

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
ON MONDAY JUNE 21<sup>st</sup> AT 7.30 pm.**

Present:	Cllr Thomas (Chairman)	*	Cllr Healy	@
	Cllr. Endicott (Vice Chair)	*	Cllr Baldry	*
	Cllr Craddock	*	Cllr. Tucker	*
	Cllr Cooper	@	Cllr. Barton	*
			Cllr Durman	*
	* Denotes attendance		@ Denotes absence	
Also attending:			Members of the public	4
			County Councillor	1

**1. WELCOME.** The chairman welcomed Linda Durman on her re-appointment to Council.  
**FAREWELL.** The chairman advised that he had received the resignation of Shirley Hrydziuska. He thanked her for the work that she had done on Council over the last two years.

**APOLOGIES** – Cllrs Cooper and Healy.

**2. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Baldry reported:

- Live Council meetings have resumed, held at West Devon offices, where more suitable space is available.
- Officers are spending a huge amount of time issuing grants to all approved applicants on the Government COVID support schemes.
- Waste recycling. Cllr Baldry apologized to those who have been negatively affected by the poor introduction of the new recycling collection service. The contractor, FCC, is to introduce more vehicles and crews to take care of the unplanned increase in recycling. In the interim, please put your food waste in the black bin which is still on fortnightly collection.

**3. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Thomas reported:

- This will be his last year as YPC chairman.
- He is on the following County committees: Statutory Advisory, Public Rights of Way, Dartmoor National Parks, HATOL (Highways).
- He thanked the outgoing councillor, Richard Hosking, for the work that he had done and his achievements for Yealmpton over the last 8 years.
- The Highways priorities over the next two years for Yealmpton are the roads and pavements in both Yealm Park and Stray Park.

**Thomas**

Thomas	<p>Cllr Craddock asked about the outcome of the audit into the Compliance of Road Closure notices and highway signage. The problem continues with cones appearing and disappearing without warning or explanation.</p>
	<p><b>4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.</b> Cllr Tucker expressed an interest in agenda item 9.1</p>
	<p><b>5. MINUTES OF THE MAY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b> Cllr Tucker proposed and Cllr Craddock seconded “that the minutes of the May 3rd AGM be approved as an accurate record”. Passed.</p>
Clerk Clerk Barton Barton Craddo Barton	<p><b>6. REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY</b> <b>6.1 WORKS:</b> None <b>6.2 HIGHWAYS:</b> a) Cllr Tucker reported dead trees endangering the highway. Clerk to report to DCC. B) Cllr Healy has received a letter from 2 residents in Elm Tree Park concerned about traffic problems in the village. Clerk to acknowledge. Discussion under agenda item 7.2. <b>6.3 COMMUNICATIONS:</b> a) it was agreed to retain Zoom facility at present. B) a 2 page ‘newsletter’ to be written for inclusion in Yealm Press. C) Cllr Craddock to complete upgrade of Yealmpton Directory this week. Needs to be circulated via Yealm Press as insert or ‘pull-out’</p>
Barton Barton	<p><b>6.4 FOOTPATHS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walks leaflet to be upgraded and reprinted.</li> <li>• FP19. Press article to be written to enquire about parishioner usage over the years of alternative routes.</li> <li>• FP25. To be closed when steps to be repaired</li> <li>• FP5. DCC to change stiles into gates with landowner agreement.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>6.5 ENVIRONMENT.</b> As previously agreed, voting was to take place on 3 motions put forward by the Environment Subcommittee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion ‘To declare a Climate, Environment and Biodiversity Emergency.’ Proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Durman and carried by 6 votes for to 1 against.</li> <li>• Motion ‘To endorse the Parish Council Environment Policy (as amended)’. Purposed by Cllr Barton, seconded by Cllr Baldry and passed unanimously.</li> <li>• Motion ‘To call on higher levels of government (Westminster, Devon County Council and South Hams District Council) to implement swift appropriate actions and provide the powers, funding and resources to make carbon neutrality and environmental restoration possible. Proposed by Cllr Durman and seconded by Cllr Tucker. Passes unanimously.</li> </ul>
Clerk Clerk Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yeo Lane and Gypsy Lane hedges/banks require cutting back. Clerk to contact landowner.</li> <li>• A379 footpaths to east of the village need strimming. Clerk to contact subcontractor.</li> <li>• P3 footpaths paths need strimming. Clerk to contact subcontractor.</li> </ul>
Durman	<p><b>6.6 EMERGENCY PLANNING.</b> Cllr Durman to investigate COVID testing kit availability.</p>
	<p><b>7. LOCAL ISSUES</b> <b>7.1</b> Council to pay Press sponsorship. <b>7.2</b> Road safety. A parishioner had spoken in Open Forum of his concern for the safety and wellbeing of our community as a result of the lack of consideration and law-obedience of motorists. A letter had also been received expressing the same sentiments. Cllr Thomas explained that DCC would not be introducing any more 20 mph limits until the “traffic</p>

experiments” had been completed in Newton Abbot. 20 mph limits unlikely to be used on Class A and Class B roads as they involve the use of traffic calming measured under current legislation. It was agreed to:

**Healy  
Healy  
Clerk**

- . Carry out a review of all of our speed machine data
- . Carry out a Village Survey
- . Organise a Ford Road site visit with DCC roads engineer when COVID rules allow.

7.3 Collaton Cross S106 plans. Cllr Baldry advised that at present there is only ‘outline planning consent’ for 70 dwellings on the Collaton Cross site. As such, there is no opportunity for a S106 application until a full planning application is made to SHDC. If it does proceed, consideration will need to be given to bus services, a footpath to Yealmpton and road improvements to Yealmpton.

**Craddock  
Clerk**

7.4 MUGA administration. Cllr Craddock advised that the current booking system for the MUGA was not cost effective or practical. Cllr Craddock and the Clerk would separately look for the original agreement and planning application conditions before abandoning the routine.

## **8. PLANNING MATTERS.**

The following decisions are noted:

- 15 Church Way for room in roof space. Refused.
- TPO.1 Sycamore felling approved
- TPO.2 The Manor. Beech felling refused.
- 10 Gardener’s Lane. Music Room in garden. Conditional Approval.
- 25 Stray Park. Garden pergola. Refused.
- Hall Torrs Barn. 2 dwellings. Conditional Approval.
- Western Farm, Worston. Barn. Conditional Approval.
- Sunridge Tree House for manager accommodation. Conditional Approval.

YPC is considering the following new applications:

- 22 Riverside Walk. No objection.
- May Cottage, Dunstone. Orangery. No objection.
- 1 Waltacre. Clarification of entrance layout only.
- The Meadows, Bowden Hill. No objection.

## **9. FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

9.1 Cllr Baldry proposed and Cllr Endicott seconded that the financial statement of £3,287.22 be approved. Approved with one abstention.

9.2 Approval of Year end accounts. The Clerk explained that the 2020/21 year end accounts had been completed and approved and signed by our external auditor. It was now necessary for Council to approve separately the Governance Statement and the Accounting Statement 2020/21. These two documents had been previously circulated.

- Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr Tucker seconded the approval of the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21. Passed unanimously.
- Cllr Endicott proposed and Cllr Craddock seconded the approval of the Accounting Statements for 2020/21. Passed unanimously.

## **10. EMERGENCY POWERS FOR THE PARISH CLERK.**

The government has still not approved the use of remote Council meetings since May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Clerk**

With the continued uncertainty about our ability or advisability to hold 'live' council meetings, it was considered to be a sensible precaution to award "Emergency powers" to the clerk in order that necessary council business does not grind to a halt.

Therefore, Cllr Baldry proposed and Cllr Thomas seconded that "Emergency powers be given to the Clerk for the financial year 2021/22". Passed unanimously.

**11. Date of next meeting.**

No collective meeting will be held in July or August.

The meeting was closed at 9.35 pm

M J Stickland, Clerk to Yealmpton Parish Council

22/06/2021

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

1. A resident of Ford Road spoke about his concerns about the use and abuse of the motor car in our society today. Is speeding an issue? Do we have a record of road deaths and injuries in the village? Do we want a cleaner (less polluted) village? Do we want a greener environment? Can we persuade parishioners to walk their children to school and walk to the local shops? Can we use our cars less for short journeys as these are more polluting? He appealed to Council to give due consideration to these concerns.
2. In Item 7.2, it was reported that a letter had been received from a resident in Elm Tree Park also raising concerns about village traffic and the safety of the parishioners.
3. Two residents from Torr Bridge Park expressed concerns about the length of the meadow grass at the entry to their road. This matter has been referred to the Environment Group who are responsible for the wild flower/meadow grass experiment in the village in 2021.
4. A concerned resident has raised the issue about disruptive behaviour of youths in the Torr Bridge and Boldventure area of the village. Youngsters are illegally riding electric scooters on the highway as well as creating unnecessary noise in the evenings and at week-ends. This behaviour is creating worry and anxiety for some of the older residents in the area.

Cllr Thomas advised that he had written about this in an article in the next edition of the Yealm Press.

Councillors understand the problem of the lack of activities for this age group in the village. This item to be agendered when meetings resume.

Clerk