

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 14th at 7.30 pm.**

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

Also attending: Members of the public 3

1. APOLOGIES. Cllr Healy

2. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Baldry reported:

- One waste collection problem last week to the west of the village. Overcome later.
- Expectation to resume brown bin collections in March/April 2022.
- SHDC share of Council Tax is to be increased by 2.85%. Which is £5 p.a. for a Band D property.

3. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Thomas reported:

- Devon County Council's new Strategic Plan has been published. The heads are as follows:
 1. Respond to the climate emergency
 2. Be ambitious for children / young people
 3. Support sustainable economic recovery
 4. Tackle poverty and inequality
 5. Improve health and wellbeing
 6. Help communities to be safe, connected and resilient.
 7. You can read the whole document at www.devon.gov.uk/strategic-plan
- The Newton Abbot 20mph trial
You will recall from my report last month that the people of Newton Abbot voted **against** having a year-long 20mph zone in their town. The decision from County Hall has been that no new 20mph zones would be considered until successful completion and reporting / analysis had taken place. Now, we revert to the previous position, where standard county policy applies and applications are invited from parishes. It is Nick Colton's view that Ugborough meets all of the necessary criteria with the exception of collisions/casualty data. As such, Ugborough is now officially on the list for consideration.
In real terms, while this is good news for all, I cannot promise that it means anything will happen immediately. Projects will be weighted and prioritised. Cllr Endicott was asked to organize options for Yealmpton. Cabinet have proposed

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setting aside a sum of £100k to deal with the financials around applications but clearly, in a county the size of ours, this will not be enough.

- Covid Boosters. Advice from County Hall is to spread the message that anyone who had covid in December – and is yet to have one – should now book a booster. The recommendation is to wait 28 days after an infection and this time will now have passed. Home Park Stadium continues to offer drop-in sessions.
- Budget 22/23. This month, we will be having the budget setting meeting. You will not be surprised to hear that it will be a very challenging balancing act. All Local Authorities are struggling to deliver the full gambit of services with the money received from central Government. I will brief you in full in my March report.
- Locality Budget. I still have some remaining localities money. If you have any projects in mind, the deadline for applications this financial year is March 11th.
- Council was asked to consider erecting signs in the village reminding motorists about the requirement to give cyclist a clear distance when passing in the village 30 mph zone.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

5. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Durman proposed and Cllr Baldry seconded “that the minutes of the January 10th council meeting be approved as an accurate record”. Passed.

It was agreed that councillors would have 72 hours from receipt of the draft minutes to notify the clerk with requested changes. Modified, non-draft, minutes will then be circulated and put onto the web site.

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6. REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

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6.1 WORKS: a) Cllr Craddock confirmed that he had updated the register of assets. Clerk to circulate listings to potential contractors. B) It was agreed to replace the “Annie Brennan” bench at the top of Yealmbury Hill. C) It was agreed that the bench by Wee Cottage be removed after advertising this fact as the bench has a plaque on it. D) The notice board at Yeo Park to be cleaned up by the Clerk. e) Christmas tree to be removed.

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6.2 HIGHWAYS: a) road signs at Kitley House now restored B) new speed deterrent signs to be purchased when grant received. Possibly same type as now in use. C) Cllr Craddock recommended that the data stored in these devices only be downloaded annually. These devices are to be used as a deterrent, not statistical analysis! Agenda for March meeting.

Clerk

6.3: COMMUNICATIONS. None

6.4 FOOTPATHS: a.) FP25. Step has been repaired. B) FP8 (Yeo to Yealmbury) DCC has approved change from stile to gate access. C) FP35. (Gnaton to Gala Cross) under discussion with Peter Guy d) FP19 (Torr bridge to Yealmbury). Application to DCC about to be sent. The Chairman thanked Cllr Barton and parishioners who had helped to put together this claim for historic roaming rights. E) FP24 steps are to be improved by DCC.

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6.5 ENVIRONMENT: a) DCC has approved the planting of blossom trees (7-9) on Ford Road eastern verge b) Clerk was asked to write to SHDC (Tim Pollard) to ask him to talk to Cllrs Thomas and Baldry about any environmental proposals for our Parish

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6.6 EMERGENCY PLANNING: Cllr Durman reported that all equipment has been reviewed and new radio batteries ordered.

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| | <p>7. LOCAL ISSUES</p> <p>7.1 Councillor vacancy. Kate Hopkins has expressed interest and will be asked to write a letter to Council indicating reasons and relevant experience.</p> <p>7.2 YETAG cycleway. A) Some councillors attended the video meeting with Brixton Council and YETAG last Monday. YETAG meeting with Michael and Spike Bastard had been productive in principle with the Kitley Estate willing to help to find a more level route to Plymouth than that of Silverbridge Way. The old railway line along the estuary is not on offer. An offer was made to allow Silverbridge Way to be extended on estate land along to Ben's Farm shop. Action on this is pending the Gary Streeter report on Devon Active Travel. B) Cllr Durman will write to Cllr Thomas regarding cycling signs. Advice will then be sought from Nick Colton.</p> <p>7.3 Environment sub group. Carried forward to March meeting.</p> <p>7.4 Toll Hut maintenance. The Clerk is awaiting replies to queries about ownership. Cllr Tucker produced documents indicating DCC ownership. Cllr Thomas to ask Nick Colton to carry out a DCC search.</p> <p>7.5 Village survey. A draft was circulated – but too late for detailed discussion. Councillors were asked to review the draft and email comments to Cllr Durman who will create a second draft for discussion at the March meeting. Environment Group questions still awaited.</p> <p>7.6 SHDC land rewilding. See item 6.5</p> <p>7.7 YAGA plant sale. Council approved the request by YAGA to hold a plant sale in Bakery Square on Saturday, May 14th.</p> <p>8. PLANNING MATTERS. The following decisions of the subcommittee were noted and approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land opposite Hall Torrs farm. Application to remove 8 metres of hedge to enable two entrances to be installed. Approved subject to conditions. • Little Acres, Worston. Garage conversion & store to create annex with habitable accommodation. Objection. <p>9. FINANCIAL MATTERS.</p> <p>9.1. Expenditure. A) Approval for £2,966.13 was proposed by Cllr Craddock and seconded by Cllr Tucker. Approved by all. B) Zoom account to be closed. C) Yealmpton Press costs next year will be greater than the forecast £7,500. Council agreed to increase the budgeted figure to £8,500. A request was made for an increase advertising costs now that circulation has doubled.</p> <p>10. CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <p>a) Youth. It has been reported that groups of youngsters (apparently from Ivybridge) have been making a nuisance in the village and shop. The police have been informed. Please report new incidents to the police.</p> <p>b) Dementia presentation and representation. It was agreed to take this as part of our Annual Parish meeting agenda on April 11th. It was also agreed that a presentation be made by the Brixton & Yealmpton Befriending group.</p> <p>11. Date of next meetings. March 14th, 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Community Room. April 11th, 2022 the Annual Parish meeting will take place followed by a shortened parish Council meeting to consider urgent items only.</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 9.14 pm</p> |
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Open Forum Notes (these do not form part of the Minutes).

1. Mr Stearn requested to see the promised report from the Devon Wildlife Survey team which was completed 2021. Cllr Thomas to contact Mr Abbott in this regard.
2. Mr Rowe of the organisation “20’s plenty” wished to inform of his newest concern: preventing injury to children. He advised that at 20mph when children are hit by vehicles they are statistically going to recover whilst at 30mph they may not live. He has therefore analysed vehicle speeds at school opening and closing times. Over a 28-day period in Oct/Nov 2021, some 663 vehicles broke the 30mph limit whilst passing Stray Park entry. 7 local parishes are in favour of the “20 is plenty” movement. He suggested that the perception and understanding of speed is somewhat dependant on where you live in the village.