

MINUTES OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 10th June 2024 AT 7.30 pm at the COMMUNITY ROOM, STRAY PARK, YEALMPTON.

Present: Cllr Baldry (Chair), Cllr Endicott, Cllr Craddock, Cllr Barton, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Guy-Fierens and Cllr Tucker

In attendance: Sasha Walton-Jackman (Clerk)

No members of the public present.

No.	Minute	Action
1)	Apologies: Dist. Cllr Edie, Cllr McKay and Cllr Street. Cllr Hopkins on period of agreed leave.	
2)	Report from County Council. Cllr Thomas The Combined County Authority proposal will not be considered until after the results of the General Election 2024. Update on the footpath 19 claim. Cllr Thomas reported that we now had a commitment that the claim would be heard in 2025.	
3)	Report from District Council. Cllr Thomas/Cllr Edie <u>Election information for residents</u> A dedicated webpage is now live on SHDC Website. N.B. people must register to vote before 11.59pm on 18 th June. Deadline for postal vote applications is 5pm on 19 th June. Deadline for applications to vote by proxy is 5pm on 26 th June. Reminder that Photo ID is essential for voting. Apply for a Voter Authority Certificate - Deadline for applications is before 5 p.m. on Wednesday 26 th June. Changes to voting for British citizens living overseas The 15 year limit on voting rights for has now been removed. The registration period has been extended to three years. This means that overseas voters will only need to register to vote every three years. <u>POLLING DAY</u> 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. on Thursday 4 July. Remember their photo ID. Parish Profiles The Parish Profiles have been created for every parish within the South Hams to highlight the housing circumstances on a local level. These are the first versions and we would be grateful if you could advise us of potential additions we might consider for future improvements. The Profiles will be reviewed on an annual basis or earlier required. See attached profile. Grass Cutting The grass cutting schedule agreed between SHDC and YPC had not been carried out. Cllr Thomas agreed to email the Community Services Team Leader to request a meeting between YPC and SHDC to resolve the matter.	
4)	Councillors' Declaration of Interest: None.	
5)	Minutes: The minutes of 13th May 2024 were approved and signed.	

6)	Planning matters a) A brief update in relation to applications relevant to the Parish was given. b) 1516/24/HHO - Householder application for rear extension with room in roof at first floor was considered. After discussion it was resolved to “object” to the application with the following comment; The proposal for a dormer extension that would sit on the already approved extension to the sitting room is not sympathetic in design/style and finish of this barn conversion. Noting it is in close proximity to listed buildings and situated in the National Landscape. Vote was unanimous, save for Cllr Thomas abstained.	Clerk – to file response on portal
7)	Financial Matters a) Accounts to end of May 2024 were considered. b) Payments totalling £21,601.31 were approved. The invoicing for the Yealmpton Press printing would be paid in August 2024 as agreed by YCA.	Clerk – to arrange transfers
8)	Traffic Engineer Report The report was considered by Council. It was noted that the proposed scheme was estimated to cost in the region of £100,000 to implement. The SLAT analysis used in the report indicated that the costs are not outweighed by the benefit (although marginal). It was also noted that Ford Road was busier than New Road and cars travelled faster on Ford Road than New Road. It was agreed that a meeting would be requested with Devon County Council to go through the proposed scheme to understand how many of the recommendations would be acceptable to DCC, should it be considered appropriate to implement. The Clerk would seek that Callidus qualify the comment at 6.1.3. of the report to mirror the language used at 1.3.3. to refer to 79% of residents “who responded”. The report and contents will be discussed further by Council following the meeting with DCC. The report would be placed on the website for the public to consider.	Clerk – to email DCC, with Cllr Baldry and Cllr Thomas (as County Councillor) in copy. The report would be corrected and posted on the website.
9)	Flooding in the village We had received a request from a resident for the stream grate by Creamery Close to be cleared by the Parish Council. It was agreed that we would liaise with South Hams District Council to consider how frequently it was being cleared by them. It was noted that although the water trough had overflowed, the problems had arisen further up the stream and this issue should be considered. It was agreed that Cllr Baldry and Cllr Tucker would approach the relevant landowners to ascertain what could be done to slow down the transit of water upstream. It was also noted that damage had been caused to Footpath 18. Cllr Barton would investigate and take some photos to enable Council to consider any repairs necessary. It was commented that the rain experienced was exceptionally heavy and very unusual.	Clerk to liaise with SHDC about the clearing schedule. Cllr Tucker to approach landowners. Cllr Baldry will accompany Cllr Tucker to any agreed meetings.

10)	Active Travel update It was noted that the consultation had been delayed until July. No date had been given.	Cllr Barton to report in due course.
11)	Yealmpton Tidy Village Group update a) Terms of Reference for the group were considered and agreed by Council. b) Over the weekend of 8 th /9 th June 5 volunteers had undertaken some weeding and pavement/gutter clearing at the entrance to Torr Bridge Park. The volunteers were keen to undertake further work in the village and another meet up would be arranged for July. 17 volunteers had joined the village litter pick and collected 6 large bags of rubbish. YPC thank all the volunteers who gave up their time to support these activities over the weekend.	Clerk – arrange another meeting in July.
12)	Village Library/Telephone Box No volunteer had yet come forward to undertake the renovation of the phone box. A volunteer had painted Brixton's telephone box and the Clerk was asked to enquire whether they would paint our telephone box as they had done such a good job of the one in Brixton. The quote from the Men's Shed for the internal works was approved. An alternative shelving unit had been identified for the Village Library. This was less expensive than the previous proposed bookshelf unit. It would still be on casters to ensure the book shelf could be moved. It was agreed that these could be ordered.	Clerk to contact BPC Clerk – to purchase the shelving units.
13)	Training a) New Councillor training for Cllr Street was approved. b) Clerk training - it was agreed that the Clerk could undertake further training to obtain CILCA.	Clerk/Cllr Street to arrange training.
14)	Road Closures – to note upcoming Road closures a) A379 - Orchard Hill to Western Lodge Cross 3 rd July 2024- 7 th July 2024. 9.30am- 15.30pm (this should just be 1-2 days in this period) b) A379 – Red Lion Hill to Underhay 4 th July 2024 - 8 th July 2024. 9.30am- 15.30pm (this should just be 1-2 days in this period) c) Red Lion Hill extension of closure to 31st July 2024 d) Sign of the Owl extension to mid June.	
15)	Report from Councillors/clerk in respect of responsibilities/ actions arising from previous meetings. Some actions remain outstanding and will be reviewed at the next meeting. Hearing Loops - a resident had contacted the Chairman stating their support for the installation of a hearing loop. An alternative – a personal listener – had been loaned to YPC, from a Charity in Plymouth. Opinions were being canvassed and a further report would be made next month. The speed monitor is still to be moved to Yealmbridge.	Clerk – to contact the resident and invite them to try the personal listener. Clerk – to arrange

16)	Reports on allocated areas of responsibility, where matters arise Emergency Plan – the locations of recent flooding would be notes in the log. Neighbourhood Plan – these were to be discussed at the next meeting. However, Cllr Thomas had made enquiries with the officer at SHDC and it was recommended that we wait until after the General Election results and any changes to planning policy that could follow. Reviewing this matter in the Autumn was recommended. It was agreed that the relevant SHDC officer would be invited to a Council meeting in the Autumn.	Clerk – to pass details of locations to Cllr Guy-Fierens. Clerk – to invite DCC representative to September or October’s meeting.
17)	Correspondence An email had been received about the dangers of e-bike batteries. A thank you message had been received from children following the change of two swings in the small playground from toddler to junior swings. A request had been received, asking the Clerk to seek that the Post Office (national) repaint the post boxes in the village. This has been actioned by the Clerk. Meeting closed 9.15pm	
	Date of next meeting: 8th July 2024	