

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD REMOTELY ON ZOOM ON MONDAY JANUARY 11TH 2021 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 5
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:

- Decision taken to keep public toilets open during COVID-19 crisis
- SHDC making contingency plans for staff shortages
- April will see the new waste collection set up and the blue and clear plastic bags will no longer be used.

3. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hosking reported:

- 1,661 cases of Coronavirus in Devon in week to Jan 5th
- 29 deaths confirmed in the County in week to Jan 5th
- Schools open for vulnerable and key-worker children. This to be reviewed on Feb 14th. Other tuition will be on-line. Funding available for children without internet access to buy equipment.
- A huge thank you to all volunteers in the Yealmpton Division who are still helping the needy in these hard times.
- Broadband. DCC has signed a new contract for the installation of Broadband to outlying areas. This is planned to increase coverage to 95% by 2024.
- Recycling centres will remain open during the pandemic.
- Yealm Park roads. Nick Colton to re-inspect after further complaints.
- Silverbridge Way. Letters received from members of the public wishing to use the old railway track along the estuary as a cycleway. Review due Dec 2021.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

5 MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Baldry proposed and Cllr Craddock seconded “that the minutes of the November 9th 2020 Council Meeting be approved as an accurate record”. Passed. Chairman to sign at a later date.

Thomas

6. REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

6.1 WORKS: Cllr Thomas thanked Lyneham Estate for their cash contribution towards the trees for last Christmas. The tree in Bakery Square will be removed after “lock-down”.

6.2 HIGHWAYS: a) British Gas have been upgrading pipes in Elm Tree Park. Work now postponed due to Covid crisis because house entry required. B) New manhole fitted on A379 to the west of Waye Farm. C) Condition of Yealm Park roads raised under agenda item 3.

6.3 COMMUNICATIONS: a) The cascade has been updated in the “drop-box”. b) The cascade system has been implemented and someone in each street is now responsible for others in that street. C) Village notice board to be updated.

6.4 FOOTPATHS a) P3 survey completed and will be sent to the Clerk this week. B) Condition of FP19 was raised. New gates can be requested but DCC will decide when to fit. C) Apply for grants for FP19 and FP20. D) FP24 still need attention to the bottom step. Cllr Barton to contact DCC.

6.5 EMERGENCY PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT. A) Food deliveries are now available from the Village Store and Londis Garage for those “shielding”. B) Prescription deliveries are now available too. C) Dr Durman reported that there are plenty (30) volunteers at present. D) The remote meeting with SW Water this evening at Brixton regarding water quality in the Yealm is being attended by Dr Challenor on behalf of YPC. E) Dr Durman reported that the grit bin in Marjory Walk is still locked. LiveWest has been contacted to make this bin available for residents.

Endicott

**Barton
Clerk
Barton**

7. LOCAL ISSUES

7.1 Mr Stan Abbott, who works for The Woodland Trust, has agreed to chair the Environment Sub-committee. They are preparing a 5-year plan for approval at the AGM in May.

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. The Clerk advised that the KOMPAN project and costings have now been approved by SHDC. A contract has been signed by the Clerk on behalf of YPC. SHDC have agreed to pay £27,464 towards the total cost.

7.4 Elm Tree Close. After a long discussion about the options, it was agreed that the Clerk would speak to Nick Colton about raising a HATOC application to put double yellow lines around the north side of the entry road and around the “hammerhead”.

7.5 Silverbridge Way maintenance. The Clerk advised that Brixton PC have identified expenditure of £700 for cleaning up paths back to 1.5 metres wide and some fencing repairs at £326. These costs will be shared evenly and incurred this financial year. Accepted by Council.

Clerk

8 PLANNING MATTERS.

a) The following have been given conditional approval:

- Bowden Hill plot with roof line changes

- 71, Tappers Lane. Garage modifications.
 - 12, Church Park Road. Replace conservatory with single storey.
- b) YPC has responded to the following new applications:
- Hall Torrs Barn. Convert barn into 2 dwellings. Object.
 - North Barn, West Pitten. Internal modifications. No objection.
 - Western Farm, Worston. Replacement of Q-barn with new dwelling. Object.
 - 6 Yeo Park. Single storey rear extension. No objection.
 - Stoneycross. Convert annexe into accommodation. Now that commercial use has been withdrawn, YPC has no objection.
 - Kitley Farm dairy. Conversion to craft business. No objection.
 - Moorshead Sawmills. Potable cabins for office use. No objection.

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS.

- a) Cllr Endicott proposed and Cllr Healy seconded that the financial statement of £23,427.46 be approved. Unanimously approved.
- b) Cllr Tucker proposed and Cllr Thomas seconded that the precept for 2021/22 be set at £54,000. Passed unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from the owner of No 1 Bakery Cottages expressing concern at the proposed new structure to be erected by the café owners for the comfort of customers in the open air. Main concerns are: Noise in the evenings and reduced access to the cottages during café hours.

The café owner advised Council that a “pre-application” meeting has been requested with SHDC to establish if full planning consent is required for the structure. Design changes have been made to include a removable canvas roof which will only be in use in café opening hours.

Council agreed to an agenda item for full discussion when the SHDC findings are known.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next remote meeting is Monday, February 8th at 7.00 pm

The meeting was closed at 8.50 pm

M J Stickland, Clerk to Yealmpton Parish Council

12/01/2021

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

1. A parishioner raised the question of a cycle route from Yealmpton to Brixton and beyond. The agreement with Kitley Estate and Yealmpton Council regarding Silverbridge Way is due for a review in December 2021 with the agreement expiring in 2026. The parishioner wishes to gauge support for a route alongside the estuary using the bed of the old railway line.