

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
YCA COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 12th 2018 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	6
Police	1
County Councillor	
District Councillor	0

1. APOLOGIES – Cllrs Blackler and Healy

2. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Potter presented his report for January:
 6th common assault, enquiries ongoing CR/005136/18
 7th criminal damage to a car, rear windscreen smashed CR/001989/18
 Overnight 25th/26th theft of property from a car CR/007623/18
 Speedwatch training has been organised for February 21st.

Cllr Jordan asked for information about traffic incidents at East Pitten/
West Pitten junction.

3. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

a. Cllr Blackler reported by email that:

- TAP meetings have been held and grants made, applications were oversubscribed so grants had to be reduced.
- Planning fees earned so far have reached in excess of £120,000.
- Some toilets in future will pay on entry.
- SHDC has lost £5.5m in grants since 2010.
- Our waste for burning goes to Plymouth.
- In the 2018/19 Budget re-investment in communities where large developments have occurred will be abolished.
- At present 106 enforcements have been achieved with 324 still outstanding in The South Hams.
- Planning decisions have been determined above target, showing a marked improvement.
- On the Sherford development 104 houses have been sold with 270 nearing completion.
- A drugs and alcohol Task and Finish group has been formed at SHDC.
- There will possibly be a £5 increase on Council Tax in Tax Band D.

b. Cllr Baldry's report:

- District rates will increase by 3%. Car parking fees will increase.
- From April 2019, some public toilets will close and others will charge 20p entry.

- From April 1st 2018, SHDC will no longer accept cheques or cash for bill payments. Use Direct Debits or pay in cash at a Post Office.
- The Community Reinvestment Fund is to be discontinued. The Council application for Stray Park play equipment was turned down. The Athletic Club application for car park resurfacing was also rejected.

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Hosking's report:

- DCC rates to increase by 4.99%
- Additional £6.5 million release for highway maintenance.
- Devon will be running a pilot scheme with the Government for the retention of all Business Rates
- Flooding on the road from Dunstone to Higher Torr, Yealmpton. There was originally a ford at this problem point so that dredging the adjacent pond cannot be insisted upon.
- SW Water are denying responsibility for damage to pavements in Stray Park caused by contractors' heavy lorries. Council requested that this be challenged by Cllr Hosking as photographic evidence has been provided.
- The blocked gullies identified have all been cleared.
- The central white line over Torr Bridge to be repainted
- The safety audit for the site of the new zebra crossing is proceeding
- A379 resurfacing work in 'Brixton dip' has been completed.
- A 'quiet lane' scheme is to be piloted in the area (possibly Brixton Parish)
- Additional road signs for safety at Two Crosses will be supported
- 'Rumble strips' on A379 and 'sleeping policemen' in Yealm Park will not be supported by DCC Highways
- Next year there will be £10,000 for local "Invest in Devon" projects.
- Review of parking outside the Volunteer is ongoing.

Hosking

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5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

Hosking

6. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Yonge proposed and Cllr Baldry seconded "that the minutes of the January 8th meeting be signed as an accurate record". Approved.

Hosking

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS -

7.1 WORKS – A) Pavement at west end of village planned for clearance today. Supervisor changed recently. Cllr Craddock to establish if the work invoiced for December was carried out. B) Council approved the purchase of a further 6 sets of "litter picking" equipment as there are now more volunteers.

7.2 FOOTPATHS - a) Cllr Barton to get quote and work done to improve FP20 across the field by the recreation area. b) Path survey complete and submitted to DCC.

7.3 HIGHWAYS – A) The resurfacing work on the A379 between Yealmpton and Brixton has been completed and the requested drainage incorporated. Cllr Prichard proposed and Cllr Craddock seconded that "thanks to DCC for a job well done". Approved. B) The road to Lee Mill is now becoming dangerous with the banks about to collapse in to the highway. Clerk to contact DCC. C) Council approved expenditure for slabs by the bus stop at Hillside Drive. Clerk to organise.

Craddock

Barton

Clerk	<p>7.4 <u>EMERGENCY PLAN & ENVIRONMENT.</u> A) Cllrs Pritchard and Jordan attended a training workshop on “flooding in Devon villages”. This confirmed that Yealmpton planning is very adequate. 4 new radios are on order to be paid for by DCC. B) WiFi is to be installed into the Parish Room next week.</p>
Clerk	<p>7.5 <u>YOUTH</u> – Ventilation has been improved by modifications to the extractor fans.</p>
Pritchard	<p>7.6 <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> - Cllr Barton to write a promotional article on the Parish Room. Cllr Craddock to supply photographs.</p>
Barton/ Craddock	<p>8. <u>LOCAL ISSUES</u></p> <p>8.1 Actions from previous minutes not yet cleared. All discussed under item 4 above</p> <p>8.2 Update on Zebra crossing. The safety audit for the site of the new zebra crossing is proceeding.</p> <p>8.4 Post Office railings. Cllr Tucker to speak to Mr Maye to get agreement from shopkeepers and/or landlord to fund extra £3,000 for best scheme. Otherwise YPC will proceed with scheme for 1 straight rail to be funded by YPC and DCC.</p>
Hosking	<p>8.5 Stray Park equipment upgrade. Funding refused by SHDC. Project closed. Cllr Thomas to specify benches to the budgeted sum of £500.</p>
Tucker	<p>8.6 Proposed new pharmacy. Yealmpton Medical Centre (YMC) have proposed to set up a new Pharmacy in conjunction with their existing Dispensary. Cllr Baldry proposed and Cllr Tucker seconded that “Yealmpton Parish Council supports the application made by YMC in preference to an earlier application on the basis that YMC fulfils its promise/obligation to consider the needs of other local businesses to remain viable”. Approved unanimously.</p>
Thomas	<p>8.7 Stray Park road damage. As reported in 4. above, SW Water has denied responsibility for any damage to roads and pavements. Cllr Hosking to pursue this problem where SW Water and/or its contractors have damaged the infrastructure.</p>
Clerk	<p>9. <u>PLANNING MATTERS</u></p> <p>9.1 0010/18/ARM. 11 Fore Street. Council opposed this application on its unacceptable visual impact on our street scene. Passed with 1 abstention.</p>
Hosking	<p>9.2 4338/17/HHO. 5 Ploughman Way. Proposed 1st floor rear extension. Passed with 2 abstentions.</p> <p>9.3 3807/17/HHO. Retrospective application for revised plans to changes to front garden. Council decided to hold a site meeting on Feb 16th at 4 pm.</p>
All Cllrs	<p>10. <u>FINANCIAL MATTERS</u></p> <p>Note: Items of expenditure below £1,000 are not itemized. Parishioners are welcome to attend meetings if further details are required.</p> <p>10.1 Cllr Craddock proposed and Cllr Baldry seconded the acceptance of the expenditure for the amount of £2141.50. Approved unanimously.</p>
	<p>11. <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>11.1 AONB questionnaires filled in by Councillors for the Clerk.</p> <p>11.2 Letter from River Yealm Harbour Authority inviting a representative for 3 years from March 1st 2018. Cllr Endicott was unanimously elected for this post.</p> <p>11.3 Nigel Pitt of Yealm Community Energy wishes to engage Council more in his local projects. He to be invited to speak in Open Forum on March 12th 2018.</p>

Clerk

11.4 Yealmpton & Brixton Caring has appointed a new supervisor (Shirley Deeney).

Clerk

11.5 DCC has confirmed that the footpath at Torr Bridge is perfectly safe.

Clerk

11.6 Clerk to attend a course on the new "Data protection Act" to come into effect in May. To be put on March agenda.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Clerk

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 12th 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Room at YCA. Consideration to be given to the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting also to be held on April 9th 2018.

The meeting was closed at 9.32 pm.

M J Stickland, Clerk to Yealmpton Parish Council

13th February 2018

OPEN FORUM NOTES

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

Thomas

1. Parishioners expressed delight at completed roadworks on A379.
2. Congrats to SHDC for replacing broken bin in two days.
3. Concern was raised about the safety in crossing New Road to access the shop at the petrol station. Cllr Thomas agreed to speak to the garage owners about putting in a pathway across their grass verge for safety.
4. Two parishioners expressed their various concerns about the proposed housing development behind 11 Fore Street. Council advised that it has already submitted its disapproval of this application.
5. The owner of 5 Ploughman Way advised that his application for a first-floor extension is simply to extend a rear bedroom and bathroom. This will have no effect on his business activity.