

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL 10th JULY 2023

Present: Cllr Craddock (Chair) Cllr Guy-Fierens
Cllr Endicott Cllr Tucker
Cllr Thomas Cllr Barton
Cllr Baldry
Also attending: Members of the public: 2

1. Apologies: Cllr Hopkins, Tom Edie South Hams District Council (SHDC)

2. Report from County Councillor – Cllr Thomas

Nick Colton – Local Highways Officer – has indicated that under Devon County **current planning policy**, the 20mph speed plan which Yealmpton previously applied for would, if funded by the Parish, cost upwards of £40,000 and possibly £60,000 (or even more). This is because the roads in question would require artificial physical speed reduction measures (sleeping policemen, chicanes etc). When Ugborough was referenced at our previous meeting, with a significantly lower price, this is because that village does not require artificial additions, as the roads lend themselves to driving at 20mph already where New Road and parts of Ford Road do not.

No further action will be taken until Devon County Council's (DCC's) planning policy changes.

3. District Councillors Report – Cllrs Thomas & Edie

- Planning enforcement policy is being revisited for when an application is refused.
- Planning training will be held in the Community Room on 20th July at 18:00

4. Declarations of interest - none

5. Minutes of the June council meeting – agreed (proposed by Cllr Baldry, seconded by Cllr Thomas)

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Endicott &
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6. Parish clerk vacancy – interviews Monday 17th July

7. Councillor vacancies – interviews Monday 17th July

8. Report from Councillors in respect of actions arising from previous meeting:

- a. Joint Planning Training – *see earlier*
- b. MUGA access – *Cllr Craddock has 2 quotes these have been handed to the subgroup of Yealmpton Community Association (YCA). YCA approved a business plan. Cllr Craddock agreed that he will arrange for this to be circulated to Councillors. It was suggested to ask the Academy to pay or to match fund*
- c. Yealm Bridge - *Cllr Endicott has sent photos to Cllr Thomas*
- d. FP 20 (Stray park to Puslinch Bridge) - *a site visit was held and work will be done to the surface to improve accessibility*
- e. FP 32 (Boldventure to Dixon Terrace) Fallen tree – *this has been cleared*
- f. Cllr Tucker to identify problem areas from Wildanet work – *there are no big problems the surfaces have been reinstated satisfactorily, DCC are pursuing issues in Hillside Way. Cllr Tucker has identified problems with overhanging vegetation that has not been cut back by landowners and will send*

Craddock

addresses to *Cllr Craddock* who will send letters reminding landowners of their obligations

9. Reports on allocated areas of responsibility

a) Works:

Strimming of Dunstone Cross has been done.

The issue of the overgrowth and narrowing of the pavement due to subsidence from Yeo Lane to Yealmbridge was raised. Cllr Tucker will contact Kitley asking them to deal with the overgrowth of vegetation. Cllr Thomas will ask Nick Colton of DCC to put a footpath closed sign up until either DCC deals with the narrowing of the pavement or Cllr Tucker does the work, Kitley will be informed of any such work.

b) Footpaths:

Footpath 20 – improvements to the surface (see earlier 8.d). Cllr Thomas will ask the Public Rights of Way team about progress of the footpath claim in the former Shire Horse Centre land.

c) Roads & Pavements and road safety – see earlier (8.f)

d) Communication

Cllr Barton will update the Data Management plan

e) Environment – Linda Durman's report

River Yealm - thanks were expressed for funds granted by Yealmpton Parish Council for their element of the ongoing cost of water quality laboratory analysis. Data on the pollution incident on 5 Dec 22 collected by CSI volunteers has been shared with the Environment Agency who have assured us that they will feed back in writing every 6 months re progress on resulting actions. Unfortunately the continuous water monitor is still recording transient inputs of turbidity and /or dissolved solids, often during the night and often in the absence of prior rainfall, suggesting deliberate discharges. Three local experts have been invited by Westcountry Water Guardians to participate in a workshop to develop a national standard for interpretation and reporting of CSI findings.

River Yealm Water Quality Group is also working on a report to set standards for bathing water quality. Five sites have been selected and approved by WildFish for sampling when a suspected pollution event is reported. These will now be visited by their expert advisers.

Trees - thanks were expressed for funds granted by Yealmpton Parish Council for Kitley Flagship Tree Nursery, with Moor Trees & Woodland Trust, Ruby's Wood Flora & Fauna Baseline Survey, with ParkLife & others, Schools Art Competition & Mermaid event, Wildflower & Hedgerow Projects in Yealmpton area, with Devon Wildlife Trust and Farming Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) farm visits in Yealmpton area.

Funding from other sources has been secured to enable additional projects to proceed:

Community Orchard with BeeWild & YEM in Stray Park Yealmpton

Elm, Sweet Chestnut & Ash Disease Resistance & Biochar Project

Ash Dieback Replacement Project with Veterans Outdoors

Yealm River corridor 1,900 tree planting at Worston - eforests, PSDCF & Woodland Trust,

Kitley Estate Wood 3,000 tree planting project - Woodland Trust & PSDCF

Progress reports will be submitted as projects progress and articles written for

Yealmpton Press. At the moment the trees planted earlier this seem in Lodge Gate Field seem to be growing well despite the dry weather, with few failures so far. Eforests have

confirmed that they will replace up to 10% that fail at no cost. We plan to plant

additional trees there next season, to create a hedge along what will be the new footpath bordering the main road.

Tucker,
Thomas

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The consultation on the community orchard (Yealmpton Press and Village Facebook page) yielded only four responses, all of which were positive and asked to be kept informed. We can therefore assume that there are no local objections to the project.

Active travel - public Footpath 20 is designated as 'accessible'. Work has been commissioned to improve the surface so that it is safe for wheelchair users.

Yealmpton Show - there will be information about Yealmpton initiatives to improve our environment at two stands at Yealmpton Show.

Water Butts - potential obstacles to installation are being addressed.

f) Emergency Planning – Cllr Guy-Fierens met with Linda Durman who handed over the Emergency Plan. It was noted that perishables are inspected annually.

g) Speed Issues – 2 out of 3 signs are working, the batteries of the sign near the garage will be changed.

10. Planning Matters

- 1910/23/FUL Temporary agricultural workers dwelling, The Piggery, New England Road, PL7 5BA (No Objection)
- 1864/23/LBC Listed building consent for renovation of garage, The Lodge, Fore Street, PL8 2HB (No Objection)

Out of parish but asked to have input on:

- 1712/23/FUL Pop Up Camping site for 56 days per year, Land at SX597501, (No Objection)
- 1570/23/ADV Retrospective Consent for 1 x double-sided sign (W) 2m x (H) 1m and 2 x flags (H) 1m x (W) .05m on 4.6m flagpole, Choakford Farm (No Objection)

11. Financial Matters

The financial report was agreed.

12. Correspondence

- The British Legion are providing a bench and would like to place it in Bakery Square – it was agreed that it should be sited in front of the parish Room if there is enough space.
- Correspondence has been received from the Community Composting Working Group who have identified a site at Newton Downs.
- Correspondence has been received about raw sewage pollution in the River Yealm asking for support in approving the River Yealm as designated bathing water. Cllr Barton will reply asking for a presentation from the group at either the September or October meeting.

Date of next meeting

September 11th 2023 in the YCA Community Room at 7.30pm. The meeting was closed at 8.50pm

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