

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN YCA COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY JUNE 12th, 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	10
Police	0
County Councillor	1
District Councillor	0

1. APOLOGIES – Cllrs Baldry, Blackstock and Healy

2. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Potter's report for May was read out by the Clerk:

- Overnight 6th / 7th theft of property from a car CR/034668/17
- Overnight 6th / 7th theft of property from a car CR/036198/17
- On the 25th, report of harassment CR/041796/17

3. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

a. No report from Cllr Blackler.

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

- Mention is made in the minutes of the May meeting of 'national rules' relating to estate agents' boards. I have been in contact with SHDC. We are unclear about the status of these rules. There are DCLG guidelines. The boards at Underhaye do not seem to be in breach of these guidelines, which are in any case are not legally enforceable.
- I have been selected to Chair the newly created SHDC Recycling and Refuse Working Group.
- YPC members may have seen a recent change which allows rinsed plastic coated food and drink cartons (Tetrapaks, fruit juice, yoghurt etc) to be recycled in the blue recycling bags. These cartons are mainly made from wood fibre which is a natural renewable. The process which does the recycling takes advantage of the wood fibres found in cartons and turns them into 100% recycled cardboard used for wrapping products such as cabling and wrapping paper.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Yonge proposed and Cllr Craddock seconded "that the minutes of the May 12th 2017 AGM Meeting be signed as an accurate record". Approved.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS -

6.1 WORKS – a) The Parish Rooms electrical safety survey has identified some defects. Cllr Craddock proposed "a) Work on earthing system @ £90

Clerk	b) Replacement of Consumer Unit @ £450 c) Minor works in Youth Room @ £108.” This was seconded by Cllr Thomas and expenditure of £648 approved.
Barton Barton	6.2 FOOTPATHS - a) Grant of £4500 for FP20 means that the new quotation for work at £3850 may proceed. Cllr Barton to co-ordinate b) the footpath leaflet is being updated c) Contractor instructed to trim paths. d) Mr Rogers has been instructed to reinstate footpaths 15 and 16 across his land crops.
Clerk	6.3 HIGHWAYS a) A meeting with DCC has been agreed for June 28 th with Cllr Healy. b) the road from Stoney Cross to Choakford Cross will be closed for drainage works from June 26 th for 5 days. c) Clerk to instigate village weed spraying programme.
Pritchard	6.4 EMERGENCY PLAN & ENVIRONMENT – a) Emergency planning resilience event attended at Exeter with Cllr Jordan. Updated plan issued and to be included on YPC website. A free first aid course is to be arranged. Some hand held radios to be updated. b) Zebra crossing item dealt with under County Councillor report. c) Dementia meeting on June 16 th .
All Cllrs	6.5 YOUTH - Cllr Thomas has had the new agreement signed with YOYO. Concerns raised about lack of volunteers to help with the club. We may lose the leader if assistance not forthcoming.
All Cllrs	6.6 COMMUNICATIONS a) Facebook page now has 231 members b) Website name has been changed c) email address format now as sheila.barton@yealmpton-pc.gov.uk for all councillors d) Newsletter almost ready for printing. e) Emails. Please use correct subject when emailing so that ‘conversations’ make sense.
Baldry	7. LOCAL ISSUES 7.1 Actions from previous minutes not yet cleared. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Churchyard grass not collected
Thomas	7.2 Upgrade of Stray Park play equipment. Cllr Thomas reported that he had now received 3 quotes. He will hold a consultation ‘drop in’ session in the YCA Community Room to assess the public concerns when plans reviewed.
Craddock	7.3 Update on Zebra crossing. Discussed under item 10. 7.4 Community Payback projects. Cllr Craddock advised that the list had now been ‘prioritised’. A meeting has been set up for June 21 st . It was approved for a trial of ‘1 day per month’ for 6 months to monitor effectiveness. Cost £160 per month + vat. 13 projects to be sampled.
Clerk Barton	7.5 Request for Twinning event grant. It was agreed to review this at budget time as this is a 2018 event. Use YCA as venue. Cllr Barton to ask twinners to write to specify how any grant monies would be spent.
Clerk	7.6 Stray park waste bins. It was agreed to see if the ‘relabelled’ existing bin will suffice.
Clerk	7.7 Bakery Square stone wall repairs. The Clerk advised that urgent repair work was required to the walls to the west and south of the Parish Room. Cllr Yonge proposed and Cllr Craddock seconded “that approval be given to accept the quotations for £1534 and £474”. Approved unanimously. Clerk to talk to the owners of the adjacent dwelling with a view to cost sharing of the £474.
Clerk	7.8 A379 bank strimming. The issue of a contract for 3 cuts per annum at £100 per cut was approved after proposal by Cllr Thomas and seconding by Cllr Yonge.
	8. PLANNING MATTERS 8.1 1109/17/FUL. Solar farm at Gnaton Estate. Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr Endicott seconded approval of this scheme. Unanimously accepted. 8.2 1713/17/FUL. Change of use for water reservoir at Gnaton. Site visit June 19 th , 6 pm. 8.3 1327/17/FUL. Provision of modular classroom at Primary School.

Cllr Endicott proposed and Cllr Pritchard seconded approval of this plan. Unanimously accepted.

8.4 1734/17/FUL. 2, The Borough. Erection of conservatory. Cllr Craddock proposed and Cllr Jordan seconded approval of this application. Unanimously accepted.

8.5 1673 & 1672/17/LBC & HHO. Holly Cottage. Replace garden room at rear. Cllr Endicott proposed and Cllr Tucker seconded approval of this scheme. Unanimously accepted.

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 Yonge proposed and Cllr Craddock seconded the acceptance of the expenditure for the amount of £8516.71. Approved.

9.2 Expenditure over £1000. Tarmac costs of Silverbridge Way were £7057 (£5881 + vat). A grant of £4504 and contribution by Brixton PC of £688 left YPC with a net cost of £688.

10. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Hosking report and discussion:

- Zebra crossing. Following the additional traffic and pedestrian count information, a request to DCC Highways has been made to reconsider their earlier decision. DCC are citing 'objections' to the scheme but only one received by YPC. The Clerk has plans to show the re-siting of the crossing to overcome this objection. Copy to be sent to Cllr Hosking. The Clerk reminded Council that the PV2 formula is only an advisory calculation and common sense may over-rule this. Cllr Yonge reminded Cllr Hosking that there are 5 crossings locally on the A379 which do not meet the PV2 rule.

Mr Flay, chairman of the School governors, spoke about the school culture. Walking to school is recommended both for fitness and to remove the daily traffic jams in Stray Park and reduce our carbon footprint. As a result of this policy, there is a significant increase of the number of children crossing the A379 either 2 or 4 times per day. He urged Cllr Hosking to get approval for the crossing.

Cllr Hosking agreed to establish to cost of the crossing and advise. It may be necessary to create a petition in the village to send to DCC but this will be held over for the time being to await DCC reconsideration.

- Boldventure drainage problem. Mr Colton has reviewed the reported problem and has established that it is not a flood risk and will be dealt with as part of the normal programmes.
- Coronation Buildings kerb problems. A meeting has been set up for June 28th between Mr Colton and Cllr Healy.
- Hillside Drive road damage from car fire. Not reclaimable from car insurance. It will be dealt with on DCC budget in due course.
- Scrutiny Committees at DCC have been re-organised

11. CORRESPONDENCE for discussion.

- A letter had been received from a Newton Ferrers resident asking whether Yealmpton would consider having an indoor gym facility. YCA does not have room capacity for this project. A demand survey to be organised through Yealmpton Press and YCA. Cllr Craddock to pursue this.

Clerk

Hosking

Healy

Craddock

- Email regarding the poor condition of Church Lane had been received. The landlord has been advised of this. Cllr Thomas reported that, in his opinion, although the state of the unpaved road is not ideal, it is probably no worse than usual.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the on Monday, July 10th 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Room at YCA.

The meeting was closed at 9.37 pm.

M J Stickland, Clerk to Yealmpton Parish Council

15th June 2017

OPEN FORUM

(These notes do not form part of the Council Minutes).

1. A presentation on the proposed Solar Farm on the Gnaton Estate was given by Harry Lopes, Peter Brown and Alastair MacPherson.
Key points:
 - No visual impact
 - A Devon Bank, 500 metres in length, to be established on the Northern boundary
 - Re-instate to farmland after 25 years
 - Grass will be sheep grazed underneath the panels.
 - Will be run by Yealm Community Energy
 - S106 agreement will state that only a 'community interest company' may own and run the project i.e. not a private company.
 - Yealmpton community will receive £7,000 per annum.
 - Project not government subsidized
 - Ultimately, cheaper energy for local users
 - Investors will receive about 5% return on investment
 - Any surpluses will benefit community and not shareholders