

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY ON ZOOM ON MONDAY MARCH 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	4
	County Councillor	1

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

- 1. APOLOGIES** – Cllrs Cooper and Healy. Councillors sent their best wishes to Cllr Cooper for a speedy recovery from his recent operation.
- 2. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**
Cllr Baldry reported:
 - Budget increases are 5%
 - Refuse collection changes to the new scheme will start in Yealmpton on March 18th for one round and after Easter for the other round.
 - Busy with Business Grant Scheme administration. There are 3053 applications to process. 1000 paid and 250 refused to date.
- 3. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**
Cllr Hosking reported:
 - COVID-19 incidents in South Hams are declining
 - Budget increase of 4.99% approved.
 - Road works at Flete Eastern start this week to install new roundabout
 - Speed sign on Ford Road now in new position
 - Confirm DCC support grant of £800 for Memorial Garden slate plaque
 - Cllr Tucker raised concern at the constant road flooding on the A379 in “Brixton dip” as a result of water run-off from agricultural land and inadequate drain clearing. Cllr Hosking agreed to investigate.
- 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**
Cllr Tucker declared a personal interest on agenda item 9.

Hosking

5. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Endicott proposed and Cllr Hrydziuszka seconded “that the minutes of the February 8th Council Meeting be approved as an accurate record”. Passed. Chairman to physically sign at a later date.

6. REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

6.1 WORKS: The bench at Elm Tree Park has been replaced.

6.2 HIGHWAYS:

- Litter on road from Yeo Park to Stoneycross to be reported to SHDC.
- Dangerous road surface on A379 by Yeo lane entry to be reported (again).
- Concern raised that “My Devon” reporting scheme is not retaining complaints on their computer. Cllr Hosking to check.
- Newton Ferrers road (B3786) needs verges cleared from 30 mph de-restriction up to Owl Cross.

6.3 COMMUNICATIONS:

- Cllr Barton to put a page on the website for the Environment Group.
- Cllr Barton to put a page on the website for Census information.

6.4 FOOTPATHS: a) FP32. It was agreed to wait 12 months before fastening back the ‘railway gates’ if not done by DCC.

Barton

B) FP19 on Shire Horse Centre farmland.

- Peter Guy (DCC warden) has been in discussion with Mr Richards (landowner) but we are not party to those discussions and therefore “in the dark” on intent
- Cllr Thomas has spoken to Mr Richards who wishes to move FP19 off his fields and onto the river bank path.
- We need to invoke a Schedule 14 claim for 20+ year use of the local fields.
- Ros Davies (DCC) has passed this issue onto Emily Spurway who is responsible for ‘Definitive Mapping’.
- We must not concede any changes until whole issue is resolved
- Clerk to write to DCC stating our intent to retain FP19 (and field roaming) and also our desire to create an official riverside path based on ‘20 year’ usage.
- Clerk to check process for claiming new path based on ‘20 year usage’.
- If no progress after 4 weeks, then ask parishioners to start ‘public action’.

Clerk

**Clerk
Thomas**

6.5 ENVIRONMENT.

- Mr Abbott (Chairman, Subcommittee) may submit written report for Council. There are 15 members, currently working on ‘Aims & Policies’.
- 6 working groups are: Green spaces/verges, Trees, Footpaths, Water quality, Carbon reduction, Communications.

6.6 EMERGENCY PLANNING. A) Dr Durman reported that all salt availability issues have been resolved. B) COVID-19, shopping and prescription deliveries have re-started but with very low take-up. C) COVID injections now locally available for 45-50 year old people.

7. LOCAL ISSUES

Clerk

7.1 Silverbridge Way. Responses from DCC solicitor and Mr Spike Bastard awaited.

7.2 Youth Recreation. A) Cllr Thomas held a Zoom meeting with 4 village youths. The positive outcome has been the agreement of Mr Michael Bastard (Kitley) for a cycle track to be created in his private woodland south of the river adjacent to FP17. B) Councillors were delighted with this outcome and agreed to pay for and install the necessary signs to inform the public. Clerk to write with thanks to Mr M Bastard.

Clerk

C) The future use of Kitley Caves carpark for use as a skate-board park was raised.

D) Cllr Barton raised the question about a suitable area be put aside on Stray Park grassland for use by younger bike riders not needing jumps etc. Sites need to be checked.

Thomas/Barton

7.3 Stray Park playpark update. Good progress on new equipment installation. New surfaces to be laid on March 9th. Lower branches of some trees need removing when permitted.

Clerk

7.4 Use of Bakery Square. Cllr Thomas reported that the café owners have been advised that Planning Permission is required for their planned work as this is in a Conservation Area. The issue will be discussed again when YPC are asked to comment on the formal planning application.

Clerk

7.5 Council vacancy. The Clerk reported that the necessary notices have been posted. If a bye-election is not called, then YPC will advertise on April 1st for individual applications to join Council. Appointment expected before the May AGM.

Clerk

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

The following decisions are noted:

- Conditional approval at North Barn, West Pitten.
- Withdrawal of application for tree works at The Manor.
- Withdrawal of Shire Horse Centre housing development.

YPC has responded positively to the following new applications:

- 37 Market Street. Replace garage slates to Listed Building.
- 18 Riverside Walk. Extension to rear and above garage.
- 25 Stray Park. Covered pergola at rear of house.
- 10 The Borough. Rear extension.
- Sunridge Lodges. House for site manager.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a) Cllr Baldry proposed and Cllr Endicott seconded that the financial statement of £1526.16 be approved. Unanimously approved.

b) The Clerk was asked to write to Yealm Community Energy to thank them for monies received.

Clerk

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next remote meeting is Monday, April 12th at 7.00 pm

The meeting was closed at 8.50 pm

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

1. A parishioner raised concern about the closure of full access to FP19 at the Toll Gate. This to be discussed under agenda item 6.4
2. A parishioner raised concern again about the speed of traffic along Ford Road. He cited that both Government and DCC were considering introduction of 20 mph limits in built-up areas. A trial is to be started in Newton Abbot.