

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN YCA COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 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 4

Police 0

County Councillor 1

District Councillor 0

**1. APOLOGIES** – Cllr Blackler and the Police

**2. POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO Potter’s report for July & August:

**July**

6th, animal cruelty, owl shot, enquiries had negative result CR/056293/17

22nd, drink / driver, offender arrested and charged to court CR/060485/17

22nd, dog worrying livestock CR/060851/17

Between 15th and 22nd, criminal damage caused to motor vehicle, car had damage caused to door mirror CR/061354/17

**August**

Overnight 2nd / 3rd, burglary non dwelling, property stolen from farm out building CR/064575/17

3rd attempt burglary CR/065041/17

13th burglary non dwelling enquiries ongoing CR/068447/17

19th assault, enquiries ongoing

An incident has arisen in the village as the Pre School outside play area has been vandalised. Laura Farley to be advised to report this to the police and to Ivybridge Academy who is the ‘head leaseholder’ for this land. All councillors were disappointed that this could happen in Yealmpton.

**Clerk**

**3. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

a. No report from Cllr Blackler. The Chairman expressed his concern that Cllr Blackler had not reported or even made comment on the “One Council” issue.

**Blackler**

b. Cllr Baldry’s report:

- The main business for the summer period has been the many deliberations about forming one new council by merging with West Devon
- The two applications from Yealmpton for Locality funding have been approved namely; The Rainbows and The After School Gardening Club.
- Ivybridge Leisure Centre is to have major improvements. This is to be funded by Fusion, the managing company. There will be a new 6 lane swimming pool and new changing facilities. Planned for 2018.
- The Ming Restaurant based in Old Mother Hubbard’s Cottage has received a food hygiene rating of zero – the lowest possible.

Baldry

- A suitable location for the distribution of SHDC waste sacks is being sought in the village – possibly the Garage and/or the Village Store

**4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Cllr Hosking report and discussion:

Hosking

- A recent meeting with Mr Colton reviewed the following outstanding items
  - a. Zebra Crossing – ongoing – some progress
  - b. Dunstone to Torr Road re rainwater drainage and road flooding. Problems with Shire Horse Centre pond due to effluent contamination
  - c. Post Office railings. A quote for £868 has been obtained. Cllr Hosking to advise on his contribution to this cost. HATOC funding may be available. (see 8.6 below)
  - d. Boldventure drain problem. To be “sucked” at next machine visit.
  - e. DCC Childrens’ services. Funding not to be stopped until completion of re-assessment of 800 children.
  - f. Date for resurfacing the A379 in the ‘Brixton dip’ not yet established

Hosking

Hosking

Hosking

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**6. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

Cllr Tucker proposed and Cllr Endicott seconded “that the minutes of the July 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 meeting be signed as an accurate record”. Approved.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS -**

Craddock

**7.1 WORKS** – a) path from Bowden Hill to Silverbridge Way to be cleared this month. b) Demand for work by Community Services exceeds 1 day per month. Clerk advised that funding available for 1 day per week. Cllr Craddock to check their capacity (with timescales) c) Question of bus shelter cleaning was raised. Cllr Thomas to set up new team from ”social media” interest.

Craddock

Thomas

Barton

**7.2 FOOTPATHS** - a) New leaflet ready for printing. Cllr Barton to organize. b) Work to start on FP20 repairs during the second week in October. c) Path strimming 6 weeks overdue. Clerk advised likely change of contractor for 2018. d) Stray Park fencing holes not mended. Clerk to pursue contractor.

Clerk  
Hosking

**7.3 HIGHWAYS** a) Road edges need sweeping but best left till after’ leaf fall’. Clerk to check frequency of SHDC sweeping along A379. b) Drain repair by zebra crossing needs to be programmed. DCC know of problem resolution. c) Drop kerbs in village. Cllr Tucker to arrange for new village survey to establish any new needs. d) Electronic speed sign. Generally well accepted and effective. Clerk to get garage location changed. Cllr Craddock to speak with Mr Wade re Ford Road location.

Tucker  
Clerk  
Craddock

Prichard  
Clerk  
Jordan

**7.4 EMERGENCY PLAN & ENVIRONMENT**– a) Plan has been reviewed with outstanding items to be completed this week. Road closure signs to be ordered by Clerk. Some new equipment may be required. b) First Aid course to be organised. At least 5 councillors interested. c) Mr Bastard has enquired about setting up a group of people to help parishioners during emergency services delays. Council concluded that this is an issue for “good friends and neighbours” and not for YPC involvement. Cllr Thomas to respond to Mr Bastard.

Thomas

Clerk

**7.5 YOUTH** – Clerk commented on state and condition of the Youth Room. An extractor fan was approved for installation.

Barton

**7.6 COMMUNICATIONS** a) Village newsletter has been distributed with Yealmpton Press. Other copies to be put out around the village.

## **8. LOCAL ISSUES**

### **8.1 Actions from previous minutes not yet cleared.**

- Dunstone hedge cuttings not removed
- MUGA activity. Cllr Craddock to report after survey.
- SHDC still to advise about additional rubbish bin in Torr Lane

Clerk  
Craddock  
Clerk  
Thomas  
Clerk

**8.2 Church lane parking.** After some discussion, it was proposed, seconded and approved to put up a sign on the Rectory wall. Cllr Thomas to supply wording to Clerk. Clerk to purchase.

**8.3 Update on Zebra crossing.** Nothing to report.

Clerk

**8.4 Accident/incident reporting.** Items relating to SHDC property to be reported to them by email by the Clerk.

Clerk

**8.5 Memorial Garden planting.** The revised rules were approved and signed by the Chairman. Clerk to circulate to councillors for reference.

Healy

**8.6 Post Office railings.** See also 4c above. The railings only provide part of the solution. A further meeting with Cllrs Tucker, Healy and DCC to be arranged to review concrete levels etc.

Clerk  
Tucker

**8.7 Road sign purchases.** Approval was given to the Clerk to purchase; 4 'road closed' signs and 10 '750 mms high road cones' at a max of £300. This equipment will kindly be stored by Cllr Tucker.

Clerk  
Craddock

**8.8 Works contracts for 2018.** Cllr Craddock explained that a review has been made for contracts for next year. It is expected that the contractors will be local to help our 'carbon footprint'. Asset maintenance will probably be done by Community Services. Cllr Craddock to discuss with them.

Clerk

**8.9 One Council – discussion and vote.** After a short discussion, Council voted unanimously "that this Council does not support the proposal of one council to replace SHDC and West Devon". Unitary Authorities for Devon would be acceptable with the exclusion of Plymouth and Torbay. Clerk to advise SHDC accordingly.

Clerk

**8.10 Use of S106 funds.** SHDC has advised that they want to spend the balance of £7500 on work on their property in Stray Park. Clerk to write to Bob Sekula to advise that YPC wish to spend this monies on upgrading the play equipment in the park.

**8.11 Stray Park benches.** Cllr Thomas to purchase bench/benches to the value of £500 after review of need.

Clerk

## **9. PLANNING MATTERS**

9.1 2580/17/FUL. Way Farm cottages. Conversion of 2 properties into one. No objections were raised and accepted unanimously.

## **10. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

10.1 Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr Tucker seconded the acceptance of the expenditure for the amount of £4,438.77. Approved.

10.2 Expenditure over £1000. The wall repairs and repointing around Bakery Square cost £2008.

10.3 It was proposed by Cllr Pritchard and seconded by Cllr Thomas "that the monthly accounts summary be posted on the Council website". Unanimously approved.

Barton

10.4 Feedback from Finance Group meeting carried forward to October meeting.

Clerk

**Craddock**

**Thomas**

**11. CORRESPONDENCE for discussion.**

- Cllr Craddock agreed to speak to Mr Wade regarding his concerns about the location of the speed sign in Ford Road.
- Felicity Kent has been appointed as the Editor of Yealmpton Press.
- Caroline Feasey has been appointed as Yealmpton & Brixton Caring co-ordinator
- IADLC. YPC will not be represented at the meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Cllr Thomas to write to Dick Page about “first responder training”

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be the on Monday, October 9<sup>h</sup> 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Room at YCA.

The meeting was closed at 10.11 pm.

M J Stickland, Clerk to Yealmpton Parish Council

13<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**OPEN FORUM NOTES**

(Please note that these do not form part of the Council minutes)

- A request was made to make the Council expenditure publicly available. See 10.3 above for conclusion.
- A request was made for the bus shelter (opposite The Volunteer) to be regularly cleansed. See 7.7.c above for conclusion.
- The issue of inconsiderate parking in Church Lane was raised. See 8.2 above for conclusion.
- A parishioner expressed his concern about the “One Council” proposal. He criticised SHDC for their consultation exercise saying that it was poorly publicised and therefore poorly attended and therefore not a representation of feeling from Yealmpton parishioners. Cllr Baldry accepted the comment about publicising and explained the difficulty of contacting our parishioners through the normal press coverage which did not really reach Yealmpton. See 8.9 above for Council decision.