

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 13th JANUARY 2025 AT 7.30 PM AT THE COMMUNITY ROOM, STRAY PARK, YEALMPTON.

Members of the public present: 2 (one later co-opted as a Councillor)

Public Forum - No members of the public wished to speak

Councillors present: Cllrs Baldry, Endicott, Craddock, Tucker, Barton, Street and Thomas (arrived at the start of item 8 below), Cllr Riley co-opted during the meeting.

District Cllr Edie attended until item 7

No	Minute	Action
1)	To receive apologies for absence Cllrs Hopkins and MacKay	
2)	Report from County Council Report will be given in February's meeting.	
3)	Report from District County Council. Cllr Edie Government White Paper on Devolution We do not support the creation of one unitary council for Devon and want more time to properly discuss and consult on the best way to reorganise local government for the benefit of our communities. Health Support Groups Cancer Peer Group Meetings – Yealmpton COPD Support Groups Meetings – Wembury For more information please contact jackie@shcommunityaction.org.uk Placemaking – Visitor Economy Update We have been working with the South West Research Company to produce reports on the Economic Impact of the Visitor Economy for the South Hams. South Hams saw a decrease in staying visitors overall (combined staying visitors) due to a decrease in domestic staying visitors, although overseas staying visitors increased. South Hams saw similar volumes of day visits but with a larger increase in day visit spend. Helping residents with the cost of living We know that many residents experience financial hardship because of the cost of living, particular in the winter months and around Christmas time. This week we are signposting residents to the support, guidance and advice available which could help those who may be struggling. Please direct your communities to our recent news item which is packed full of information including details of our new household support payments and our video on the help we're offering, links to Citizens Advice, information on Pension Credit and details of our online Support Directory.	
4)	Councillors' Declaration of Interest: Cllr Street declared a personal interest in the KPMG grant application. He is a Director of the KPMG and abstained from discussion and voting.	
5)	Previous minutes: The minutes of the meeting on 13 th November 2024 were approved and signed.	
6)	Councillor Vacancy Members of the Council had met with Simon Riley and recommended his co-option on to Council. Cllr Riley was unanimously appointed.	

7)	Planning matters a. A brief update was given on applications relevant to the Parish. b. The Clerk had responded to two applications while there had been no meeting in December. Following consultation with members of the Planning Committee, the following responses had been submitted; i. 2949/24/HHO, 15 Yeo Park Yealmpton PL8 2LP. Support. Comment: YPC support is conditional that there is clarification from the architect or SHDC on the proposed access from the existing house ii. 3817/24/TCA, Paradise House 77 Church Lane Yealmpton PL8 2HG. No decision. Comment - YPC have no expertise in tree husbandry and are therefore unable to make a meaningful decision. We therefore rely on the SHDC 'Tree Officer' to make a suitable decision on our behalf. Noting this is within the 'Conservation Area' and close to the river with no adjacent TPO's that we are aware off. Council noted and raised no disagreement with that response. c. Application 4019/24/HHO Mill Farmhouse, Mill Leat Close, Yealmpton, PL8 2EF was considered by Council and the response was unanimously agreed as “Support” with no comment to be submitted. d. Application 3821/24/FUL Land at Sx 588 511 Dunstone, Yealmpton was considered and the response was unanimously agreed as “ Object” with comment: “While this proposal might be justifiable from an agricultural needs perspective, YPC wish the following questions to be considered in any SHDC planning response; 1. The size of the proposed 'temporary building' is a questionable necessity? 2. YPC question the term 'temporary' and need it to be defined, noting it is proposed to remove it in 3yrs (why)? 3. Proposed siting of the 'temporary' building could be less intrusive visually. 4. The size of the land area associated with the temporary building proposal is large (why)? 5. YPC consider that a change of use application for the land in this proposal might appropriate? 6. National Landscape (AONB) must be consulted on this proposal. Clerk to submit these responses via the planning portal.		
8)	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%; padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> Road Safety a. Yeo Lane/A379 An email had been received raising concerns about pedestrian safety on Yeo Lane. Following correspondence with Devon Highways (DH), it seems that the SLOW road markings are unlikely to be remarked in the foreseeable future. DH had reviewed the location of signage on the lane and concluded that it was positioned in the best location. Devon Highways had also considered the option of a build out of the kerb line, to encourage drivers to slow and make a more deliberate turn at the junction with the A379. DH consider this will not be safe as it is an agricultural lane and large vehicles may drive over the kerb, a regularly cut kerb is danger to pedestrians. The only option to increase road safety that DH could identify was locating a footpath the other side of the hedge. This has </td> <td style="width: 30%; padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> Clerk – to report this to the resident who write to the Council. </td> </tr> </table>	Road Safety a. Yeo Lane/A379 An email had been received raising concerns about pedestrian safety on Yeo Lane. Following correspondence with Devon Highways (DH), it seems that the SLOW road markings are unlikely to be remarked in the foreseeable future. DH had reviewed the location of signage on the lane and concluded that it was positioned in the best location. Devon Highways had also considered the option of a build out of the kerb line, to encourage drivers to slow and make a more deliberate turn at the junction with the A379. DH consider this will not be safe as it is an agricultural lane and large vehicles may drive over the kerb, a regularly cut kerb is danger to pedestrians. The only option to increase road safety that DH could identify was locating a footpath the other side of the hedge. This has	Clerk – to report this to the resident who write to the Council.
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	previously been explored by Council, but landowner consent was not obtained. b. Ford Road Following a meeting with DH in the summer of 2024, a scheme has been designed, incorporating some of the suggestions from the Traffic Report commissioned last year and some suggested by DH. DH have not provided costings for the Traffic Management that would be necessary. YPC note that vegetation adjacent to Torr Bridge is reducing visibility over the bridge for pedestrians and drivers. This land is owned by SHDC. YPC to request this is cut back. It was agreed that a budget of £10,000 would be allocated to Road Safety in the financial year 2025/2026.	Clerk to write and copy to Cllr Thomas and Cllr Edie.
9)	Grass Cutting a) SHDC are the incumbent grass cutting provider. SHDC have provided a significantly higher quote for future service. Three quotes have been obtained, including from the contractors of neighbouring parish councils. It was unanimously agreed to appoint South Hams Garden and Property Services (SHGPS) as they were the most competitive quote received and Council is confident they will deliver an excellent service. b) SHGPS had separately quoted for the work involved in cutting the DCC Urban visibility splays, not otherwise covered by the village grass cutting scheme. It was agreed that remaining in the scheme was financially appropriate. Further consideration will be given to this when we receive the draft contract from DCC.	Clerk to arrange contract.
10)	Financial matters a) Grant applications for 2025/2026. The award following awards were agreed; i. Yealmpton Bowling Club – award £450 of the amount requested to reflect the percentage of their membership from Yealmpton Parish ii. Yealmpton Athletics Association – award of £2,800 on the condition that it was used for specific items and on the basis that YAA matched the funding themselves for the remaining items. iii. Kitley Placement Management Group – YPC agreed to purchase a notice board for the estate at the cost of £600 plus VAT. iv. Bee Wild – funding of £470 was agreed for some new trees and items for the Living Churchyard project. v. Yealmpton Environment Group Grants totalling £3,442 were agreed. b) The draft invoice for 50% of the utilities on the Parish Room and some fire equipment was approved. c) The draft budget for 2025/2026 was approved. d) A level of precept was agreed at £64,220. This is an increase of 5% on the Band D parish rate to £65.38. This increase is largely due to an anticipated increased costs of contractors.	Clerk to inform the applicants. Clerk to send. Clerk to respond to SHDC

	e) The accounts to end of December 2024 were noted. f) Payments of £7,913.38 were approved. g) There was not time to consider the reinvestment of reserved and this will be dealt with in February's meeting.	Clerk to arrange transfers Clerk to include in February's Agenda
11)	Footpaths a. Consideration of whether to continue in the P3 Scheme. This item will be carried forward to February's meeting b. Repair of Footpath 18. It was agreed that we would repair Footpath 18 as DCC had indicated they did not have funds to do so this financial year.	Clerk to include in February's Agenda Clerk to arrange.
12)	Purchase of new speed monitor and pole The purchase of a new monitor and pole was agreed, as budgeted this financial year.	Clerk to arrange.
13)	Shared Youth Work This matter will be considered at February's meeting.	Clerk to include in February's Agenda
14)	Free Port This matter will be considered at February's meeting.	Clerk to include in February's Agenda
15)	Road Closures noted; a. STONEY CROSS TO A379, YEALMPTON 1st April- 3rd April inclusive b. ROAD HEADING SOUTH FROM CHOAKFORD CROSS, PLYMPTON 7th February 9.30-15.30	
16)	Actions arising To be reviewed in February's meeting	
17)	Reports on allocated areas of responsibility Any reports to be reviewed in February's meeting.	
1)	Correspondence a. Determine a delegate for IDALC AGM during w/c 20th January 2025 (TBC when date available) b. Determine a delegate for Dementia Awareness Forum on 15th January 2025 (Cllr Thomas to attend) c. Correspondence regarding overflowing stream on Bowden Hill (Clerk to continue to liaise with DCC) d. Thank you letters from Yealmpton Brownies and Rainbows, Citizens Advice South Hams, Samaritans and Dementia Friendly Parish e. Consultation on Schools admission arrangements 2026/2027 f. Agree a delegate for the SHDC Parish Forum at 6pm Thursday 27th March 2025 (To be dealt with at February's meeting) g. Email regarding cancellation of South Hams Festival 2025 h. In copy re email from a resident to DCC re Footpath 19 (This is a DCC matter which they have responded to and are actioning) Meeting concluded at 9.37 pm	Clerk – include in February's meeting.
	Date of next meeting: 10th February 2025	