

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
IN YCA COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY JULY 13<sup>th</sup> 2015 AT 7.30 PM**

**Present:** Cllr. Yonge \* Cllr. Baldry \*  
 Cllr. Craddock \* Cllr. Stone @  
 Cllr Thomas \* Cllr. Tucker \*  
 Cllr. Healy \* Cllr. Barton \*  
 Cllr Pritchard \* Cllr Endicott \*  
 \* Denotes attendance @ Denotes absence

**Also attending:** Members of the public 3  
 Police 1  
 County Councillor 1

**1. APOLOGIES – Cllr Stone and Mr Stickland (Clerk)**

**2. POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO Potter was not at the meeting and Councillors had not seen a report – though Cllr Craddock suggested that the Clerk may have received an email in his absence.

**3a. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Cllr Hosking reported:

- That he had received correspondence from a parishioner at Higher Torr concerned as to the speed and volume of traffic in his area.
- A379 road subsidence – the next investigative work required is to cut horizontal strips out of the road surface to locate a high pressure gas main, which is scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup>. Cllr Hosking reported that he is trying hard to escalate the status of this work to “emergency” to reflect the need to resolve the partial closure as speedily as possible. The Yealmpton Show Committee will be working with AmberOn to control traffic flow on the day.
- Yellow Lines – he has receive an email from Cllr Thomas as well as separate correspondence to suggest that yellow lines were in place on that stretch of carriageway until relatively recently. Highways are investigating this point. Cllr Yonge suggested that such was the danger presented by the current state of parking (along the church yard wall) that police – rather than county council – action was required.
- A request to consider a speed restriction of 20mph from the Plympton Sherford junction to Yealmpton was not considered justifiable at county level.
- Zebra crossing. Cllr Baldry asked who could perform the necessary works should the Parish Council wish to implement a crossing. Cllr Hosking will report back.
- Transport Review – the Sunday and Bank Holiday services for the 93 have been discontinued, with the potential for reductions to the 94. Cllr Hosking to clarify the nature of these reductions.
- Broadband – BT have failed to secure the contract for the second stage roll-out of high speed broadband.
- Bus Stop (formally adjacent to the Old Forge) – cannot be reinstated on the southern side of the A379 due to land ownership issues. Cllr Baldry requested that consideration be given to the stop being placed on the northern pavement with a “both ways” facility. Cllr Hosking to investigate.

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## Hosking

- DCC have served notice on the landowner to have the hedges abutting the pavements from Yealmpton to Yealm Bridge cut back. Council felt that this was a matter of some considerable urgency as the situation is causing significant health and safety issues to parishioners. Cllr Hosking proposed to hold a site meeting with relevant county officers to resolve.

Cllr Pritchard asked the County Cllr whether any other methods could be utilised to discourage parking on the A379 as she was not in favour of yellow lines.

### 3b. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr Blackler reported:

- That the parish falls within the Centrica Fund Boundary – where consideration will be given to funding for environmental projects.
- SHDC has provided 425 affordable homes in the district over the last 5 years, 92 during 2014. There are a further 19 sites available.
- £185,000 has been written off this year due to bankruptcy or absconding but Cllr Blackler assured the Council that c98% on average is recouped in due course.
- The planning department is improving and will be running fully by September. The Environment Department is now fully manned.

Cllr Baldry reported that:

- The Sustainable Community Locality Fund is still available – organisations (not individuals) should apply to either District Cllr for grants of £100 or more.

### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Baldry declared a potential conflict under item 6.3 concerning the MUGA update.

### **5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

Cllr Baldry proposed and Cllr Thomas seconded that the minutes of the June 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 Monthly Meeting be signed as an accurate record. Approved.

### **6 LOCAL ISSUES**

**6.1 Stray Park Playground Fencing.** The required repairs (reported by Cllr Barton) have yet to be fixed. Cllr Thomas requested that Council give consideration to the idea that the whole of the play park area (from the larger swings down to the junior play park) be fenced off to preclude dogs from entering an area where children are at play. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Baldry would arrange a meeting with himself, Cllr Barton and Alex Which in the park to address the current fencing. Cllr Yonge suggested that at the same time, Mr Which should be asked to quote a price to enclose the rest of the park as described above.

**6.2 Waste Bins from SHDC.** After a stream of emails, the matter has now been escalated to Cllr Gilbert at SHDC.

**6.3 MUGA update.** Mr Ebbutt addressed council and explained that to complete the MUGA project, a shortfall of £35k now existed between the original (2 year old) estimate and the most competitive tender price. Ivybridge Academy Trust have been approached to supply 50% of the shortfall. Cllr Yonge felt that

there would be merit in YPC taking a stake in the MUGA as they had previously done in the Community Centre and Parish Room. Cllr Pritchard asked whether this would give the Council any degree of ownership. Cllr Craddock replied that it would not, but a memorandum of understanding was entrenched in the agreement which guaranteed community use. Cllr Endicott asked whether Cllr Yonge's motivation was moral – in that the council ought to be seen to support the project. Cllr Yonge agreed that it was. After discussion, Cllr Yonge proposed and Cllr Craddock seconded the motion that:

Yealmpton Parish Council would (from its reserves) provide 50% of the required shortfall to meet the costs of the MUGA.

Passed – 7 in favour, 2 abstentions.

Cllr Baldry left the meeting.

Clerk

Council then discussed the outstanding 106 money – it was agreed that the outstanding organisation originally having bid for a share of the 106 money – the Bowles Club – should be contacted to discuss the specific details of their bid, so as to ensure the money remained within the parish.

Cllr Baldry returned to the meeting.

**6.4 Trim Trail.** Deferred in Cllr Stone's absence.

**6.5 Parish Room painting contract.** The Chairman reported that the contract had been awarded to Ivan Langford and work had almost finished.

## **7. PLANNING MATTERS**

7.1 62/1298/15/F. Erection of dwelling on old WI Hall site. 'No objections' reported to SHDC.

7.2i 62/1459/15/F and 62/1425/15/F The Copse Dixon Terrace (proposed single storey extension) and 2 Torr Bridge Park (erection of fence to rear with 1 pedestrian and 1 garden access [retrospective]). 'No objections' in either case.

## **8. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

8.1 Cllr Yonge proposed and Cllr Thomas seconded the acceptance of the expenditure for the amount of £1,920.41. Approved unanimously.

## **9 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Clerk

**WORKS** – a) Clerk to contact SWW to arrange to have the triangle of grass adjacent to Torr Bridge cut before the Duck Race (Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July).

Clerk

b) Clerk to contact Mark Sweet regarding his correspondence on signage and weeds at the welcome signposts to the village. Cllr Healy asked who is responsible for weeding and spraying the main roads – Clerk to investigate.

Clerk

c) Cllr Baldry requested that the Clerk contact the environment agency regarding foliage blocking the pipe into the river behind Tucker's Close (where Torr Stream joins the Yealm).

**FOOTPATHS** - nothing to report.

**HIGHWAYS** - nothing to report.

**ENVIRONMENT** – nothing to report.

**EMERGENCY PLAN** – Cllr Badry proposed and Cllr Yonge seconded Cllr Pritchard as Council's representative on the Emergency Planning Committee. All in favour.

**YOUTH** - nothing to report.

**Craddock**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE for discussion.**

In the absence of the Clerk, no correspondence has been received but Cllr Craddock was asked to contact parishioners who had expressed concern over the pavement between the village and Yeo Park to update them on the County Cllr's efforts to date.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next council meeting will be on Monday , September 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Room at YCA.

The meeting was closed at 9.25 pm.

D J Thomas, Parish Councillor (in absence of the Clerk) July 13<sup>th</sup> 2015

**Open Forum notes**

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

1. Mr Jarvis spoke at length about his unhappiness with specific aspects of the plans for the MUGA concerning: the overflow carpark, its access and location; disabled access; proximity to residents; and the type of surface to be used. Mr Platt requested clarification on the specification of surface recommended and the anticipated specific sporting usage. Cllr Craddock explained that the situation was not perfect but that the Council was doing its utmost to honour a long standing commitment to the Parish – highlighted in the Parish Plan – to provide a MUGA for the community. Cllr Baldry explained to Mr Jarvis that his concerns should have been raised during the planning process and that permission had now been granted. Cllr Baldry also noted his frustration that there was as recently as May an opportunity for all parishioners to seek election to the Council but that only 9 individuals had done so.