

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN YCA COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY JULY 10th, 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 0
Police 0
County Councillor 1
District Councillor 0

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllrs Baldry, Blackstock, Yonge, Pritchard, Craddock and the Police

2. **POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO Potter's report for June:

7th, making off without payment CR/044984/17

11th, criminal damage to door, dealt with by way of restorative justice
CR/046057/17

11th, assault, enquiries ongoing CR/046135/17

13th, dog dangerously out of control, words of advice issued CR/047036/17

Overnight 13th vehicle interference, damage caused to car lock CR/047075/17

Discussion regarding speeding motorcycles during the night was postponed until September. Clerk to establish if PCSO present at proposed Speedwatch sessions in our village.

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3. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

a. No report from Cllr Blackler.

b. Cllr Baldry's report was read by the Clerk:

1. The main concern at SHDC is consideration about applying to Government to combine South Hams with West Devon. Members are being consulted and it will be approved or disapproved at a Special council meeting at the end of the month. The reason for the rush is that the change will need government legislation and it has been made clear that this will have to be voted on by the end of the year. After then all government time will be occupied by EU withdrawal.

We are told that the change is needed for financial reasons. Both Councils are likely to be in deficit within 5 years. West Devon are in a much worse state of growing debt. It is predicted they may cease to be viable within a couple of years. The procedure if that happens is that a neighbouring council will be asked to take them over. This could be SHDC, but not necessarily.

The necessity for South Hams is much less. We do not have an debt, but we would have to take on the burden of West Devon's borrowing. West Devon have a higher council tax and an merger would mean an increase in tax for South Hams payers.

Both Councils have 31 members. We are told that there is no time for a boundary review, so there will be a new Council of 62 members. West Devon has a smaller population. Their population per member would be fewer than ours.

If both Councils agree to go forward there will be a public consultation over the summer.

2. Community Safety Partnership. Notes from Consultation on Community Policing on 7 July 2017

Cllr Baldry attended the South Hams and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership consultation held at Follaton House on 7 July. District Councillor from SHDC and WDBC and Parish Councillors from West Devon, South Hams and Teignbridge were invited. 55 people were there.

This was a consultation exercise against the background that the Police and Crime Commissioner has announced severe cuts to the number of Police Community Support Officers from 2020. Everyone said that they greatly valued PCSO's but no discussion was allowed on the cut. The views asked for were on which aspects of Neighbouring Policing were top priority to be retained after the numbers were reduced.

The results of the day will be published. The summary priorities were visible prevention of crime and anti- social activity and the need for reassurance policing in this low crime area.

Council was dismayed at the potential proposal regarding the merger of West Devon and South Hams councils as the reorganised SHDC appears to be working well after a number of inevitable teething difficulties. After further discussion Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr Endicott seconded "that Yealmpton Parish Council does not support the merger of West Devon and South Hams Councils, the taking on of the West Devon debt and the inevitable increase in SHDC rates". Passed unanimously.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Tucker proposed and Cllr Jordan seconded "that the minutes of the June 12th 2017 meeting be signed as an accurate record after 2 small amendments".

Approved.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS -

6.1 WORKS – a) Dunston car park hedge has been recut but rubbish not removed. Clerk to speak to contractor. b) Cllrs Craddock & Endicott have met with John Brownlow of the Community Payback (CPS) scheme. Our agreed program of works is to be carried out by them at a rate of £120 + vat per day. Disposal of waste remains a problem as DCC cannot help with this. SHDC to be contacted by the Clerk. It was agreed that CPS would provide their own equipment and charge accordingly for the foreseeable future. c) Market Street car park requires shrubs to be pruned/cleared and dangerous tree branches removed. Clerk to contact SHDC.

6.2 FOOTPATHS - a) Order has been placed for the work on the riverside on FP20. No start date for the work has yet been given.

6.3 HIGHWAYS a) Clerk to chase DCC for hedge cutting work in the parish prior to the Yealmpton Show b) Speed sign by garage to be lowered c) Location for speed sign on Ford Road to be established.

6.4 EMERGENCY PLAN & ENVIRONMENT– a) Cllr Prichard to organise a First Aid course for all Emergency Plan volunteers. b) Clerk to get a cost for "road closure" signage and cones.

6.5 YOUTH - Volunteer helpers still urgently required.

6.6 COMMUNICATIONS a) It was agreed that new email addresses for councillors and clerk would be published on-line. Cllr Barton to create 'blind'

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Barton links to existing addresses. b) Web site update work to be carried out when time allows. c) The 2017 newsletter was approved with minor amendments. Cllr
Barton Barton to arrange with Yealmpton Press editors that our leaflet be inserted loose into the September edition. An extra 400 copies to be produced for circulation to local shops etc. This is a budgeted expense.

7. LOCAL ISSUES

7.1 Actions from previous minutes not yet cleared.

- Cllr Craddock to carry out survey for potential gym demand

Craddock **7.2 Parish Room hire charges.** The Clerk advised that he had reviewed the current charges in relation to those of the Community Association. As YCA are not increasing their charges in Jan 2018, there is no case for Parish Room charge increase. Agreed by Council.

7.3 Update on Zebra crossing. Discussed under item 10.

7.4 Community Payback projects. See 6.1 above

7.5 Memorial Garden planting. Clerk to amend the proposal for approval at September meeting.

Clerk **7.6 Waste bins.** Clerk to speak to SHDC about an additional waste bin to the south of the river. Proposed site is at the southern end of the old Tor Lane, on the edge of the cul-de-sac where it would not be unsightly.

Clerk **7.7 MUGA usage and LTA grants.** A) The Chairman asked that Cllr Craddock (in his absence) could investigate using an LTA grant to automate our MUGA booking to an 'on line' system. B) Cllr Thomas to speak to Sam Pillar about a MUGA awareness campaign on website and social media.

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Thomas **7.8 Village lengthsman.** The Clerk outlined a possible plan to use local labour on a regular basis to keep the village cleaner for 2018 onwards when current contracts expire. Chairman requested the Clerk to make a proposal in September.

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8. PLANNING MATTERS

8.1 1713/17/FUL. Redevelopment of water tank to dwelling. Following the site visit, the application was ok'd with 4 comments. Confirmed by Council.

8.2 1677/17/HHO 1, Waltacre. Site meeting to be held at 6pm on June 14th.

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Cllrs 8.3 2217/17/HHO 67, Yealm Park. Single storey rear extension. Councillor inputs awaited.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Note: Items of expenditure below £1,000 are not itemized. Parishioners are welcome to attend meetings if further details are required.

9.1 Cllr Tucker proposed and Cllr Jordan seconded the acceptance of the expenditure for the amount of £5,321.31. Approved.

9.2 Expenditure over £1000. A) Payment to Community Association of £2,000 for their 'Building repair' fund. B) Payment of £1,000 to YOYO (Youth Club) for annual support grant.

9.3 Expense form circulated for future use by Councillors.

Clerk 9.4 Finance group meeting to be held in August. To be arranged.

10. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Hosking report and discussion:

- Coronation Buildings. A site meeting was held with Cllrs Hosking, Healy, Endicott and Nick Colton to review safety options. Mr Colton to cost up options for a hand rail and dropping kerbs to overcome current dangers.
- DCC cannot assist in removal of debris from Yealmbury Hill.
- Zebra Crossing, if approved, will cost between £30,000 and £40,000 to

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install to include bus stop relocations. The County Highways and Traffic committee recently approved a new pedestrian crossing in Marldon where the PV2 calculation was not met. Cllr Hosking is still actively pursuing our case for Yealmpton.

All Cllrs

- Cllr Hosking has a DCC 'Locality Grant' of £10k for use amongst his 12 Parishes. Apply speedily!

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- DCC has a scheme for supporting Home Carers. Cllr Hosking to forward details to the clerk for our web site inclusion.

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Council complained to DCC for the poor communication with regard to the changes/delays of the road works towards Choakford Cross.

11. CORRESPONDENCE for discussion.

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- Land by Mill Leat Close. SHDC has determined that there has been no breach of planning laws.
- Mr Jack Nicholls has requested permission to carry out some social science research on the proposed solar farm at Gnaton. Permission granted to post notice on the 'Community board' by the café on the A379 side and to contact Yealmpton Press.

Baldry

- SHDC grass cutting schedule for the churchyard is still awaited

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the on Monday, September 11th 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Room at YCA.

The meeting was closed at 9.57 pm.

M J Stickland, Clerk to Yealmpton Parish Council

11th July 2017