

Message from Richard Hosking - DCC

Thanks for electing me as your County Councillor just a year ago.



Presently the main theme is of further government cuts:

- ◆ £46m off the budget in 2015/16
- ◆ DCC tax increase of 1.99%
- ◆ Care Home rationalisation - homes will be phased out into private hands
- ◆ Youth Service - 40 clubs will be operated from 8 hubs

The **Care Act** (2014) requires care plans for all going into and coming out of hospital. **Roads** - huge maintenance costs helped by 2 government grants after the storms. **Children's Services** underperformed in 2013/14 - they are improving but are not yet to standard. There is a **bus service review** being undertaken. **Libraries** - changes progressing to move them to 'charity status'.

Local issues:

- * A planned new zebra crossing on the A379 is now in doubt
- * The bus stop at Yealmbridge is yet to be relocated
- * A grant was given to YCA for a photocopier
- * Flood work is still in hand
- * Double yellow lines installed as requested by YPC

And finally

YPC have provided a Village Notice Board for parishioners to advertise local events - NOT commercial adverts please - (it is on the wall of the Estate Agent)



Yealmpton Parish Council Newsletter 2014-15



Membership

Until April 2015: Chair Richard Yonge, Vice-chair Geoff Craddock, Justin Robbins, Tim Stone, John Endicott, Keith Baldry, Giles Ebbutt, Cliff Tucker, Patrick Healy, Sheila Barton, Clerk Mike Stickland

From May 2015


Chair Geoff Craddock, Vice-chair John Endicott
Thanks to Justin Robbins & Giles Ebbutt who have left YPC
Welcome back to YPC Dan Thomas - other personnel as above


Message from Richard Yonge

This has been a busy 4 years and in my opinion we have achieved a great deal. It has been a period when other councils working in the parish have had to make substantial cuts in their expenditure which has inevitably affected the Parish.



Achievements:

 **Silverbridge Way** was completed on time and within budget. It has provided a useful link with neighbouring Brixton and has also meant that there is a circular walk to Brixton and back.


 **Kitley Place** - the first phase is fully occupied although there does not appear to be the same enthusiasm for phase 2. The appearance adheres to the plans but improvements are possible in future: the estate roads are too narrow and the parking arrangements are totally





inadequate. More thought should be given to how a phased development is implemented. One of the benefits to the village from Kitley Place has been a sizeable sum for the provision of recreational facilities.

 Following talks with the Primary School some of the money is


going to the building of a **Multi-use Games Area** due to be developed this summer. The mention of games areas will bring to everyone's mind the sad loss of Ivor Griffiths a few months ago. The Council has bought a seat in his memory.


 The **cutting of public grass areas** has continued and all areas are now being cut to the same standard.

 **Road cleaning** has seen a big increase of our involvement and we are still learning how best to achieve an improvement. More recently we have used a local contractor to spray the weeds twice yearly on the pavements and road edges.

 **Car parking** in the village became a major issue when South Hams decided to introduce a parking charge in the Market Street car park. Presently we have an arrangement with local residents and traders that has kept it free of any charge. The new parking restriction notices on Torr Hill have eased parking problems considerably.



 The **public footpaths** have been carefully monitored and any problems reported to the County who have resolved issues quickly. The Footpath from Church Way to Puslinch Bridge has been improved but more work needs to be done.

 We were one of the first local councils to have an **Emergency Plan** which was initially intended to organise assistance when "blue lights" were unable to reach the village. The success of that work led to an expectation that the parish would help when there were severe storms over a couple of years. The team has worked hard at this and achieved a great deal.

I hope the new Council will continue this work during the next 4 years and I want to thank all those councillors who have given a great deal of their time to set the high standards. In particular I wish to thank Giles and Justin, who are retiring for all the work that they have done over their period of service and also Mike who has to be at everyone's beck and call.

Message from Keith Baldry - SHDC



Since May 7th, Yealmpton has shared 2 District Councillors with the parishes of Holbeton, Newton & Noss and Sparkwell. This change was imposed by the Local Government Commission for England despite local opposition. Thank you for re-electing me as your councillor. During the past year I have been able to recommend financial support for:

1. Yealmpton Community Association
2. YAGA
3. Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm
4. Market Street Businesses and Residents Association
5. YOYO
6. Pre School & the Primary School garden project

There will be no increase in the South Hams share of Council Tax for the coming year. The benefit of this is somewhat lost because of 2% increases by each of Devon County Council, the Police and the Fire authorities.

The new development at **Kitley Place** is nearing completion. I am pleased that 52 of the new homes are categorised as affordable. Priority for these has been given to local Yealmpton people deemed to be in housing need. SHDC has also agreed that in future tenancy changes of social housing priority will continue to be given to those with a local connection.

I am pleased that, thanks to financial support from the Market Street Businesses and Residents Association, the village car park continues to be free for everyone. Talks will need to resume about the future operation and funding of the car park. The DCC consultation on the 94 bus service is continuing.

£20k has been allocated by SHDC to work on Torr Stream.

Torr Stream

