

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE YCA COMMUNITY ROOM ON MAY 9<sup>th</sup> 2022 AT 7.30PM**

**Present:** Cllr Thomas \* Cllr. Baldry \*  
 Cllr. Craddock \* Cllr Mackay \*  
 Cllr. Endicott \* Cllr. Tucker \*  
 Cllr. Healy \* Cllr. Barton \*  
 Cllr. Durman \* Cllr Hopkins \*

\* Denotes attendance @ Denotes absence

**Also attending:** Members of the public 10  
 County Councillor 1

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Thomas asked for nominations as Chairman. No names were put forward. As a meeting chairman is required, Cllr Baldry offered his services as Chairman of the meeting and not as Chairman of Yealmpton Parish Council. This arrangement was approved as no other proposals were submitted. Cllr Baldry adopted the chair.

Enormous appreciation was expressed to Cllr Thomas for chairing the Parish Council for the past 5 years and of all that has been achieved during this time.

**2. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY VILLAGES AROUND THE YEALM.**

Cllr Baldry introduced Cllr Hitchins and Maxine Kennedy, the Project Co-ordinator.

Clearly the last years of COVID have created many problems for society but even more problems for those suffering from dementia and social isolation. The good works continue again in all five parishes in earnest and over 125 families have been supported over the life of the project. Zoom facility during ‘lockdown’ was critical in maintaining contact and this is still being effectively used today. Inevitably, isolation has been an even bigger problem over the last two years and we are working even harder to get back to our pre Covid position.

The scope today is not limited to the Yealm parishes. Involvement with the “4 Rivers Alliance” included Ivybridge and 19 other parishes. Partnership exists with “Life on the Edge” and the Prime Minister’s Dementia Group.

We are intent on helping all people with dementia to remain part of their community for as long as possible and we invite you to ensure that your groups are all “Dementia Friendly”.

Cllr Linda Durman agreed to become the Yealmpton Parish representative on the working group.

Cllr Baldry thanked Maxine Kennedy for her presentation and also thanks to Cllr Hitchins and Ian Sherriff for their ongoing work with this worthy cause.

**3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Baldry proposed Councillor Endicott be re-elected as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Durman and Cllr Endicott was unanimously elected.

**4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES & OUTSIDE REPRESENTATIONS**

It was agreed to leave the “Allocated Responsibilities” sheet for discussion at the June meeting.

**Clerk**

**Durman**

**All/Clerk**

Clerk

## **5. ELECTION OF AUDITOR**

The Clerk advised that Mr Michael Cosby is prepared to stand again as auditor. Cllr Endicott proposed and Cllr Craddock seconded that Mr Cosby be appointed Auditor. Passed unanimously.

## **6. APOLOGIES**

None

## **7. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR THOMAS**

71 parishes in Devon have applied for some of their roads to be specified as “20 mph“ zones. Only £100k has been allocated by DCC for this pilot project so many will be disappointed as a minimum of £10k is likely to be required for each approved scheme. The selection process may not be scientific! Yealmpton is one of the 71 applicants.

## **8. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR BALDRY**

Profuse apologies given by Cllr Baldry for the appalling performance of FCC in their inability to meet their contract terms. Yet again, Yealmpton brown bins have not been collected.

Cllr Baldry recommended that black bins be left out for two days as these should be collected. However, brown bins **should not be left out at all**. Just put out again for the next fortnightly collection in the hope and expectation that FCC will perform.

## **9. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Tucker registered an interest in agenda item 13.

## **10. MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

It was proposed by Cllr Craddock and seconded by Cllr Tucker that the minutes of the April 11<sup>th</sup> 2022 Parish Council Meeting be signed as a true record. Carried.

It was proposed by Cllr Durman and seconded by Cllr Tucker that the minutes of the April 11<sup>th</sup> 2022 Annual Parish Meeting be signed as a true record. Carried.

## **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Barton

- a) **Works.** Cllr Craddock reported that the Dunstone Cross bus shelter has been repaired after vandalism and that the flagpole will be cleaned tomorrow.

Barton

b) **Footpaths.**

Clerk

- FP19. Emily Spurway, the DCC Definitive Map Officer is about to receive all the evidence from Yealmpton regarding historic use of ‘Shire horse land’ and its pathways.
- A number of volunteers have come forward from the survey questionnaire and so P3 duties will be re-allocated.
- Cllr Thomas spoke about discussions with Brixton PC regarding YETAG aspirations and local improvement for ‘active travel’. Proposal for joint collaboration to be carried forward to June agenda.
- Path 32. Trees now felled and path is usable irrespective of signage to the contrary.

Thomas/  
Tucker

Craddock

Clerk

c) **Highways.**

- Flooding still a problem on the A379 at Waye Farm. Cllr Thomas to

organise site meeting with Messrs. Tucker and Colton.

- A new speedwatch site will hopefully be approved at the eastern entry to the village.
- SHDC roadsweeper is working in the village to remove weeds and detritus.

**Hopkins**

**d) Environment.** None

**Barton**

**e) Emergency.** None

**f) Communications.**

- Yealmpton Directory. It was agreed that the 2022 version should be included as a 'centrefold' in the Yealm Press in September at no extra cost. Hard copies to be posted on YPC notice boards.
- Dropbox. Cllr Barton to explain its use to all councillors.

**Clerk**

## **12. LOCAL ISSUES**

- a) The Clerk was asked to approach heritage organisations for funding to refurbish the Listed Toll Hut at Dunstone Cross. Cllr Thomas offered £250 from his Locality Fund as the toll house does belong to DCC. If unsuccessful, YPC may use surplus funds for the £1750 balance.
- b) Yeo Park notice board. It was agreed not to site a board at Yeo Park crossroads (technology has overtaken the need!). Cllr Thomas is to offer the board to Yealm Park Residents Association.
- c) Market Street car park wall. Cllr Hopkins to report damage to SHDC as a resident.
- d) A. Recreation Ground vandalism. It was reported that both equipment and fencing has been vandalised. SHDC insurance will deal with the replacement of vandalised kit. YPC will investigate alternative fencing and obtain a quote.
- d) B. "Spinner" toy in Kiddies play area. This minute is to state officially that YPC concluded that it was not sensible or cost-effective use of Council funds to move the spinner roundabout at a cost of £6,000. It will remain in its existing location.
- e) Environment sub group. This group was set up to advise YPC on relevant matters. The Chairman and councillor have since resigned from the group. Cllr Thomas agreed to take the draft Terms of reference (which need to give YEG members a remit to represent Yealmpton PC on groups of parishes active in pursuit of our environmental aims) and meet with Cllrs Craddock and Barton to reconsider options.
- f) Expenditure on Water Quality test equipment. Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr Endicott seconded that YPC invest £1058 capital and £110 annual revenue as our Council's part in working towards cleaner rivers. Passed unanimously.
- g) Parish Survey summary. Cllr Durman advised that 175 households have submitted their survey forms with another week yet to go. No interim statistics will be issued but a lot of interesting comments are being given. Thanks were expressed to Linda and her team for the stalwart work going on 'behind the scenes'. When the survey results are fully analysed, Council will then decide on form of presentation to the village.

**Thomas**

**Hopkins**

**Clerk**

**Thomas/Barton  
/Craddock**

**All councillors**

## **13. PLANNING MATTERS**

1. Land at Higher Tor. New access and new store. No objection but suggest old gateway be returned to Devon Bank.
2. Oakhill Farm. Change of use to Equestrian. No objection subject to non commercial use. Drainage problem to be addressed.

Clerk

#### **14. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Cllr Thomas proposed and Cllr Craddock seconded the acceptance of May expenditure of £18,300. Agreed unanimously.

Clerk

#### **15. CORRESPONDENCE .**

a. Cllr Baldry has received a complaint about children playing football on the grass area in front of the Milizac Close houses with the associated traffic danger to both them and motorists. The Clerk was asked to contact Sovereign Housing and ask for some safety fencing to be erected.

b. The steps at Kitley Place were damaged by a falling tree in the recent storms. Clerk to contact Rebus Management Company to get repairs carried out.

#### **16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is on Monday, June 13th 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the Yealmpton Community Centre.

17. The meeting was declared closed at 9.55 p.m.

M J Stickland, Clerk to Yealmpton Parish Council

May 10<sup>th</sup> 2022

#### **Open Forum.**

#### **Note: These notes do not form any part of the Council minutes.**

1. Dr Tony Hawkins spoke about the need to pressurize the water authorities to clean up our rivers in our case, the River Yealm. In order to achieve any progress, it is believed by the River Yealm Quality Group that data has to be collected to prove to the water authorities that they are not achieving the national standards. In order to collect data, it is necessary to invest in monitoring equipment and incur ongoing maintenance costs. Dr Hawkins requested that YPC supports their cause and agrees investment of £1058 and annual running costs of £110. (The Council decision can be seen in agenda item 12f).

Some concerns were expressed that the Environmental Agency is dysfunctional and that more data will not solve that problem. However, it is believed that the only way forward to clean up our rivers is to negotiate with these bodies from a position of strength of data and information.

2. Mr Brian Rowe thanked YPC for applying for 20 mph zones within the

village. We await the outcome hopefully. (See agenda item 7).

3. Mr Brian Rowe had read the article in Yealm Press that Councillor Thomas is stepping down as Parish Council chairman as at today. He went on to congratulate Cllr Thomas on all that has been achieved in the five years that he has been council chairman. So “thank you “ Dan on behalf of the Yealmpton Community.

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