

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
REMOTELY ON ZOOM ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 9th 2020 AT 7.00 PM**

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

Also attending:	Members of the public	4
	County Councillor	1

This meeting was held remotely on Zoom as Coronavirus outbreak has forbidden public meetings.

1. APOLOGIES – Cllr Cooper

2. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Baldry reported:

- Apologies for those affected badly by “bin collection roster” changes
- Follaton House closed. Just in “firefighting” mode with 2nd lockdown.
- Asked Cllr Barton to chase new bin installation on Nov 16th

3. REPORT ON LOCAL DEMENTIA SUPPORT

Mrs Liz Hitchins thanked Council for allowing this report which had been planned for March originally. All plans for 2020 abandoned with first COVID-19 lock-down in March. Weekly phone calls were made to over 40 families. Health deteriorated during lock-down as a result of individuals not understanding what was going on in the country. Carers too have suffered. A questionnaire was sent to 10,000 Town & Parish Councils regarding their approach to and actions for ‘dementia in their area.’ The outcome from this survey is a booklet written by Ian Sherriff to give advice as to how to approach problems locally. Holbeton has been used as a typical small rural village community example and the booklet gives information as to how to set up awareness and actions.

There are currently 10 families in Yealmpton availing themselves of the facility. The reading group is going on-line during lock-down.

Both councils welcome the opportunity to get together post COVID-19.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Thomas declared an interest in agenda item 9.1

5 MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Butters proposed and Cllr Endicott seconded “that the minutes of the October 12th 2020 Council Meeting be approved as an accurate record”. Passed. Chairman to sign at a later date.

6. REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

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6.1 WORKS: Cllr Thomas is organising the purchase of Christmas trees.

6.2 HIGHWAYS: a) Salt bins around village have been ‘topped up’. B) Steve Holley has moved the speed monitoring devices to agreed locations. C) Road accident near Waye Farm has been raised with DCC on road safety grounds. D) Resurfacing works now scheduled from Stoneycross and north E) Resurfacing work scheduled from Creacombe Cross to Gala Cross.

Barton

6.3 COMMUNICATIONS: a) Special email addresses set up as covid1@yealmpton-pc.gov.uk and covid2@yealmpton-pc.gov.uk for hardship fund use. B) ‘Drop box’ facility being set up for use in emergencies to contact the “street representative” for each village street. C) Emergency email set up as emergency@yealmpton-pc.gov.uk

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Tucker

Tucker

Clerk

Thomas

6.4 FOOTPATHS a) FP24 Waiting response from Ros Davies (DCC) re step improvements. b) FP48 now fully cleared by Steve Holley. C) FP20 at western end. Now too wet. Work postponed until spring 2021. D) Pipe blocked under path near Puslinch. Cllr Tucker to clear. E) Clerk to contact landowner about road bank strimming on A379. F) clerk to get A379 bank cleaned after hedge cutting. G) Discussion with Mr Richards (Shire Horse Centre) hopefully in December.

Thomas

6.5 EMERGENCY PLANNING. A) Cllr Thomas to distribute final copies on Nov 11th. B) Salt and Grit runs redefined c) Plenty of salt and grit at Kitley Farm. C) Nearly enough volunteers for all locations. D) Covid-19 foodbank. Supplies still required – please put in the foyer of the Parish Room. This is cleared weekly and taken to Ivybridge Foodbank.

Thomas

7. LOCAL ISSUES

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7.1 Environment subcommittee has 9 members and 3 councillors. Meeting on Zoom on Nov 12th.

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7.2 Neighbourhood Plan. Contact has been made with Duncan Smith at SHDC. He will talk with the subcommittee post ‘lock-down’.

7.3 Playpark update. Revised plan concluded and with Kompan (Stephen Woodd) for costing. Thanks to Cllr Barton for new layouts. This expenditure should suffice for the Park for at least 10 years.

7.4 Yealm Press. Cllr Craddock presented budget information for 2021/22. If the magazine is to be circulated to all parishioners free of charge, every month, then the total cost would be £7500. This cost to be discussed at the precept/budget meeting in December. Balance of extra costs for 2020/21 will be £3,300. This sum was approved and to be paid as a donation.

Thomas

Clerk

7.5 Dunstone Car park. A) A discussion was held about increasing the car capacity of this land. It was agreed that the opinions of local residents would be sought by Cllr Thomas using a ‘flyer’ in the next edition of Yealm Press. B) Clerk to contact SW Water about filling in the water tank in the bank of the car park.

Hosking

7.6 Elm Tree Close. Information awaited from Cllr Hosking about ‘yellow line’ needs.

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7.7 PCSO Andy Potter to retire shortly. Cllr Thomas to write to Andy to thank him for his years of service to our community.

8 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Hosking reported:

- Funding available for Parish Councils. See DCC website
- Hardship Fund for children's' meals over Christmas. See SHDC website or ring 01803 861297.
- More information awaited about request for yellow lines in Elm Tree Close.
- Awaiting SHDC response about the access to the industrial site opposite Yealm Park.
 - A parishioner has requested DCC to create a pavement on the eastern side of Ford Road where there is none. Nick Colton to report.

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9 PLANNING MATTERS.

- Little Acre has conditional approval
- Land at Bowden Hill. Changes to roof line have received conditional approval
- 71 Tappers Lane. Recommend objection.

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS.

10.1 a) Cllr Tucker proposed and Cllr Craddock seconded that the financial statement of £7,639.94 be approved. Unanimously approved. B) Cllr Craddock requested that the "condition" of the £2000 to YCA for 'building fund only' be lifted for this year. This was agreed for 2020 only. C) Cllr Thomas to pay British legion for wreath to be refunded by YPC. D) Cllr Thomas to check on balance of Covid-19 emergency fund with the vicar. E) It was agreed to pay £3,300 to YCA to cover the extra costs of providing free Yealm Press copy to all parishioners until the end of the financial year.

10.2 The Excel spreadsheet showing expected expenses to the year end was displayed.

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11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next remote meeting was set for December 14th at 7pm. This meeting is for discussion of the precept for 2021/22 but will be preceded by urgent council items and will be "in private" (no public attendance)

The meeting was closed at 8.56 pm

M J Stickland, Clerk to Yealmpton Parish Council

10/11/2020

Notes from the Open Forum (do not form part of the Minutes).

1. The president of the Brixton and Yealmpton W.I. said that the W.I. wished to plant a tree in the village next year to commemorate the W.I. centenary. It was suggested that the best options were either on the triangle of grass just south of the main bridge over the River Yealm (owned by Environment Agency) or the land in front of Milizac Close (owned by Sovereign Homes). This initiative was supported by Council.