

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN YCA COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY OCTOBER 9th 2017 AT 7.30 PM**

Present:

Cllr Thomas (Chairman)	*	Cllr Baldry	*
Cllr Endicott (Vice Chair)	*	Cllr Jordan	@
Cllr Craddock	*	Cllr Tucker	*
Cllr Healy	*	Cllr Barton	*
Cllr Pritchard	*	Cllr Yonge	@

* Denotes attendance @ Denotes absence

Also attending:

Members of the public	4
Police	0
County Councillor	1
District Councillor	0

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllrs Blackler, Jordan and Yonge

2. **POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO Potter's report for September:

1st, report of assault, no further Police action CR/077939/17

4th, report of engaging in sexual communication with a child [internet offence]
CR/076543/17

10th, threats to kill, no further action CR.077937/17

11th, report of a burglary to shed CR/080398/17

12th, report of assault, no further Police action

14th, attempt theft from motor vehicle, transit van broken into, no property taken
CR/079179/17

20th, report of an offensive communication [Facebook message] CR/081174/17

The Clerk was asked to write to the police on the following:

- Attendance at meetings please.
- Lack of progress in setting up "Speedwatch" programme and training
- Speed statistics from the last 3 surveys on the A379

3. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

a. Cllr Blackler report had been circulated prior to the meeting. See below:

- A review of the SHDC waste policy is being processed to improve the service even more so than of late.
- The Consultation on SHDC and West Devon Borough Council merging as One Council will be considered and decided upon by Mid-October, at the moment from events in the South Hams the views expressed are fairly balanced. It will then be put to the Secretary of State, the principal reasons for this is due to the Government cutting Grants, which could end in 2018. If the merger is entered into then 13 members could lose their seats across the two Districts.
- More and more Enforcement case are being resolved, especially historical ones.
- On a recent survey of staff at SHDC over 80 per cent were happy with their jobs with a very small per cent not satisfied.
- All District Councils have to cut costs substantially as all of us will have to live with for the foreseeable future.

Clerk

Clerk
Baldry

b. Cllr Baldry's report:

- Letter received from SHDC Enforcement Officer advising that Marchand & Petit are not contravening house "for sale" signs. Clerk to circulate letter. Cllr Baldry to circulate legal position.
- Council potential merger. Closing date for comments is now October 10th. In general, people in South Hams are against the merger as are the majority of Parish Councils. Decision to be taken on October 31st at 4.30 pm.

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Hosking report and discussion:

Hosking

- Schools funding allocation will be increased by .04% and 0.8% over the next two financial years. DCC continue to push for 'parity funding' with the rest of the UK
- £500 is available for the Post Office railing project. (See item 8.5 below).
- Resurfacing of the A379. This work should have been completed by now. Cllr Hosking under pressure to get a fixed completion date.

Hosking

Questions to Cllr Hosking.

Hosking

1. Please will DCC put in a 'sleeping policeman' in Yealm Park after the first crossroads to slow traffic for child safety.

Hosking

2. Can "rumble strips" be fitted/placed at the Western Gateway on the A379 to slow traffic which is ignoring the 30 limit sign.

Hosking

3. Please will you investigate improving the safety of pedestrians crossing the Newton Ferrers road at Two Crosses. (see item 8.4 below)

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

6. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

After deletion of an error in the notes of the open forum, Cllr Craddock proposed and Cllr Baldry seconded "that the minutes of the September 11th 2017 meeting be signed as an accurate record". Approved.

Hosking

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS -

Craddock

7.1 WORKS – 1. Community Payback team will this month do maintenance work on the footbridge over the river. DCC approval required. 2. The volunteer 'litter picking' team plan to include bus shelter cleaning in future. 3. Council agreed to pay 'out-of-pocket' expenses to the litter picking team.

Barton
Clerk
Barton

7.2 FOOTPATHS - 1. Work on FP20 due to start this week. 2. Footpath leaflets to be printed at £180 for 1500 copies. Approved. Clerk to send copyright wording to Cllr Barton. 3. Cllr Barton to attend the P3 Annual workshop. 4. Cllr Barton to check signage on the PROW through the Rose & Crown car park.

Endicott
Clerk

7.3 HIGHWAYS – The survey on the 'dropped kerbs' in the village has been completed. Cllr Endicott to clarify wording before Clerk contacts DCC with the request for action under current 'Health and Safety' rulings.

Prichard/
Jordan

7.4 EMERGENCY PLAN & ENVIRONMENT. 1. Cllrs Pritchard and Jordan have written an article called "Get ready for Winter" which will be published in the next edition of Yealmpton Press magazine. 2. The two Emergency Centres have been visited and the equipment boxes checked and upgraded. 3. First aid training yet to be organised. Checking of salt bags is to be carried out. 4. At the meeting in November, councillors will have a

All Cllrs

	<p>“familiarisation” exercise on the current Emergency Plan. Plans to be read in advance please.</p>
Pritchard	<p>5. Broadband exercise for the Parish Room. Council approved the installation of suitable equipment for receiving of broadband in the Parish Room meeting room for speeds up to 17.5 Mbps. Cost of £240 per year. No postcode to be applied for from Royal Mail.</p>
Clerk	<p>7.5 YOUTH – The Clerk advised that ventilation in the Youth Room to be improved with a timer fitted to the replacement extractor fan.</p> <p>7.6 COMMUNICATIONS - Cllr Barton reported that monthly expenditure information is now posted on the parish web site.</p>
	<p>8. LOCAL ISSUES</p>
Craddock	<p>8.1 Actions from previous minutes not yet cleared. A) Linda Durman to lead the enlarged ‘litter picking’ team. B) The MUGA survey is due to be completed this week.</p>
Thomas/Clerk	<p>8.2 Church Lane parking. Cllr Thomas to finalize wording for signage.</p>
Hosking	<p>8.3 Update on Zebra crossing. Cllr Hosking had no new information. It was made clear that YPC need to understand the position of Cllr Hosking and DCC on this village critical subject.</p>
Hosking	<p>8.4 Safety Mirror at Two Crosses – Dr Hayward had raised in ‘Open Forum’ the dangers of crossing over the Newton Ferrers road at Two Crosses. Following a short debate on options, it was agreed that Cllr Hosking would speak to Nick Colton about improving awareness of the blind bend with new signage to the south of the bend/crossroads</p>
Hosking	<p>8.5 Post Office railings. Cllr Hosking advised that HATOC funding may still be available for this project. He will provide £500 from his Locality Fund anyway. Cllr Hosking to check the legality before work commences.</p>
Thomas	<p>8.6 Stray Park equipment upgrade – The Clerk confirmed that only £2128 remains from the S106 funds for new equipment. Cllr Thomas is to apply before Christmas for separate funding from the Community Re-investment Fund (SHDC). There will be a parent consultation at the school regarding proposed plans for equipment upgrade. Council confirmed the necessity to retain the fence between the ‘toddler’ area and the main ‘games area’ for toddler safety. Clerk to advise SHDC.</p>
Thomas	<p>8.7 Stray Park benches. Cllr Thomas to purchase bench/benches to the value of £500 after review of need and item 8.6 above..</p>
	<p>9. PLANNING MATTERS</p>
Clerk	<p>9.1 3270/17/HHO. Dunstone Cottage. Replace garage and piggery. After discussion, Council voted unanimously that “no comments” be lodged with SHDC.</p>
	<p>10. FINANCIAL MATTERS</p> <p>Note: Items of expenditure below £1,000 are not itemized. Parishioners are welcome to attend meetings if further details are required.</p> <p>10.1 Cllr Baldry proposed and Cllr Tucker seconded the acceptance of the expenditure for the amount of £4,196.60. Approved with 1 abstention.</p> <p>10.2 Expenditure over £1000. Parish Room loan repayment of £2384.71</p> <p>10.3 Feedback from Finance Group meeting. The Clerk explained the document sent to Cllrs by email over the week end. This gives information of ‘year to date’ expenditure by Budget category and indicates funds available prior to March 31st.</p>

11. CORRESPONDENCE for discussion.

Clerk

1. CVS has sent a letter requesting parish Council donations for 2018/19.
2. Brixton Parish Council wrote seeking support for their intent to apply for “Quiet lane status” for all lanes adjacent to the Sherford development. This was discussed and will be on November agenda. General support given to the principle at this stage. Clerk to advise BPC.

Clerk

3. SHDC are holding a “Town and Parish Council event on Monday November 27th at 6.30 pm. More details have been requested from parish councils.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the on Monday, November 13th 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Room at YCA.

The meeting was closed at 9.43 pm.

M J Stickland, Clerk to Yealmpton Parish Council

10th October 2017

OPEN FORUM NOTES

(Please note that these do not form part of the Council minutes)

1. Complaints made about the lack of cleanliness in and around the village bus shelters. Parishioners were advised that bus shelters are now to be included in out “litter picking/clean village“ routines for our volunteers.
2. “Do we have road sweepers any longer”? No. Only the small mechanical sweeper on a monthly basis.
3. A resident of Yealm Park complained about the speed of traffic on the main road (A379) and the speed of cars in the Yealm Park roads. He requested that a sleeping policeman be put in Yealm Park after the first crossroads. He also requested that “rumble strips” be placed on the A379 prior to the 30 mph limitation sign at the western gateway to the village.
Both these requests were put to the County Councillor later in the meeting.
4. Mark Heyward raised his concern at the danger of crossing the Newton Ferrers road at Two Crosses. DCC reaction to installing a mirror on the corner has not been favourable. Perhaps improved road signs to the south of the sharp corner would at least improve awareness to the dangers. It was agreed to put these points to the District Councillor on his arrival.

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