

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY APRIL 11th 2022 at 7.50 pm. (after the Annual Parish meeting)**

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 1

In the absence of Councillors Thomas and Endicott, Cllr Baldry was invited to take the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES. Cllrs Thomas, Endicott, Barton and Hopkins

2. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Baldry had nothing to report.

Cllr Durman asked about the change of law regarding the charging for disposal of household refurbishment materials. DCC will stop charging when the proposal is passed into UK law.

3. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Thomas submitted the following report which was taken “as read”:

Devon stands with Ukraine

Devon’s local authorities are supporting local residents who want to provide sanctuary to the Ukrainian refugees who have been forced to flee their homes.

A new website now hosts the latest guidance and information as it becomes available.

Visit devon.gov.uk/supporting-ukraine for further information

We are now receiving the latest information from the government on the Devon sponsors who have registered, and are carrying out DBS checks on the sponsor families. And Devon’s district authorities are using a common approach to assess each sponsor’s accommodation, which will help better assess any potential safeguarding risks.

This initial phase of the Homes for Ukraine scheme is designed to supplement the Ukraine Family Visa for people in the UK to support friends and colleagues. We are now seeing several hundred people in Devon being matched and, following permission to travel, we will start to see those families arrive in Devon.

As you will appreciate the situation is evolving quickly, with updated guidance coming through from government daily, but all Team Devon partners are working together to develop a rapid response.

Anyone who is interested in offering accommodation can register their interest via the government website Homes for Ukraine – Local Sponsorship Scheme for Ukraine. The link also contains some frequently asked questions (FAQs) for would-be accommodation providers (sponsors).

Those wishing to offer donations on the ground are advised to make financial contributions, particularly to the Disasters Emergency Committee.

Everything you need to know about the spring booster in Devon

Spring COVID-19 booster jabs have started to be offered to people in Devon at greatest risk of COVID-19 infection, many of whom had their first booster six months ago. The groups eligible for the spring booster are:

- people aged 75 years and older
- residents in a care home for older adults
- people aged 12 years old and over who have a weakened immune system

The best time to have the spring booster is around six months after the previous booster, although the minimum interval is three months. You can find your nearest walk-in clinic on the NHS site finder website or book an appointment via the National Booking System.

Check visitor arrangements at hospitals and care homes

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in Devon some hospitals and care homes have taken the difficult decision to restrict visitors in order to protect vulnerable patients, residents and staff.

If you are planning to visit someone in hospital or in a care home, please ring ahead or check their website to find out about visitor arrangements.

Holiday food support continues for Easter

Supermarket vouchers worth £570,000 have been sent to families of 19,000 children in Devon to help them buy food over the upcoming Easter holidays.

This comes from the government's one-off 'household support fund', which was given to councils to distribute. Over the last year £4.7 million has provided nearly 140,000 supermarket vouchers for families who qualify for free school meals; so their children don't go hungry over the school holidays.

20mph Scheme Applications

Nick Colton advises me that 71 Parishes across the County have applied to be part of the 20mph trial. In the main, these are communities where currently the speed limit is 30mph and they are requesting a change across each respective village. With Cabinet having earmarked £100k for the trial, it is fair to say that many will be disappointed.

The next step in the process is that Officers will need to sift through the application and duly prioritise them against a set of criteria.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

5. MINUTES OF THE MARCH COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Craddock proposed and Cllr Tucker seconded "that the minutes of the March 14th council meeting be approved as an accurate record". Passed.

6. REPORTS ON ALLOCATED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

6.1 WORKS: a) Cllr Craddock has met with Jason Francis and is pleased with his capabilities. Jason has started work on cleaning up our 5 bus shelters.

6.2 HIGHWAYS: A) Speedwatch to do a survey this Thursday. B) Speed device to be moved higher up Ford Road this week. C) Cllr Craddock to attend a Speedwatch event at Sandy Park. D) Thanks given to Cllr Craddock for producing the comprehensive policy statement for data. E) Stray Park pavements to be resurfaced following damage 2 years ago by SW Water. F) Dunstone road closure already notified.

6.3: COMMUNICATIONS. No report

6.4 FOOTPATHS: No report

6.5 ENVIRONMENT: No report

Craddock

Clerk

6.6 EMERGENCY PLANNING: a) Cllr Durman reported that there is a lot of COVID infection in the parish b) There will be an article about Ukrainian refugees in Yealmpton Press c) It was proposed by Cllr Durman and seconded by Cllr Baldry that that a Ukrainian flag be flown in Bakery Square. Passed unanimously. Clerk to organise.

7. LOCAL ISSUES

7.1 Yeo Park notice board. It was agreed to hold any disposal decision subject to village survey comments on notice boards.

7.2 Speed signs. A) The Clerk advised that the £5k grant has now been released. We have ordered two Message Maker signs using 'group ordering' and expect the grant to cover the net costs. B) Cllr Craddock explained his draft programme for moving our three units around the village. He will update the schedule and circulate to all councillors. Data to be circulated to the parish on a six-monthly basis. Parish survey results to include speed data.

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7.3 Environment report. A) Mr Abbott's subcommittee report postponed until May meeting. B) SHDC has approved the draft questionnaire sent to all councils. There is some dissent on the "wilding" and there will be a report in the Autumn.

7.4 Village survey update. Cllr Durman advised that 1099 surveys were delivered by volunteers with the Yealmpton Press. To date, 91 have been returned completed. The data analysis is ongoing. Completed surveys may be returned until mid May.

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

The following decisions of SHDC were noted:

- Land opposite Hall Torrs farm. Application to remove 8 metres of hedge to enable two entrances to be installed. Refused. Re-instatement order issued.
- Rose Cottage, Yealmpton. Application for sunroom rejected.
- 8 Yealm Park. Application to remove garage and built side extension. Rejected.
- 22 Church Way. Application for side extension. Conditional approval.

The following new application was noted:

- 105 Speculation. Retrospective permission for kids' playhouse and deck. No objection subject to wall facings and screenings.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

9.1. Expenditure. Approval for £4,324.91 was proposed by Cllr Baldry and seconded by Cllr Mackay. Approved by all.

10. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. PC Mackay sent the following report:

The ASB (antisocial behaviour) appears to have quietened down. We have been patrolling the area in the evenings and I note that we haven't had any incidents reported since March 6th. That said, there could have been incidents which have gone unreported. We will continue to patrol in the evenings when commitments allow.

Elsewhere, on March 24th there was a report of a theft of bins from behind a Public House. The bins were full so this may be another incident of ASB.

Nothing else to note apart from a rise in fuel thefts across the force. Not many in South Hams (yet) but this may just be a matter of time. Beware.

2. Letter from the owners of Stag Cottage, Market Street re parking problems. They are experiencing vehicles parking on the A379 outside their property in the area of the dropped kerbs and blocking them in. Challenged motorists are not being sympathetic.

The clerk advised that he had contacted Devon Highways. The only action is for the house owners to report "obstruction" to the police.

11. Date of next meeting.

May 9th, 2022 in the YCA Community Room at 7.30pm

The meeting was closed at 8.55 pm

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