

- ◆ Council tax has been frozen.
- ◆ 1000 jobs have been reduced by managing vacancies.
- ◆ The management structure has been reviewed reducing the number of directors by 3 and senior managers by 4 achieving a significant saving.
- ◆ We have reduced mobile library costs by 15%.
- ◆ We are reviewing Adult and Community services.
- ◆ Residential care homes are being restructured.



Highways Management — the impact of rising costs and bad weather for 3 winters left us with a legacy of 200,000 potholes ! The creation of **Academy Schools** has put pressure on provision and educational progression. Next year parishes will have a bigger pot of money from County Councillor allocation to spend on local projects; this will be £4000 for Yealmpton.

On behalf of the county I am leading projects on:

- ◆ Rural Broadband.
- ◆ Visit Devon, European Funding.
- ◆ Local Enterprise Partnership (Devon, Somerset, Plymouth & Teignbridge).
- ◆ Growth of Exeter (new town) and an Economic intelligence unit to encourage county growth and inward investment.



DCC is determined to meet the challenges laid down by Westminster and to improve the services supplied to its residents.



Yealmpton Parish Council Newsletter 2010/11

Chair	Richard Yonge	Keith Baldry	Justin Robbins
Vice-chair	Geoff Craddock	Tim Stone	Sheila Barton
Clerk	Mike Stickland	Giles Ebbutt	Helen Thom
		Cliff Tucker	Patrick Healy

Thanks to Sylvia Frampton who did not stand for re-election in May and welcome to Patrick Healy who applied for the recent vacancy.



YPC Councillor Richard Yonge

2 010/11 has been busy with a number of projects started 4 years ago coming to or near completion.

Development control, Geoff Craddock took responsibility for the Viridor application and put in a very good response with the help of councillors and 2 members of the public.

The Emergency Committee is well established, James Whitford Robson has taken over the role from Mike Thomasson who helped us establish this service. Whilst the harsh winter did not create a situation that triggered action we feel we can do better.



The A379 footpath is still only on a map but we have now received an outline agreement with the landowners and with considerable help from DCC we hope work will start in late summer.

One of our big aims was for a **cleaner and tidier village**. This year all the grass was cut on a regular cycle and we hope to achieve the same next year even though DCC have withdrawn funding.



The play area in Stray Park has been improved with the help of SHDC and consultation with neighbours and users. We are now looking at ways to make the area dog free.

We are working with the Primary School to develop an **outdoor multi use play surface**. The progress of this will depend on funding.

We have taken control of the Parish Room. Sally Morton in the Village Stores manages the bookings.

I must thank all councillors, the clerk and others in helping to achieve an excellent year.

South Hams District Councillor Keith Baldry

I see my role as representing the needs of individuals and the parish collectively.

Here are some of the activities during 2010-11:

- ✓ I was able to recommend financial support for the Pre-school, the Junior Football Team and the Twinning Association from the District Locality Fund.
- ✓ The Local Plan up to 2016 was approved by a government inspector. This allows 50 dwellings and employment land in the area near Milizac Close. Under South Hams rules 55% of these will be 'affordable'. A



further 50 dwellings will be allowed by 2026.

- ✓ The application for 22 houses at the former Shire Horse Centre was refused. There are currently suggestions that the site may revert to some kind of tourist attraction.
- ✓ The wood chipping company at Yealmbridge ceased operation as a result of South Hams District Council action.
- ✓ South Hams, Devon County Council and Yealmpton Parish Council have worked together to improve the appearance of the village.



I have been active on the joint South Hams and West Devon Steering group to ensure maximum savings from joint working and sharing services by the two councils. I am pleased to report that there will be no increase in South Hams District Council tax this year.

Devon County Councillor William Mumford

The last year at DCC has been busy because of the work on budget savings in addition to the work of the County Council. Over the next 4 years we have to make 28% savings equal to £130m in total.

We conducted a "Tough Choices" road show around the county to get a feeling for the priorities seen by District and parish Councils. Education support from central government is being maintained at about £146 per pupil.



The changes that have been made have not been comfortable but a lot of services were long overdue for modernisation.