

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 11th NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.30 PM AT THE COMMUNITY ROOM, STRAY PARK, YEALMPTON.

Members of the public present: 3

Cllr Baldry thanked all those involved in closing the A379 on Remembrance Sunday.

Public Forum

A member of the public spoke in relation to a planning matter that would be discussed during the meeting.

The Conservative candidate for Devon County Council elections attended and introduced himself.

Councillors present: Cllrs Baldry, Endicott, Craddock, Thomas, Tucker, Barton, Hopkins and MacKay.

No	Minute	Action
1)	To receive apologies for absence Dist. Cllr Edie and Cllr Street	
2)	Report from County Council. Cllr Thomas Cllr Thomas drew everyone's attention to the government consultation on remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings and encouraged Council to respond to the consultation. Combined County Authority. The combined authority between Devon County Council and Torbay District Council will begin next year. There is consultation about a larger combined authority which would include wider areas. This could have an elected Mayor, with representatives from each Council.	
3)	Report from District Council. Cllr Edie [written report] South Hams Community Awards 2025 The South Hams Community Awards 2025 will open for nominations on Monday 13 January for four weeks. Towns and Parish Councils have also been made aware. Last year nominations could be made for three categories: Young Persons Award (under 18), Community Champion Award (over 18) and Community Organisation Award. This year a fourth category will be available, Green Award – Climate Champion. Further information will be available on our website when nominations open. The annual canvass is in progress Every year we check the electoral register to make sure that any resident who is eligible to vote can do so. For residents who have yet to respond to our request to check who in their household is eligible to vote, they will receive a reminder in the post this week. Please encourage your residents to complete the annual canvass so they can have their say at future elections. Advice on pension credit Pension Credit tops up pension income and can help with day-to-day living costs. Anyone over State Pension age may be eligible to claim Pension Credit, even if they own their home or have savings.	

	We're in Kingsbridge Library on Wednesday 20 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.to discuss all things relating to pension credit. Residents are invited to come along and have a chat. PASD Freeport Unlocking Growth event The Plymouth and South Devon Freeport is holding an event for businesses later this month to explore the opportunities, incentives and support that PASD Freeport could offer. The Unlocking Growth event takes place at Holne Park House (at the River Dart Country Park estate near Ashburton) on Wednesday 20 November from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Among the businesses being targeted for the event are those directly operating - or as part of the wider supply chain - in the marine, defence, space, advanced manufacturing, engineering or net zero tech sectors. At the event, attendees will: • Hear from the team and key experts about the Freeport's plans and impact including updates from the Autumn Statement and what they may mean in real terms for businesses. • Learn how the Freeport can help them reduce costs, boost competitiveness and access new markets. • Gain insights into tax benefits and savings, customs opportunities, and prime locations for investment and trade. With the tax benefits and reliefs now available to eligible businesses up to and including 30 September 2031, eligible businesses locating in the Freeport can be in receipt of reliefs into the mid-2030s. • Network with other businesses and explore collaboration possibilities. Businesses wanting to attend can register online.
4)	Councillors' Declaration of Interest: None
5)	Previous minutes: The minutes of the meeting on 14 th September 2024 were approved and signed.
6)	Planning matters - A brief update was given on applications relevant to the Parish. 3522/24/TPO Comment only - YPC are unable to process this application as we have no expertise in tree husbandry and therefore rely on the 'Tree Officer' at SHDC for a judgement on our behalf. 3450/24/FUL – Object – Comment: The proposed livestock building would sit upon a newly constructed large site soakaway (3910/23/FUL) which YPC feel needs further thought. The proposal could exacerbate further damage by vehicles associated with agriculture in the very narrow lane which is access to this proposal. Also noting the recent works carried out by DCC associated with the recent flooding at 'Byways' close by in this lane. - Delegated Authority was given to the Clerk to submit a response to any Planning Application received by the Council, where a response is required to be filed before 13th January 2025. In making her decision, the Clerk should consider the views of a working group of Councillors, comprised of members of the Planning Committee.

7)	Financial Matters a. Accounts to the end October 2024 were considered. b. Proposed payments totalling £1,628.64 were approved. c. The fixed term investment will mature in November 2024. Cllr Craddock will look at the options for further investment and report to Council in January's meeting.	Clerk to arrange payments. Cllr Craddock to report.
8)	Parish Freeport Meeting Cllr Baldry and the Clerk will attend and report to Council at the next meeting.	Clerk and Cllr Baldry
9)	Review of Yealmpton Parish Council Policy and Procedures Policies, procedures and the standing orders will be reviewed. The Clerk will form a small working group with different members of the Council and updated documents will be considered by Council in due course.	Clerk to arrange.
10)	Response to the government consultation on remote meetings and proxy voting. Clerk to circulate the questions and then compile a YPC response and submit this.	Clerk to arrange.
11)	Report from Councillors/clerk in respect of responsibilities/actions arising from previous meeting. a. Parish Library. This opened last Friday. 8—9 people attended and borrowed several books. More shelving is needed. Cllr Barton will look into this. Thanks to Cllr Barton for her hard work on this project. The phone box is now ready to be fitted out by the Men's Shed. Thanks to the resident of the village who painted the inside of the phone box. b. Flooding. The Clerk now has a copy of the guidance for farmers/landowners from the Environment Agency regarding minimising flood risk. Clerk will get a list of local farming groups and forward the information to them. Some of the actions that were agreed as part of the action plan have been completed and some are outstanding. The repairs to Footpath 18, at the upper part of the stream is one notable outstanding action. This would be DCC responsibility. The Clerk has consulted with DCC and there are no DCC funds in this financial year available to undertake the repair. The Clerk is to pursue the P3 funds with the assistance of Cllr Thomas. No P3 funds have been received this financial year, and those received last year appear to relate to the previous year. c. Road Safety Training. The training went very well. Some new safety equipment is required, the Clerk will arrange the purchase of this. d. Bakery Square Bench – Cllr Craddock reporting he has taken delivery of the new circular bench for Bakery	Cllr Barton to obtain a quote for consideration. Clerk to continue to monitor action list and send out EA guidance. Clerk and Cllr Thomas Clerk to arrange Cllrs Craddock and Tucker

	Square. Cllrs Craddock and Tucker will arrange the installation. e. Parish Room – Cllrs Craddock and Endicott have met with the decorator who will instal the facia boards. Black UPVC will be used for durability. Access to the side of the Parish Room will be required and in due course and scaffolding will be required, the Clerk will need to write to the adjacent property owner and notify them. These works are likely to take place in the spring/early summer.	
2)	Reports on allocated areas of responsibility (where matters arise) a. None	
3)	Correspondence a. Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS) programme – update on broadband provision. It is noted that Airband will be less extensive than first indicated. In Yealmpton we have Wildanet. b. Correspondence with DCC regarding damage to Upper Torr Lane. Damage occurred as a result of a lorry having to reverse back up the lane as it was too large for the lane. Devon Highways is unable to put up an “unsuitable for” sign at this stage. c. Email received by Cllr Thomas in respect of parking provision for residents on Fore Street. Contents notes, no solution can be offered by YPC. d. Correspondence with DCC regarding damage to pipe near Footpath 18. Noted that the repair is still outstanding. Meeting concluded at 9pm	
	Date of next meeting: 13th January 2025	