

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD REMOTELY ON ZOOM ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 8th 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 Hyrdziuszka	*
	* Denotes attendance		@ Denotes absence	
Also attending:			Members of the public	3
			County Councillor	1

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

1. APOLOGIES – Cllrs Cooper and Tucker.

The Chairman advised that Cllr Butters has resigned for personal reasons with immediate effect and thanked Mr Butters for his contribution to the Council.
Clerk to arrange Vacancy notices in line with protocol.

Clerk

2. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Baldry reported:

- Ivybridge regeneration scheme is to be voted on by full Council on Thursday. Likely to be approved. A Public Works Loan will be required by SHDC for this project.
- Budget increases likely to be £5 for a Band D property.

3. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hosking reported:

- COVID-19 incidents in South Hams are declining
- Testing being stepped up with increase in Testing Stations
- Elections still planned to be held in May
- ‘Active Travel’ report submitted to executive last week.
- Telephone call with Mr M Bastard concluded that opposition to cyclists on the old railway track still prevailing. 10 year review of Silverbridge Way is considered to be applicable only to the permissive path. Clerk to send Cllr Hosking a copy of the Agreement.
- Due to imminent elections, Fund Allocations must be complete by March 2nd. £800 available.
- Budget increase of 6.6% likely to be approved. Budget value £578.5m

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Cllr Hrydziuszka asked about the apparent waste of money filling in potholes in Yealm Park when the road needs resurfacing. Cllr Hosking advised that until the

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resurfacing is in the plan programme, contractors are obliged to fill holes in line with their contract. Nick Colton to re-inspect Yealm Park roads.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Thomas declared a personal interest on agenda item 7.5

5. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Baldry proposed and Cllr Craddock seconded “that the minutes of the January 11th Council Meeting be approved as an accurate record”. Passed. Chairman to sign at a later date.

6. REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

**Tucker
Clerk**

6.1 WORKS: a) The bench at Elm Tree park needs urgent replacement. Action Cllr Tucker. B) Pavement clearing to be improved. Clerk to speak to contractor.

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6.2 HIGHWAYS: The “Welcome to Yealmpton” sign at the eastern entry needs to be mended or replaced.

6.3 COMMUNICATIONS: Cllr Barton advised that this meeting is being recorded for the purposes of minute creation only.

6.4 FOOTPATHS: a) Problems with paths 17, 19, 10 & 32 have been reported to DCC b) Cllr Thomas has spoken to Mr Richards about FP19 and a Zoom meeting is planned with Mr Richards.

6.5 EMERGENCY PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT. All grit bin issues have been resolved.

7. LOCAL ISSUES

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7.1 Environment subcommittee. Recently met under chairmanship of Stan Abbott to discuss grass cutting schedule for 2021. The village has been “zoned/tiered” for differing cutting frequencies. The full schedule is in the notes appended to the Minutes. Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr Endicott seconded the adoption of this schedule for 2021. The motion was passed with one abstention. Clerk to advise the SHDC grass cutting team. Yealmpton Environment Group (YEG) to organise signage to advise parishioners and to assist the SHDC cutting team.

Clerk

7.2 Ford Road traffic speed. Mr Rowe has been in contact with Cllr Healy regarding the speed of traffic outside his house. Data from our speed recording device has been supplied. It was suggested that a monitoring device be placed closer to his house for more accurate data collection. Clerk to pursue this with DCC. The Clerk advised that the Police are ultimately responsible for speeding offences. It was noted that these devices are NOT speed cameras but data recorders

Clerk

7.3 Stray Park playpark update. Cllrs Thomas & Barton recently met with KOMPAN, the contractor. Installation work to start late Feb/early March subject to weather conditions.

7.4 Use of Bakery Square. The café owners have applied to SHDC for a “pre-app” discussion on whether planning permission is required for the planned structure at the rear of their café. The outcome is scheduled for March 8th. The Clerk was asked to put this item on the March agenda.

7.5 Stray Park – use of recreational area. There have been 3 complaints about children riding their bikes and creating noise in the field area to the south of FP20. After some discussion about options, Cllr Baldry proposed and Cllr Craddock seconded that “this public space is not owned by YPC and is for recreational use and permission is not required to use it. YPC will be taking no action in this matter”. Motion passed with abstention by Cllr Thomas..

**Thomas/Barton
Endicott**

3 councillors are to hold a Zoom meeting with village teenagers to discuss the need for a skateboard and cycle area. This will be a March agenda item.

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7.6 Yealm Estuary trail. The agreement on Silverbridge Way is to be reviewed in December. The definition of “review” is not clear and the Clerk was asked to clarify. The Agreement does imply that the review will not include discussion on the Yealm Estuary trail requested by the cycle lobby. The position of the land owner is to be established. Dr Robbins was invited to speak. He concluded that if the position of the landowner had not changed, and would not allow access, then they would be wasting their time [in pursuing the project].

Clerk

7.7 Memorial Garden. The Clerk explained the plan to fasten a large piece of slate to the inside of the A379 stone wall. This to be used for mounting small brass memorial plaques for deceased family members. Total project cost circa £2,000. The strength of the wall was questioned so the Clerk proposed that smaller pieces of slate be used, fastened into the ground like a headstone. This suggestion was supported so the Clerk was asked to cost this proposal.

8 PLANNING MATTERS.

- a) The following have been given conditional approval:
- Moorshead Sawmills. Portable cabins for office use.
 - Stoneycross. Convert annexe into accommodation.
 - 6, Yeo Park. Single story rear extension.
- b) YPC has responded to the following new applications:
- Kitley Farm. Replace existing building with new fabrication shop. No objection.
 - Little Acre. Removal of condition 3 of planning consent 0390/20/FUL to allow residential use of garage and variation of condition 2 (plans). Object.
 - Little Copse, New Road. Rear extension. No objection.
 - Splatt, Dunstone. Replace existing building with storage building & sheep shelter. No objection.

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS.

- a) Cllr Hrydziuska proposed and Cllr Baldry seconded that the financial statement of £4,055.07 be approved. Unanimously approved.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting was closed at 9.15 pm

M J Stickland, Clerk to Yealmpton Parish Council

10/02/2021

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

1. Open Forum notes - None.
2. Detail proposal of grass cutting schedule – for clarity of understanding of the various descriptions:

Tier 1. All of the verges on the A379, where visibility is key, as well as the recreation area in the park, and all areas not included explicitly under Tier 2 or Tier 3, would be cut at the current rate of 12 cuts annually.

Tier 2. All of the verges along Ford Rd (except for the long verge between Torr Lane and Hillside Drive) would be cut at a reduced rate of a maximum once a month during the growing season in order to allow low-growing flowers to bloom - say 6 cuts a year at most (with signage in place).

Tier 3. Two verges will be managed on a trial basis as 'long grass verges' namely, the long verge between Torr Lane and Hillside Drive, and the verges above Torr Bridge Park. These will be cut annually at the end of the season, almost certainly with YEG volunteers removing arisings, with a 1 metre strip mown along the front at the same frequency as Tier 2. The 1m front and road edge strips would keep sight lines clear and keep vegetation back from the road. Removing grass cuttings reduces the soil fertility helping to improve matters for the flowering plants.

Fine tuning of sight lines may be required on the Tier 3 areas, but can be agreed at a later date.

Yealmpton Environment Group (YEG) will clearly sign areas which will be subject to reduced maintenance, to both inform the community of what we are trialling, and to guide and remind the contractors.

During the 2021 growing season, YEG will commission a survey of all of the verges, to inform a revised programme for next year and beyond, and to be included in any revised Parish Environmental Policy.