

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD REMOTELY ON ZOOM ON TUESDAY AUGUST 4th 2020 AT 7.00 PM**

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| 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 | |

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| Also attending: | Members of the public | 5 |
| | County Councillor | 0 |

This was a special meeting called specifically to discuss two proposals from the Chairman. Meetings are not normally held in August. This meeting was held remotely on Zoom as Coronavirus outbreak has forbidden public meetings. The public were invited to attend.

1. APOLOGIES – Cllrs Tucker, Butters and Hyrdziuszka

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations

3. STRAY PARK RECREATION GROUND PROPOSAL.

Cllr Thomas explained that we have an opportunity available to upgrade the recreational facilities in Stray Park. SHDC has a sum of about £25,000 available and this agenda item is to discuss how much of our reserves we wish to spend towards the two supplier proposals/quotations available.

Cllr Thomas then explained about the details of the equipment for both the Toddler and Junior areas of the park. His recommendation was that we should accept the Kompan quote as SHDC were accustomed to using this company – and the order will be placed by SHDC as the park is their property. This quote is for £44,454 + vat.

The Clerk explained the availability of unallocated reserves and suggested a maximum of £20k could be used on this project.

Cllr Thomas then proposed and Cllr Baldry seconded “that YPC should make available to SHDC the sum of £20,000 made up of £5k precepted plus £2.8k received from DCC and £12.2 k from our reserves”. This was unanimously approved.

Cllr Thomas to communicate this to SHDC.

4. FOOTPATH 19 THROUGH THE SHIRE HORSE CENTRE FIELDS.

Cllr Thomas explained that recent restrictive fencing activities by Mr Richards, owner, is causing serious concern for our parishioners in regard to a reduction in access to these fields and the Public Rights of Way. Informal discussions

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with Mr Flowers suggest that Mr Richards is expecting YPC to ask for a meeting. It appears that Mr Richards is wishing to fence off certain fields so that rare sheep can be safely grazed without interference from walkers and their dogs. Mr Richards is apparently keen that the PROW should be transferred to a riverside path from the toll house to the village.

Cllr Thomas explained that parishioners are seeking a circular walking route using FP19 and the river bank path.

Cllrs Thomas and Barton then showed the meeting a map of the area indicating the fields that Mr Richards wished to "privatize". This then led to a discussion on the basis of both the rules applicable to PROW and the common law rights that have been accrued with over 20 years of unimpeded use of all the fields to the west of the old Centre.

After a long discussion, it was proposed that "Cllrs Thomas and Barton would seek a meeting with Mr Richards with the objective of achieving a circular walk from the village using a slightly modified line to existing FP19 (to allow sheep fencing) and with a new Public Right of Way along the river bank culminating in new steps from the bank level up the FP19." This would generally allow parishioners to achieve a circular walk whilst allowing Mr Richards to farm his land without public interference. This proposal was considered to be the best approach at this time.

Cllr Thomas then opened the meeting to members of the public to gauge their views on the proposal. The overall response was that of thanks to YPC for working on this problem and acceptance that this was the best solution with today's options.

The proposal was then put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Cllr Thomas to set up a meeting with Mr Richards.

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5. COMMUNITY CENTRE COUNCIL MEETINGS.

The location for the next Council meeting was discussed. Three Councillors indicated that they would not yet attend a meeting in the Community Centre so it was agreed to continue with "remote" Zoom meetings at present.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next remote meeting was set for September 14th at 7pm.

The meeting was closed at 8.08 pm

M J Stickland, Clerk to Yealmpton Parish Council

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