

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN YCA COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY MARCH 9th 2020 AT 7.30 PM**

Present:	Cllr Thomas (Chairman)	*	Cllr Healy	*
	Cllr. Endicott (Vice Chair)	*	Cllr Baldry	*
	Cllr Craddock	*	Cllr. Tucker	*
	Cllr Cooper	*	Cllr. Barton	*
	Cllr Butters	*	Cllr Hyrdziuszka	*
	* Denotes attendance		@ Denotes absence	

Also attending:	Members of the public	8
	County Councillor	1

An Open Forum was held.

1. APOLOGIES – None

2. POLICE MATTERS

Crime information is available on www.police.uk

3. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllrs Baldry and Thomas reported:

- The SHDC CEO leaves this week. A decision on the replacement is expected next week but there will probably be a 3 month wait before the person arrives at Totnes.

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Hosking advised:

- The DCC budget will increase from £498 m to £541.2 million
- £1 billion is available to complete high-speed broadband ‘roll-out’.
- Yealm Park roads are accepted as very bad but no funds available at this time for resurfacing.
- Youth Services. There are 8 ‘Youth Hubs’ in Devon and there are funds to improve the service. Clerk to write re Yealmpton need.
- “Invest in Devon” and “Locality Funds” are available for local projects. Please apply.
- Coronavirus information is available from DCC and has been posted on Yealmpton Facebook pages.
- DCC has set up a climate emergency task force.
See @devonclimateemergency
- Perch seating approval will be investigated
- DCC will get the ‘planters’ removed from the highway adjacent to the offending property in Dunstone.

Clerk

Clerk

Hosking

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations

6. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Tucker proposed and Cllr Craddock seconded “that the minutes of the February 10th 2020 Monthly Meeting be signed as an accurate record”. Approved.

7. REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

7.1 WORKS: a) Lighting in Bakery Square has been checked and the waterproof box replaced. It is only powered when dark and the timer on.

Tucker/Barton
Barton
Barton

7.2 FOOTPATHS. A) FP20 work. Tucker to quote when area has dried out. b) FP19. PROW posts missing. Cllr Barton to refer to Peter Guy, DCC. c) FP32. It was proposed that the gates at the north end be left open (either side of the old railway line). Cllr Barton to organise. d) FP25. PROW posts missing. Cllr Barton to refer to Peter Guy. FP15 from Higher Torr to Marland Cross on green lane. Tree problems to be dealt with by Cllr Butters.

Barton
Butters

7.3 HIGHWAYS: Cllr Butters requested that “perch stools” be considered for hilly parts of the village. DCC to investigate.

7.4 EMERGENCY PLAN & ENVIRONMENT

Cllr Thomas and Cllr Tucker met with Linda Durman on our Emergency Plan. Dr Durman is to update the plan and simplify.

Barton

7.5 COMMUNICATION: Cllr Barton to make the minutes easier to find on our website.

7.6 YOUTH: It was confirmed that YOYO has closed due to lack of Youth Leaders.

LOCAL ISSUES

8.1 **Outstanding actions from previous minutes.** None

8.2 **Stray Park recreational equipment.** Cllrs Thomas and Baldry spoke with Cllr Hawkins (SHDC) about Yeo Park and Stray Park recreation needs. Funds expected to be made available quickly with YPC running the project on behalf of SHDC who is the park landlord. Cllr Thomas obtaining new quotes (3 needed)

Thomas

8.3 **Neighbourhood Planning.** It was agreed that the **Annual Parish Meeting would be devoted to this subject.** Parishioners who have indicated their willingness to participate in this project will be invited to join the debate. We have got to decide whether or not to proceed on this important subject. **The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on April 6th in the Methodist Hall at 7.30 pm.** Cllr Hitchins to be invited to give us an input from the experiences of Brixton Parish Council.

Thomas
Social media

Clerk

8.4 **Planning subcommittee.** Cllr Thomas proposed “that a planning subcommittee be set up consisting of Cllrs Endicott, Healy, Craddock and Cooper. To be chaired by Cllr Endicott. Quorum to be 3 members. They to handle all planning applications and submit decisions to SHDC through the Clerk. At the discretion of the sub-committee, to raise any planning matters with Full Council where appropriate and always to raise any planning matters with Full Council where an application involves the creation of 2 or more dwelling houses or the creation of new commercial premises, either via new development or through change of use.” Proposal seconded by Cllr Baldry and approved unanimously.

Endicott

Craddock

8.5 **Defibrillators for the Village.** Cllr Craddock proposed that "YPC purchase 3 new units for the village to be sited at the Medical Centre, Community Association and Methodist Church. Total cost is £3,800 with Rotary contributing at least £500." Seconded by Cllr Thomas and passed unanimously. The "package" includes for the supply of units complete with cabinets, 4 year maintenance and 2 hours training per year for 4 years.

Clerk

Clerk

8.6 **Market Street Car Park.** We still await the proposal from SHDC for the new financial year.

8.7 **Four Rivers Dementia Alliance.** At the Annual Parish Meeting on April 6th, we will ask Maxine to update us on this project.

Thomas

8.8 **Environmental committee.** Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr Hyrdziuszka seconded that "a village committee(s) be set up to under the aegis of the Council to a) maintain a clean and tidy weedless village and b) to ensure that our Environmental Emergency targets are achieved". Passed unanimously. Cllr Thomas to set up a public meeting to pursue this ambition and to agree targets for Yealmpton.

Craddock

8.9 . **Bridge project.** Following a long discussion, Cllr Craddock proposed and Cllr Hyrdziuszka seconded that "YPC to support the Bridge Project for Youth with a weekly visit of the Bridge Bus to Yealmpton. YPC to pay £25 per week towards the cost of running this project. This support is initially for a period of 12 months with a report after 4 months." Passed with 5 votes in favour, 4 votes against and 1 abstention. Cllr Craddock to organise.

9 PLANNING MATTERS.

9.1 Gardeners Lane. Application for a parking area with access off the A379. Council objection to highway entry.

9.2 Little Acres, Winsor. Application for new dwelling. Council objection as not suitable in open country.

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cllr Butters proposed and Cllr Craddock seconded that the financial statement of £799.37 be approved. Unanimously accepted.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

- A letter received from a parishioner requesting that the old railway gates on PROW footpath 32 be kept for historical posterity. See agenda item 7.2 c.
- A letter received from a parishioner concerned about YPC tightening up parking control over its 3 public parking spaces at the top of Torr Hill.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** (of parishioners) will take place on April 6th 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Hall.

A short Council Meeting will follow the Annual Parish Meeting for urgent business only.

The meeting was closed at 9.38 pm

M J Stickland, Clerk to Yealmpton Parish Council

10/03/2020

Open Forum

(These notes do not form part of the minutes of the Council Meeting.)

1. Concern raised about difficulty in accessing the “bottle bank” at Kitley since it has been relocated. Cllr Baldry advised that this location will only exist until September when SHDC will start glass collection from the pavement.
2. A parishioner asked SHDC to reconsider their restriction on paying bills with a cheque or with cash. Cllr Baldry agrees with the concern but it will not now be changed. Payment can be made by cheque at the Post Office.
3. Crime information. Cllr Thomas advised that all the crime statistics can be found online at www.police.uk . This information is better than that received previously by email from the PCSO.
4. A parishioner wished to express support for the Youth Bus attended by her 3 children.
5. Another parishioner also supported the “Youth for Christ” bus project. He felt that the title was a bit of a misnomer as all youth were accepted under that banner. It is attractive to young people and keeps them ‘off the street’.
6. Another parishioner reminded Council that they had supported YOYO for many years and in its absence could/should support the Bus Project.
7. Council was reminded that Devon County Council had part funded the purchase of this bus so that any precedent of “legality” has already been set at a higher level.
8. Support given for the idea of an Environment Grouping to keep the village weed free.

