

**M INUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN YCA COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY OCTOBER 12th 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	1
Police	0
County Councillor	1
District Councillor	1

1. APOLOGIES – Cllrs Stone and Thomas and District Cllr Blackler

2. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Potter emailed the following crimes for September:

Overnight 3rd / 4th, theft of Land Rover, enquiries ongoing CR/062090/15
 12th, making off without payment, fuel drawn from pump at Yealm Motor Services, driver failed to pay, enquiries ongoing CR/063816/15
 16th, early hours, theft of property from a car parked in Riverside Walk CR/064794/15
 21st, burglary, push bike stolen from garage in Yeo Park CR/065942/15
 26th, report of a minor common assault, which resulted in no further Police action.

Speedwatch. Good news regarding the traffic monitoring requested. Data collected shows there is a speed issue at both Ford road and on the A379 so a Community Speed Watch group can be organised. Volunteer details are required: names, dates of birth and home addresses, plus one volunteer to act as a coordinator.

3a. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Hosking reported:

- Councils in the South West are joining forces and requesting more powers of devolution from Westminster.
- Yeo Park speed signage to be investigated.
- A379 update. The geo-physical survey was carried out in September. Design expected by October 16th. Work to be in 2016.
- Double yellow lines by church wall – Traffic Order has been advertised
- Bus stop at the Old Forge has been approved and will be installed.
- Newton and Noss has considered a Community Transport bus service. A feasibility study has been done and no further action will be taken.
- Speed/persons (PV²) calculation for zebra crossing to be redone
- Request for attendance at Road Warden meeting

3b. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr Baldry reported:

- Grant Thornton audit report was full of praise for SHDC

- SHDC is working with Government on refugee resettlement
- Can dead weeds be removed from Puslinch Bridge area
- Mrs Milford raising concern at traffic speeds through Yeo Park area.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Baldry proposed and Cllr Yonge seconded that the minutes of the September 14th 2015 Monthly Meeting be signed as an accurate record. Approved.

6 LOCAL ISSUES

Clerk

6.1 Stray Park Playground Fencing. SHDC want to further consult on the need for this. Clerk to get a fencing price.

6.2 Emergency Plan. The revised, circulated plan was unanimously adopted.

6.3 MUGA update. Work substantially complete and the school are using the area. Preschool area also in use. Contingency fund untouched so far. The hedging against the bungalows to be done at half term and the electronic locking to be completed by the end of term. Cllr Craddock to speak to Cllr Stone about a celebrity to open the MUGA in the new year. It is now time to approve the monies for the Bowls Club update.

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6.4 Trim Trail. Carried forward to November meeting.

6.5 Big Greenspace Challenge. It was agreed to make an application for funds for the Trim Trail and ATG restoration.

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Craddock

6.6 Double yellow lines in Yealmpton. The Traffic order has been advertised.

6.7 Tim Pollard visit. Agreed for Nov meeting

Yonge/Barton
/Tucker

6.8 Arthur Tapper Garden. Cllrs Yonge, Tucker and Barton to take action to revitalise the garden

6.9 TAP funding projects for 2016/17.

Clerk

- Funds for Yeo Park road signing
- Flashing portable speed signs for sharing with adjacent councils
- Pathway from Dunstone Cross to Toll House (£4k quote given)

6.10 Market Street car park. The draft article for the Yealmpton Press was approved.

Craddock

7. PLANNING MATTERS

None.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cllr Yonge proposed and Cllr Baldry seconded the acceptance of the expenditure for the amount of £1679.22. Approved unanimously.

8 COMMITTEE REPORTS

WORKS – The repair to the bench in Bakery Square is in hand.

FOOTPATHS - A). Cllr Barton to pursue the danger on FP18. B). Can hardcore be put down at the Puslinch end of FP20? Cllr Barton to get approval from Mr Bastard. C). Clerk to pursue the repair of the Display Board in Bakery Square with Tim Pollard.

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Clerk

HIGHWAYS - Clerk to speak to Nick Colton about the water on the highway adjacent to Broadmoor farm

Clerk

ENVIRONMENT – Clerk to get dead weeds removed from Puslinch and Yealm bridges

Clerk

EMERGENCY PLAN – Cllr Pritchard advised that the EP boxes have been

Pritchard

checked and updated. There is now one box for North of the river and another for the Southside. Cllr Pritchard agreed to take on the Snow Warden duties.

YOUTH - nothing to report.

10. CORRESPONDENCE for discussion.

10.1. The YAGA Plant sale for May 7th was approved

10.2 Town & Parish conference dates given out. No attendees from YPC

10.3 Yealm Guide book sale for January 24th approved.

10.4 Cllr Pritchard advised about events to raise funds for the Dementia Friendly Parishes group.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting was closed at 9.50 pm.

M J Stickland, Clerk to Yealmpton Parish Council October 14th 2015

Open Forum notes

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

1. Councillor Ian Bramble, Chairman of South Hams District Council, spoke to us about the work of the Council and the changes made and ongoing savings to be made.
 - Costs reduced by reduction of Councillors from 40 to 31 and 30 Wards down to 20 and reduction of Executives from 11 to 6.
 - Staffing reductions have made a significant cost savings.
 - Next years even more challenging as Government divests activities to local councils
 - SHDC and West Devon have been in talks about amalgamation. Relationships with other councils have been developed but partnership suitability unknown. Some favour a ‘South Devon Unitary Authority’.
 - Uncertainty for next 5 years as reforms introduced by Government such as freedom to set council tax levels, business rate retentions etc
 - SHDC finances are in good order to handle changes and no borrowing yet
 - Neighbourhood Plans important for local security on planning issues.
 - Agreed that too many ‘devolved powers’ to Parish Councils could be too much for smaller councils to deal with.

2. Mrs Stone raised concern at the ability of the sewage plant to handle the sewage volumes from the village now that the new estate is well occupied. On October 8th there was a major smell problem which was dealt with by South West Water after a phone call by Mrs Stone. Apparently 2 tankers were brought in to reduce the plant load. Case ref number 2895694. The Clerk reminded the meeting that in the event of repeat problems, the action is to phone SHDC Environment Department immediately. They will attend and decide on actions against South West Water. Cllr Barton to put an article in Yealm Press to highlight this action.

Barton