

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN  
YCA COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY MARCH 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 AT 7.30 PM**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Thomas (Chairman) * Cllr Endicott (Vice Chair) * Cllr Craddock * Cllr Healy * Cllr Pritchard @	*	Cllr Baldry Cllr Jordan Cllr Tucker Cllr Barton Cllr Yonge	*	*	*	*
	* Denotes attendance		@ Denotes absence				

<b>Also attending:</b>	Members of the public	0
	Police	0
	County Councillor	0
	District Councillor	0

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllrs Blackler, Hosking, Pritchard and the Police

2. **POLICE MATTERS**

PCS Potter sent his report for February.

7th, assault, dealt with by way of restorative justice CR/011749/18

7th, harassment, no further Police action CR/011987/18O

Cllr Craddock reported that “speed watch” training for 5 residents has now been completed. Site approval by the police is in-hand.

3. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

a. Cllr Blackler reported by email that:

- There will only be cashless payments at SHDC from 1st April saving the Council about £35,000.
- There is only the possibility that SHDC may commence house building again, not yet confirmed.
- SHDC will start at some time using less plastics.
- We are to receive £80,640 grant for rural service delivery.
- Council Tax will increase by £5 to give a figure of £160.42 to a band D property for 2018/19. £6,072m will be collected.
- SHDC are able to show savings of £689,350 over 12 months.
- Total expenditure for 2018/19 is about £8,983,000.
- There will be a Budget gap for 2019/20 of £0.64m
- There will be no Government Support Grant next year.
- There will be pay to enter toilets in future.

b. Cllr Baldry’s report:

- SHDC will be investing in the building of Social Housing using their reserves. Starting in the next financial year.
- SHDC refuse collection started ‘as normal’ last Monday after disruption
- The SHDC drop-in ‘road show’ will be in Yealmpton at the “Rose & Crown” car park on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-2.30 pm.. This is to give parishioners the opportunity to learn more about on-line services.
- Serious concerns raised about the water quality in the River Yealm. Using the “freedom of information” act, it has been established that there were a number of ‘overspills’ both here and at Brixton last year. YPC are writing to the SW Water Authority for clarification of these statistics.

**Craddock**

Clerk

- Replacement rubbish bags can be obtained at Ivybridge, both at The Watermark and the SHDC depot (opposite the DCC recycling facility). Cllr Baldry is seeking better ways of bag distribution.

Baldry

#### **4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Cllr Hosking's emailed report:

- The Devon County Council Budget 2018/19.

Devon County Council received a few welcome announcements of additional funding in the run up to the Local Authority Settlement for 2018/19. Despite this additional funding it is still going to be challenging to meet our budget and we will be seeking innovative ways of managing increased demand for Social Care.

Devon County Council core funding from Central Government has been reduced to £115.2 million in 2018/19. This is a reduction of £13.1 million on 2016/17 (taking into account the additional £10 million from the Improved Better Care Fund announced in 2017).

The additional funding announced includes;

The County in partnership with our eight District and two Unitary Authorities has been made a Business Rates Retention Pilot in 2018/19. This is estimated to increase potential funding to the County by £16.6 million, £6.6 million more than anticipated;

Rural Services Delivery Grant has not been reduced as expected but has been increased by a further £1.5 million to a total of £7.5 million;

Anticipated changes to the New Homes Bonus Scheme have not been introduced and Devon County Council (DCC) will benefit by an additional £300K to a total of £3.8 million.

An additional £2.2 million Adult Social Care Support Grant has been allocated to DCC specifically for Adult Social Care;

The County has received £2.1 million to compensate for a change in the inflationary increase on Business Rates as announced in the Autumn Budget;

We are permitted if required to increase our Council Tax Precept (excluding the Social Care Precept capped at 2%) by an additional 1% to 3% before triggering a referendum.

Increased Spending. In response to demand we therefore plan to increase spending for the following services;

g) an additional £6.5 million on Children's Services;

h) an additional £13 million on Adult Services;

i) an additional £6.5 million on maintenance and repair of drainage, patching and potholes on our highways.

With the additional funding we have been able to restrict the increase in our Council Tax Precept to 4.99% rather than the maximum 5.99% permitted by Central Government. This is a small but we hope helpful limitation on necessary increases in Council Tax.

- I am pleased to report that following the February meeting South West Water confirmed that they will be doing some repairs to the pavements in Stray Park following completion of works.
- Pleased also to confirm that I am happy to fund a new sign for the Newton Ferrers approach to Two Crosses, details of which have previously been forwarded, from my Locality or Invest in Devon Funds subject to confirmation of the Parish Council that they are content with this.
- I am in correspondence with Richard Yonge concerning weekend removal and duration of parking restrictions adjacent to the Post Office in Yealmpton, and await observations from the Parish Council in preparation for adding this change to the HATOC agenda (deadline end of this month).

Clerk/  
Hosking

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Hosking

- Hope the snow did not cause too much disruption or damage in Yealmpton and that normal service has now been resumed.
- Have joined a Task Group to look at the adequacy and operation of our Winter Service and will be pleased to take any views you have on this subject to the Group for consideration?
- Await report from John Fewings on progress of A379 crossing on his return from leave on 19th March 2018.

Pritchard/  
Jordan

## **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

Hosking

## **6. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

Cllr Craddock proposed and Cllr Tucker seconded “that the minutes of the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting be signed as an accurate record”. Approved.

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS -**

**7.1 WORKS** – a) There is a flooding problem in the bus shelter at Yealm Park – north. Clerk to discuss with DCC. b) Community Payback gang cleared the lane into the Recreation Ground yesterday.

**7.2 FOOTPATHS** a) FP20 will be done up when weather improves.

b) Will be discussing with Justin Robbins about work from surveys.

c) Silverbridge Way clear up will be done by Community Payback group.

**7.3 HIGHWAYS** – a) The road from Dunstone to Higher Torr is a disgrace.

Clerk to contact DCC for urgent remedial works. b) Accidents at East

Pitten/West Pitten junction. 13 incidents on web site. Cllr Jordan has written to

Lyneham Estate to get these entries better signposted and/or white lines at exit

from these developments. c) DCC has not marked the potholes from Croakford

Junction to Yealmpton. Clerk to contact DCC. d) Cllrs Endicott and Healy to

select the 4 priorities for “dropped kerbs” in the village.

**7.4 EMERGENCY PLAN & ENVIRONMENT.** a) Broadband now available in Parish Room and Youth Room. Total cost of installation was £89.97 b) New radios now in place. c) Cllrs gave a ‘vote of thanks’ to Cllr Jane Jordan for all the co-ordination work done for our parishioners during the recent snow episode. d) Kitley Heights need an additional road grit bin. Road not adopted therefore cost to their management company or YPC. e) List of ‘snow monitors’ for each road/area to be updated and circulated for our Emergency Plan folders.

**7.5 YOUTH** – Nothing to report

**7.6 COMMUNICATIONS** - The new article on the Parish Room is still outstanding. Wi-fi now working in Parish Room.

Clerk

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Craddock

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Endicott/  
Healy

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## **8. LOCAL ISSUES**

**8.1 Actions from previous minutes not yet cleared.** Minuted elsewhere except

a) Pathway at south of Filling Station/Store. The owners are in favour but

concerned about liabilities. It was felt that this would be covered by their

existing ‘3<sup>rd</sup> party liability’ cover. Cllr Thomas to confer.

**8.2 Update on Zebra crossing.** The safety audit for the site of the new zebra crossing is proceeding.

**8.3 Post Office railings.** Council asked the Clerk to write to Mr Maye advising that unless the owner of Coronation Buildings and/or tenants were prepared to fund the extra £2750, then DCC and YPC will proceed with the simple single safety rail option at no cost to them.

Thomas

Hosking

**Clerk**                    **8.4 Yeo Park notice board.** It was agreed that the board be left in situ showing the Yealmpton Directory and advice that minutes are available on line and on 2 other village notice boards.

**Craddock**            **8.5 Data protection act.** The Clerk is attending a seminar at Exeter tomorrow. An offer has been sent for us to pay £150 pa for the services of a Data Protection Officer to meet new legislation. To be reviewed in April.

**Clerk**                    **8.6 Agenda for Annual Parish meeting.** It was agreed to invite a) the Dementia Friendly Villages co-ordinator and b) the Brixton and Yealmpton Caring supervisor to each give a 5 minute presentation on their activities for the last year. Written annual reports are requested from the Chairman of Yealmpton Parish Council, the two District Councillors, the County Councillor and the Police.

**Clerk**                    **8.7 Community response to weather problems.** See item 7.4 above.

## **9. PLANNING MATTERS**

9.1 0204/18/HHO. Paradise House. Erection of sun room and re-site drive. "No comments" approved by Council.

9.2 3807/17/HHO. 8, Waltacre. Retrospective application for revised plans to changes to front garden. "Objection. Replace front wall with hedge on the correct boundary". Approved by Council.

9.3 0501/18/HHC. 24 Church Park Road. Householder to create own access to . main highway. "Objection. Creating precedent to make own access to highway". Passed by Council.

**Clerk**                    9.4 0817/18/NMM. The Old Forge, Yealmbridge. Non material changes to existing planning permission. Council is concerned that the proposed changes are "material" and within the AONB. Cllr Endicott to circulate planning information so that Cllrs can decide if a site meeting is required.

**Endicott/  
All Cllrs**

## **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 Baldry proposed and Cllr Tucker seconded the acceptance of the expenditure for the amount of £1079.29. Approved unanimously.

10.2 Cllr Craddock asked for approval to purchase a cabinet for "Speed Watch" equipment to be held in the YCA building. Approved.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Craddock**            None

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday, April 9th 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Room at YCA. This will be followed by a short Council Meeting with no "Open Forum".

The meeting was closed at 9.55 pm.

M J Stickland, Clerk to Yealmpton Parish Council

14<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## **OPEN FORUM NOTES**

(Please note that these do not form part of the Council minutes)  
There were no parishioners present and hence no Open Forum notes.

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