

6 LOCAL ISSUES

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6.1 Parish Room telephone and Wi-Fi. The Clerk has spoken to the potential hirer and is awaiting response.

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6.2 TAP fund projects 2014/15. South West Highways has started work on the agreed 3 drainage projects. They have yet to quote for an additional drainage need south of Dunstone. Cllr Tucker has shown them the requirement.

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6.3 Recreational update. The Trim Trail idea is being worked on by George Graham. He will report back in April on possible locations and equipment.

6.4 MUGA update. Councillor Ebbutt reported that the MUGA Working Group (WG) had met on 23 Jan.

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MOU. There were still difficulties over the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Subsequent to the WG meeting a version agreed between the YCA and the Academy had been presented to Ross Kennerley at SHDC by Cllrs Craddock and Baldry. He was not happy with the assessed economic life of the facility and hence the timescale of the agreement, currently 10 years, as this did not represent good value for money, and was seeking 25 years. Cllr Ebbutt had spoken with the Academy who were reviewing the position, but he hoped it was only a temporary hitch. However, Cllr Ebbutt warned that if necessary he would ask the Academy to instruct NPS (contractors) to cease work until this was solved, to avoid expenditure before the S106 money was guaranteed. SHDC also required the Academy to be the applicant for the S106 funding rather than YPC.

PreSchool Play Area. Discussions between NPS and the PreSchool over the design of their new area continue. There is a shortfall between the amount budgeted in the MUGA project and the PreSchool aspirations. Cllr Ebbutt reported that the PreSchool coordinator (Laura) seemed confident that they could cover the shortfall from existing funds and fundraising, or if necessary phase the provision of new facilities.

MUGA Design. Soakaway testing in the car park has been complete. Establishing the site levels will be the next step, which will be key to finalising the design and the extent of groundworks. There had been discussion over which sports are to be catered for; the principal ones will be tennis, netball and football. Basketball was originally discounted but to be reconsidered now that a technical solution may be available. There is concern over the existing drain cover in the middle of the current playground.

Timetable. NPS has revised the programme. The initial phase in Mar-Apr will only address the preschool play area. The remainder of work will be in Jul-Aug and will be a single contract. The aim is to be ready to go out to tender for the main contract by the end of April.

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6.5 Arthur Tapper garden wall renovation. The Clerk was asked to write a specification for the required work and go out to tender to 3 craftsmen.

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6.6 Highway ploughing. The Clerk reported that a quote is due for highway ploughing along the 2 main roads in the parish. Cllr Tucker declared that, in his opinion, ploughing was a waste of money unless all roadside trees and hedges are cut back to the Highway Standards. Clerk to discuss with DCC Highways.

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6.7 New waste bins. SHDC still to supply installed cost of 3 waste bins. Dog warden has suggested 3 sites. These to be reviewed when costs known.

6.8 License application for Yealm Motor Services. The Clerk was asked to advise that Cllr Baldry will be attending and that YPC believes that a

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hearing is necessary.

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6.9 Bus service consultation. Cllr Ebbutt proposed and Cllr Craddock seconded that “YPC oppose the proposed reduction in services as they will adversely affect our parishioners”. Cllr Baldry to draft objection letter for the Clerk.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 62/0042/15. 2 Orchard Close. Build rear conservatory. No objections.

7.2 62/0172/15. 10 Elm Tree Park. Single storey side extension No objection but parking considerations to be considered by SHDC.

7.3 Devon County Council has approved the proposal for New England quarry including two wind turbines.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 Cllr Ebbutt proposed and Cllr Robbins seconded the acceptance of the expenditure for the amount of £969.42. Approved unanimously.

8.2 The Chairman requested that the monthly expenditure listing be circulated to all councillors by the Friday preceding the council meeting.

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9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

WORKS – a) The Clerk wrote to the Royal Mail about the removal of the collection timing plate from the ‘VR’ post box in Fore Street. It has been replaced. Consideration will now be given to placing a preservation order on this Victorian posting box.

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FOOTPATHS - Cllr Barton has completed the annual path surveys for DCC. No new projects required for 2015/16. Clerk to submit forms to DCC.

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HIGHWAYS - Flashing speed sign needs to be reinstalled. Clerk to contact DCC Highways.

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ENVIRONMENT – Nothing to report

All Cllrs

EMERGENCY PLAN – Cllr Robbins has recruited 2 new volunteers and reminded all councillors that they were to try to do likewise.

YOUTH – Councillors wished to record a debt of gratitude to Ivor Griffiths for his tireless devotion both the youth of the village and the Athletics Association. It was agreed that a bench be purchased in his memory and located along FP20 near Pimple Rock (the site of the duck races organised by Ivor).

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10. CORRESPONDENCE for discussion.

10.1 Letter from SHDC Licensing Manager re Yealm Motor Services application. See 6.8 above.

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10.2 Letter from SHDC giving dates for applications for councillors for May 7th election. It was agreed to put an advert in the March edition of the Yealmpton Press.

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10.3 Letter from Mr Vason expressing concern at traffic speeds through the village. See discussion under Item 2, Police Matters.

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10.4 Letter from Mrs Thomas of Yeo Park expressing concern at the speed of traffic using the narrow lanes past her house. It is getting so dangerous that the children cannot be allowed out to go to the playground unaccompanied. See discussion under Item 2, Police Matters.

10.5 Agenda for Super Cluster meeting on Feb 11th given to Cllr Craddock

10.6 Letter from Paul Taylor requesting copy of the Silverbridge Way agreement. This to be dealt with by DCC (Public rights of way)

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be on Monday , March 9th 2015
at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Room at YCA.

The meeting was closed at 9.44 pm.

M J Stickland, Clerk to Yealmpton Parish Council February 10th 2015

Open Forum notes

(Please note that these notes are not part of the Council minutes)

1. Fiona Pritchard spoke about the death of Ivor Griffiths and the debt of gratitude that the Village owes to him for his tireless work for both the youth of the village and latterly his devotion to keeping the Athletics Association (AA) running. She spoke of possible plans to reinstate the Duck Races to raise funds for the AA.

Cllr Stone said that he is prepared to discuss opportunities with parishioners for re-instating the Duck Races for fund raising.

Cllr Baldry concurred that Yealmpton owes a great deal to Ivor for his work with the AA. SHDC is reviewing sport in the village and it has been noticed that the football pitch is now underused.

Also see item under 9 – Youth.