streets and roads.



It was agreed that there was to be a general ‘spring clean’ before Easter and then after April the standard achieved would be maintained.



This exercise has involved liaison between YPC, DCC and SHDC

Development of a Village Emergency Plan

The village Emergency Plan is now up and running and if the flu pandemic had materialised we were ready as we will be in any future emergency. Though the hope is that that YPC have to do no more than keep the plan up to date.

Control of Development in the Parish

YPC have had three major issues:

Plans for 24 dwellings at the former Shire Horse Centre were refused by SHDC.

A major planning application has been submitted for an incinerator at New England Quarry and YPC responded with a very strong letter of objection. This proposal has also been opposed by William Mumford (DCC). We await the outcome.

The unexpected arrival of **Wood Yew Waste** recycling wood at the former Yealmbridge Depot caused concern amongst local parishioners particularly since no planning permission had been granted. Following representations from YPC, William Mumford (DCC), Keith Baldry (SHDC) and MP Gary Streeter work has ceased and the operation is moving to a more suitable location.