

**M INUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN YCA COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14th 2015 AT 7.30 PM**

Present:

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

* Denotes attendance @ Denotes absence

Also attending:

Members of the public	8
Police	1
County Councillor	1
District Councillor	1

1. APOLOGIES – Cllr Endicott and District Cllr Blackler

2. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Potter reported the following crimes:

July

1/7 criminal damage CR/047807/153/7

3/7 theft of gazebo CR/050359/15

4/7 minor assault, dealt with by way of restorative justice CR/047807/15

15/7 theft of money, dealt with by way of restorative justice CR/050359/15

29/7 nuisance phone calls, dealt with by way of restorative justice CR/053911/15

August

12/8 theft of mobile phone, enquiries ongoing CR/059505/15

25/8 theft of car, enquiries ongoing CR/059505/15

28/8 public order offence, verbal threats, enquiries ongoing CR058467/15

2b. Speed watch update. A date for carrying out speed checks in the village is still awaited. If average speeds are too low, speed watch will not be instituted.

2c. Cllr Baldry asked about police action against those motorists causing an obstruction on the A379 in the vicinity of the Volunteer public house. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Inspector Tomlinson at Totnes requesting action.

3a. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Hosking reported:

- That Councils in the South West are joining forces and requesting more powers of devolution from Westminster.
- Mr Peddar’s request for smaller vehicles to be used in the lane to Dunston has been passed to local farmers.
- A379 update. The geo-physical survey was carried out on 8th to 11th September. Results awaited. DCC has not changed the urgency from ‘priority’ to ‘emergency’.
- Meeting with Nick Colton on Sept 15th re 20mph restrictions around Yeo crossroads.
- The only way that an additional zebra crossing will be built is for the speed /pedestrian usage calculation to exceed the cut off limit.
- Bus stop at the Old Forge. Still to be sorted out.

Clerk

- Bus services. The 94 has been reduced from 5 to 2 per day. The 93 has been renamed 3 and will not run on Sunday and Bank Holidays.
- Newton and Noss are considering a Community Transport bus service. A feasibility study is to be done. If implemented, this would also benefit Yealmpton parishioners.

Cllr Healy questioned why it had taken so long to remove the logs off the pavement by the Manor after the bank grass had been cut.

Tucker

Cllr Tucker requested that the drain opposite the garage be cleared. He agreed to report this on “My Devon” website.

3b. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr Baldry reported:

- The Locality Fund applications have been oversubscribed by a factor of 2.
- That our new Locality Officer is Tim Pollard.
- Thanks to the Methodist Church for the invitation to the opening of the front extension.
- Customer Services at SHDC has been criticised and there are now more (14) telephone operators
- Planning obligations. The Government has rescinded recent legislation about Affordable Homes after a High Court ruling and now every development of 2 or more dwellings must have a percentage of Affordable Homes.

Baldry

Cllr Yonge asked why the application for the rebuilding of the cottages at Owl Cross was taking so long. Cllr Baldry agreed to investigate.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Tucker declared a pecuniary interest in #8.1

Cllr Pritchard declared an interest in # 6.5

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Baldry proposed and Cllr Yonge seconded that the minutes of the July 13th 2015 Monthly Meeting be signed as an accurate record. Approved.

6 LOCAL ISSUES

Clerk

6.1 Stray Park Playground Fencing. The Clerk was asked to get a price for fencing around the recreation ground at Stray Park.

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6.2 Waste Bins from SHDC. New bins have been located at Puslinch Bridge and adjacent to the Market Street Car park. The promised bin for Stray Park is awaited. Clerk to get Wimpey permission for ‘zig-zag’ path bin.

6.3 MUGA update. Work will be substantially complete by October 2nd with some further planting during school half term. The pre-school area has similar timescales. The beech tree area should remain untouched.

Craddock

The school want to hold an opening ceremony before the end of October. A separate ceremony will be organised when the full Community facilities are available and booking systems in place.

Stone

6.4 Trim Trail. Carried forward to October meeting.

Craddock

6.5 Car Park license renewal. After some discussion, it was agreed that consultation with interested parties should commence before the end of 2015 regarding the ways forward for funding when the Market Street organisation is not able to fund the £2000 per annum required by SHDC.

6.6 Double yellow lines in Yealmpton. The Clerk advised that DCC has agreed

that yellow lines had historically been painted alongside the churchyard wall. Regrettably the relevant traffic order was rescinded many years ago in a 'county clear up'. Nick Colton is planning to put a Traffic Order for reinstatement of the lines on the back of another local order to save time and cost. This will take at least 6 months.

6.7 Speedwatch action from item 2b above. Results from this survey are awaited before further progress can be made.

6.8 Arthur Tapper Garden. The Clerk reported that the wall repairs were completed very satisfactorily. He suggested that YPC should now improve the garden to be the memorial intended by Arthur Tapper family. This was supported by all councillors. Cllrs Yonge, Stone, Thomas and the Clerk to make proposal to Council. When completed, the garden facility to be widely advertised.

6.9 Recycle Devon. It was agreed that no action be taken on this initiative.

6.10 TAP funding 2016/17. The Clerk advised changes for next year:

- No requirement for dual council applications
- No previous projects will be considered
- Selection will be by DCC/SHDC officers and not by Council presentations
- Closing date is December 18th for applications.
- Councillors to bring proposals to October meeting

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 62/1909/15F. Kitley Farm. Change of use and erection of office. Supported

7.2 62/1919/15F. 81 Yealm Park. Side extension. Site meeting called for 17th.

7.3 62/1922/15F. Hollybank. Rear extension, cladding and garage. Supported

7.4. Community Solar farm at Lolesbury Farm. Awaiting final application.

7.5. Work on TPO 62/2018. 15 Riverside Walk. Council had no comment to make on this order to prune back tree branches.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 Cllr Yonge proposed and Cllr Baldry seconded the acceptance of the expenditure for the amount of £6,408.00 for August and £3,378.00 for September. Approved unanimously.

8.2 The Clerk reported that our accounts for 2014/15 have been approved by Grant Thornton, Auditors.

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

WORKS – Nothing to report

FOOTPATHS - Nothing to report.

HIGHWAYS - Cllr Healy expressed concern about a pavement problem near Old Mother Hubbard's. He agreed to report it on the 'My Devon' website.

ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Tucker raised concern at water course pollution caused by grass mowing effluent running into our streams. He agreed to write an article for Yealmpton Press. Cllr Baldry asked about our weed killing program. The Clerk responded that the contractor has advised that this will be done this week.

EMERGENCY PLAN – Cllr Pritchard gave Council a complete update on the current position. In summary

- An updated (draft) Emergency has been written. This to be approved at October meeting. Copy emailed to all Cllrs.
- Meetings with the Environment Agency (EA) and householders affected by flooding. The earlier proposal of an upstream reservoir has been rescinded as not cost effective. Smaller scheme at New England Quarry has commenced.

Yonge/Stone
Thomas/Clerk

All Cllrs

Healy

Tucker
Clerk

Clerk
Craddock
Stone/Barton
Pritchard
Thomas

- Proposed installation of flood warning system within the next two months using mobile phone and internet connections.
 - A full report has been emailed to all Councillors
- YOUTH** - nothing to report.

10. CORRESPONDENCE for discussion.

10.1. Cllr Bramble, Chairman of SHDC will be at the meeting on October 12th

10.2. Letter from Mr Sweet about tidying up the grass around the village 'gateway' signs. It was agreed that the 4 'gateway' sites would be kept tidy (including sign washing) by Cllrs Craddock, Pritchard, Barton, Stone and Cllr Thomas will speak to Mr Sweet regarding the southern gateway sign.

10.3. Invitation to Ivybridge and District ALC AGM. YPC will not be present

10.4. Letter from an ex Bigbury councillor regarding SHDC ignoring representations made about planning applications. YPC has no such problems as the planning laws are understood.

10.5. Mr Harris from Yeo is now keeping the local notice board up-to-date. Mr Harris thanked YPC for getting the grass bank cut satisfactorily (if belatedly). Mr Harris asked for road signage around Yeo Cross to indicate 'children and pedestrians in road'. This has been requested from DCC.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be on Monday , October 12th 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Room at YCA.

The meeting was closed at 10.20 pm.

M J Stickland, Clerk to Yealmpton Parish Council

September 16th 2015

Open Forum notes

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

1. Dr Les Bradbury identified that there are no significant parking problems on the Market Street site. The first year contract with SHDC ends on October 31st 2015. The Market Street Traders and Residents Association has sufficient funds for at least the first 6 months of the next contract year and probably for the whole year. The Association are content to let the current arrangement run for the next year.
2. Peter Brown and Harry Lopes spoke about the proposed Yealm Community Solar Farm at Lolesbury Farm on the southern boundary of the Parish. At the recent public consultation meeting there had been 61 people in support of the scheme and no objectors. The proposal is for 5KW output from the 25 acre site. As a community project, local people will be able to make an investment in the project costing up to £5million. Investors will get an annual return and the local community will receive £1,000 per year per KW of output to be split 2/3 Yealmpton and 1/3 Holbeton (based on area within each parish). Planning Application is to be submitted to SHDC within the next few weeks. Application for a similar scheme in Newton Ferrers has already been made. Ours needs to be built by 31/3/2016 to meet government grant deadlines.