

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY MARCH 14th 2022 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 * Cllr Hopkins *
* Denotes attendance @ Denotes absence

Also attending: Members of the public 4

1. APOLOGIES. Cllr Healy

7.1 Councillor vacancy. With Council's agreement, the chairman brought forward this item to welcome Catherine Hopkins. Cllr Baldry proposed and Cllr Tucker seconded that Ms Hopkins join the council. Adopted unanimously. The necessary forms were signed and Cllr Hopkins took her place as a Councillor.

2. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Baldry reported:

- Brown bin collection to recommence at the end of March or the start of April – dependant on which round covers your premises. Apologies to those who have suffered during the period of no collections.
- Hoping to get weekly collection of food waste
- SHDC will be supporting local composting schemes from April 1st for those who want to start or join a local scheme. SHDC will 'match fund' the schemes. This can be run by anyone – advice available from SHDC – just find yourself a suitable piece of land! N&N has already suggested a 'combined villages' effort on land up at Collaton.
- SHDC has launched a brand-new housing scheme. They will donate £5,000 towards the deposit of anyone moving out of social rented housing into shared ownership housing.

Baldry

Baldry

3. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Thomas reported:

Budget:

Council tax increase of 2.99%, meaning a rise of £45.18 for a Band D – the total for Band D now being £1556.46 for the year. Extra £29.6 million on adult care and health (up 10.5%). Extra £17.1 million in Children's Services (up 10.8%).

Highways – no change in real terms which is going to cause us a significant headache with local requests. Much of this extra money is going to be found out of Council reserves.

The other piece of very bad news is that the locality budget given to each County Councillor to support your local schemes has been reduced from £10,000 to £8,000. This reduction, representing saving of £120,000 - or 0.0024% of the Council's total spending power (some £600 million) seems difficult to justify, in financial terms, in meeting our requirement to help

communities stay strong, connected and resilient, but most of all in supporting local projects that do not attract other funding streams.

Kitterford Cross (new roundabout)

The main contract is about to be awarded. The project has been held up in part by the conveyance of one of the fields but also by SWW's timescale regarding the lowering of a water main.

The road closures have been advertised and it is anticipated that when work starts, the project will take 8 – 12 weeks to complete. The most significant challenges will be the temporary closure of the Avonwick road, on which the new roundabout will sit, and the Ladywell Farm road (at its western end), as it is simply too narrow to allow cars to use it as a diversion.

The intention is that the field on the right (driving from Ugborough) will have site offices and associated works but will ultimately be planted out as wet woodland.

It is anticipated that works will commence imminently (within weeks).

Thomas

Road delays Cllr Thomas agreed to investigate the delays on road repairs on the A3121 passed Ugborough.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Tucker – agenda item 9.1

5. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

All

Cllr Endicott proposed and Cllr Cradock seconded "that the presented minutes of the February 14th council meeting be approved as an accurate record". Passed.

Clerk

It was again 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 within 7 days of the meeting.

Barton

6. REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

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6.1 WORKS: a) Council was advised that Jason Francis has been awarded the 3-year contract for the maintenance of all our assets b) The Yealm Park notice board has been vandalised. Cllr Thomas to speak to their committee about financial help for a replacement. c) The Yeo Park notice board is available for re siting. d) The tree has been removed for Torr Lane. The contractor will be asked to invoice the clerk for work done. e) James Roberts has been appointed as contractor for three years for all the gardening and strimming works within the parish.

6.2 HIGHWAYS: a) Cllr Tucker reported that he had been around the village with Nick Colton and the following problems identified:

- Waye Farm highway flooding
- Buckland House highway flooding
- Yeo Lane highway flooding
- Dunstone Cross road signs broken on south side of carriageway opposite the garage
- Giga clear damage to road banks under negotiation
- Stone wall on Kitley House Estate is dangerously leaning outwards.

Thomas
Clerk/
Barton

6.3: COMMUNICATIONS. Minutes will be posted on the village website inside 7 days of meeting.

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6.4 FOOTPATHS: a.) Fallen trees on FP20 were quickly removed after reporting. B) FP19. Data ready to be sent to DCC Rights of Way team. Cllr Thomas advised that the process was similar to that of domestic planning permission. When data submitted, it is checked for

	<p>accuracy and to establish if there are any objections to the plan. If no objections, then the committee make a decision of “yes” or “no”. If there are objections then the case goes to a planning enquiry for a decision.</p> <p>6.5 ENVIRONMENT: None</p> <p>6.6 EMERGENCY PLANNING: a) None. B) Cllr Durman to write an article regarding Ukrainian refugees for Yealm Press with regard to housing refugees.</p>
Durman	
	<p>7. LOCAL ISSUES</p> <p>7.2 Speed data store and analysis. Cllr Craddock outlined the present situation whereby speed data is collected from our recording devices. The “policy & procedures for use of speed signs (dated 15/2/22) was approved subject only to a future agreement on when analysed data should be reviewed”. We have been collecting data for a number of years now from various village locations. It was agreed that Cllrs Craddock and Mackay would create a plan for data collection for the village which will be consistent and comparable from period to period. The publishing frequency of this data has yet to be agreed. The Clerk advised that we have nine approved device locations and no more will be sanctioned by DCC.</p> <p>Council was reminded that the police recommend moving these devices around as their main use is as a “deterrent” not as a statistic!</p>
Craddock /Mackay	
	<p>7.3 Environment subcommittee. The mowing schedule for the village is not yet available. A meeting is to be convened between SHDC, YPC and District Councillors to finalise this for 2022.</p> <p>7.4 Village survey. A final draft was circulated earlier. This now will be made suitable for tick-box and written responses by Cllr Endicott. It was agreed that YPC would not be providing postage stamps for responses. Collection points would be at Councillors’ homes, Village Shop, Post Office and maybe the Church and the Chapel and the School. To be concluded. All printing costs approved. Invoices to the Clerk please.</p>
Hopkins	
	<p>7.5 SHDC land rewilding. YPC has still not answered the SHDC questionnaire. Clerk to recirculate urgently to all councillors. In the evening of March 24th there is a conference to debate the issues. Yealmpton and five other parishes are invited. It will be recorded for those unable to attend.</p> <p>7.6 Dementia representation. The Chairman stated that this position would be held over until Cllr Hitchins had given YPC and the Village an update of the proceeding work of the trust on April 11th at the Annual Parish Meeting.</p>
Endicott	
Clerk	
ALL	
	<p>8. PLANNING MATTERS.</p> <p>The following decisions of SHDC were noted:</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. Rejected. • Rose Cottage, Yealmpton. Application for sunroom rejected. <p>YPC Planning subcommittee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Yealm Park. Application to remove garage and built double storey side extension. No objection from Council.
Clerk	
	<p>9. FINANCIAL MATTERS.</p> <p>9.1. Expenditure. A) Approval for £2,698.75 was proposed by Cllr Baldry and seconded by Cllr Craddock. Approved by all.</p> <p>9.2 Budget surplus. A) It was agreed that the Finance sub committee would make a proposal for the next meeting to distribute some of the Council surplus funds created by lower activity levels during the last two years of COVID constraints. B) Clerk to write to YCE about the COVID grant made to YPC which remains unused.</p>
Clerk/ Thomas /Endicott Clerk	

Clerk

10. CORRESPONDENCE.

It has been reported that groups of youngsters (apparently from Ivybridge) have been making a nuisance in the village and shop. The Clerk has informed the police. They will be including the village in their rounds on Saturday evenings. **Please ring 101 if you see any disturbances.** The clerk was asked to write to Sergeant Canning to obtain a monthly written report for Council.

11. Date of next meeting.

April 11th, 2022 the Annual Parish meeting will take place followed by a shortened parish Council meeting to consider urgent items only. This be chaired by Councillor Endicott in the absence of Cllr Thomas.

The meeting was closed at 9.15 pm

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

1. Mr Rowe spoke on behalf of the "20's plenty" group. He expressed concern that the data collected from our speed sensors would be wasted if it was only available on an annual basis, as was being discussed. The lobby group uses this data to analyse risk in various places in the village and the critical times of speeding events. He exemplified school starting and finishing times as a prime example for data dissemination. He was delighted that the Council had seen fit to invest in the speed sensors and considered that it would be a "body blow" if the useful data was only available annually. He appealed to Council to make the information available on a quarterly basis.

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