

MINUTES OF THE 2019 YEALMPTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th MARCH AT 7.30 pm IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor Thomas was in the Chair.

Apologies from Cllrs Blackler and Yonge.

Present: 8 Parish Councillors, County Councillor, Police and 1 member of the public.

Item 1. Approval of the minutes

The Chairman advised that the minutes had been published previously. Approval of the minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting had been approved and signed in May 2018.

Item 2. Annual report from Cllr Thomas, Chairman of Parish Council

I am delighted to report the completion of the following projects or improvement works led by the Parish Council over the previous 12 months:

Completed Projects

- Speed Sign – a second speed sign has been purchase by the PC. This will allow us to have a constant digital warning sign working in the parish – which will alternate between the 3 approved sites to the east, west and south of the village. (This is in addition to the sign that we share with 2 other parishes, meaning that at certain times of the year, we can have 2 speed signs active).
- Speedwatch – is now up and running, with trained volunteers and approved sites.
- Safety Rails – after concerns from residents – and at least 2 accidents – we have successfully had installed the safety railing outside Coronation Blds, providing safer access from the public pavement to the various businesses.
- Footpath 20: –
 - o the section of the path running through the park (at Church Way) has been resurfaced, to allow for easier access of push/wheel chairs.
 - o Major repairs have been completed in various places along the river bank (through the use of concrete sections) and up to the entrance to the old Kitley Caves carpark, to protect the path from erosion.
- Weed spraying – previous a county responsibility, the PC has assumed responsibility for this job and all weed hotspots are now sprayed twice annually,
- Community Payback – the Parish has benefitted from a mutually beneficial business relationship with the CP Team, resulting in the tidying of hedgerows, pavements and other parish maintenance tasks.
- Emergency Plan – this has been updated with a new list of volunteers and holders of grit bags, in readiness for the next cold snap.
- Ivy – has been stripped from all walls along the A379 by a Council contractor.
- Parish Rooms:
 - o Ford Room now has access to broadband for hirers to use.
 - o Grimaud Room – the PC has let this room to the successful Men’s Shed Project.

- Youth Facilities – the PC was heavily involved in finding a new, more suitable HQ for the YOYO club, which now meets at the Athletic Club Pavilion.
- Silverbridge Way – fencing of the path from adjacent fields has been significantly improved.
- Yeo Lane – ‘SLOW’ signs have been painted on the tarmac to encourage more care and consideration for pedestrians and particularly children walking to catch the Ivybridge school bus.

Ongoing works:

- Dropped Kerbs – new dropped kerbs (at specifically highlighted locations) will be completed this year.
- Market St Garden area – has been cleared and will be landscaped and planted by the end of March 2019.
- Dunstone Car Park – much welcomed improvements are ongoing.
- Bakery Square – new leaflets have been designed and a replacement map and stand in Bakery Square has been ordered.
- Zebra Crossing – Highways are committed to the placing of a zebra crossing on the A379 to allow children to cross safely to get from houses on the north side of the main road. The PC are hopeful that the crossing will be installed in 2019. Highways are currently finalising a location and safety audit.

I am indebted to Council colleagues and our excellent Parish Clerk for their continued hard work, passion and commitment.

Dan Thomas, Chairman, Yealmpton Parish Council

March 2019

Item 3a. Annual report from District Cllr Baldry

I have been District Councillor for Yealmpton since 2007. For the past 4 years Yealmpton has been part of an enlarged 2 member ward of Newton and Yealmpton. Prior to that I was member for the single member ward of Yealmpton. I share responsibilities with Cllr Ian Blackler.

I am the Leader of the Opposition and I am on the following Committees: Overview and Scrutiny, Licensing, Budget Setting. I Chair the Waste and Refuse Working Group

During 2018 I recommended payments from the SHDC Locality Fund to the following Yealmpton Organisations: Yealmpton Press, Yealmpton Wildflower Project, Yealmpton Cricket Club. Dementia Friendly Parishes.

The Joint DCC and SHDC fund (formerly the TAP fund) has made its final payment before being closed including a grant to the YCA on behalf of the Men’s Shed project.

The Plymouth, West Devon and South Hams Joint Local Plan is being examined by Government. I am expecting this process to be completed by the end of March.

I have been involved in the usual level of planning application from the Parish and chased missed bin collections.

Despite my opposition the refuse collection service is being privatised and will be run by FCC, a Spanish based company, from April 2019.

I have protested to Stagecoach about poor bus service and especially the inadequate use of a single decker bus at 0757.

The Torr stream has been examined and the need for free flowing of the stream has been stressed to SHDC I will be offering myself for election on 2 May.

Keith Baldry

(Cllr.baldry@southhams.gov.uk. 01752 881402) March 2019

Item 3b. Annual report from District Cllr Blackler

- The T 18 restructuring at SHDC has been completed.
 - The new Chief Executive at the council is Sophie Hosking.
 - During this year from my Locality Fund I have given to Holbeton, Newton and Noss, Yealmpton, The Ring and Ride and Sparkwell various grants of about £500 and finally £470 to the Dementia Project.
 - Council Tax will increase by £5.
 - The Council are permitted to borrow £60m for investment purposes but only to spend approximately £30m before May 2019.
 - The Council continues to make savings of about £3.9m every year.
 - We are to invest in a project to improve Play Park equipment.
 - The Council will save £280,000 by signing a contract with FCC Environment to provide waste, recycling and cleaning services.
 - This next financial year.
 - Work will take place in Ermington to provide new work units.
 - Money has been set aside to resurface car park areas.
 - We are looking at potential investment opportunities to deliver income.
 - We are considering a site for another supermarket, yet to be decided on.
 - The provision of a SW Mutual Bank is still going ahead.
- S106 monies are being released for various projects.

Finally, my 12 years as your District Councillor particularly Sparkwell are coming to a close, less for the Parishes brought about by the boundary changes.

Item 4. Annual report from County Cllr Hosking

1. BUDGET

Devon County Council has increased its precept by 2.99% this year, the maximum possible without conducting a referendum. This represents an overall increase of our Revenue budget by 3% to £493 million.

Within the budget there are increases of; 9.4% for Children's Services reflecting increased demand for particularly Education Health & Care Plans and increase placement costs for Children in Care, particularly residential placements; 2% for Adult Care & Health Services and a reduction of 6.6% for Corporate Services, the administrative costs of the County Council.

We were successful in securing 100% Uniform Business Rate retention in 2018/19, but not so for either 100% or 75% pilots this year.

The funding for Local Authorities remains uncertain going forward into 2019 noting that Business Rates are under pressure in the high street. This should be clarified in the forthcoming Spending Review in 2019.

2. CARE SERVICES

Promoting Independence in Devon is our vision for providing Adult Care Services across the County.

We await the publication of the Green Paper for Social Care to accompany the recently published NHS Long Term Plan.

Public Health Nursing was taken back in house this year along with our Residential Short Breaks service for Children and families with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

There is now greater emphasis on offering help with Mental Health issues for children across the County.

3. FOSTER CARERS ALLOWANCES

4. The Foster Carers allowances have been reviewed with a new package of Carers Allowances being introduced from March this year. It typically takes three years from initial enquiry to commitment to become a Foster Carer and we hope that the more equitable allowance system will encourage more people to offer a loving home to Devon's Children in Care in Future years.

5. EDUCATION

Devon languishes at the lower end of the league tables for per pupil funding at £294 below the National Average despite intensive lobbying by South West MPs for fairer funding. We are fortunate to have James McInnes as our Cabinet Lead on this issue as he also chairs the F40 Group of County Councils lobbying to reduce that deficit.

6. TRANSPORT

We are pleased to note the commitment of £80 million to reinforce the railway line and sea wall at Dawlish. This we hope is the first of a number of proposals to secure the resilience of the rail service to and from the Westcountry.

7. INFRASTRUCTURE

Gigaclear continue to roll out the 90% + 5% programme with fibre to the premises and a few areas in Yealmpton Parish will be potentially benefitting from this service provision.

8. HIGHWAYS

Devon County Council were successful in securing an allocation of £18.745 million additional funding for pothole, surfacing and drainage repairs and I hope you will notice the difference in future months.

9. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Devon continues to invest in improved IT services and our in house team called SCOMIS have been successful again this year, winning awards and contracts for the provision of education service software and contributing significantly to the earned income of the County.

& LOCALLY

9. I was pleased to contribute to the provision of some new railings adjoining the steps next to the Post Office and adjoining shops at the centre of Yealmpton. I hope there will be no more reports of falls in this area.

10. We have made some progress towards securing a Zebra Crossing across the A379 to the west of the Stray Park junction. The plans are currently with the design team seeking to slightly change the planned location.

11. I also plan to provide some funding for the reclamation of the area of open space in the Market Street.

12. Bus service – Number 3 & 94 Services – Meeting next week with Sir Gary Streeter to discuss the service, particularly the early morning service to Plymouth.

Item 5. Annual report from the Police from PCSO Andy Potter (from 1st April 2018 to 28th Feb 2019)

Theft 4, Vehicle interference 2, Theft from motor vehicle1, Criminal damage 7,
Criminal damage to motor vehicle7, Assaults 10, Harassment 4, Drink/driver1, Attempt rape1,
Attempt burglary non dwelling 2, Attempt burglary dwelling attempt 1, Public order 3,
Offensive communications 4, Indecent exposure 1, Breach of non- molestation order 1,
Sexual assault 1, Possession of indecent images of a child 1, Passing counterfeit bank notes1.

Total 52 (Last year 51)

Item 6. Any Other Business

None. The meeting was closed by the chairman at 7.55 p.m.

Michael Stickland, Clerk to the Council

April 12th 2019