

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 ON THE RISING OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, STRAY PARK, YEALMPTON.**

Meeting commenced at 20.36

Members of the public present: 0

## **Public Forum**

No public forum was held as the public had the opportunity to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting prior to the council meeting.

**Councillors Present:** Cllr Baldry, Cllr Endicott, Cllr Craddock, Cllr Tucker, Cllr Barton, Cllr Thomas, Cllr MacKay, Cllr Hopkins and Cllr Riley. Cllr Taggart was co-opted during the meeting.

## **1) Apologies and absences**

Apologies were received from Dist. Cllr Edie, who had attended the Annual Parish Meeting prior to the council meeting.

## **2) Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## **3) Councillor Co-Option**

An application to join the Council had been received by Judith Taggart. The Staffing Committee had met with Mrs Taggart and recommended to Council that she be co-opted. Judith Taggart was co-opted as a member of Yealmpton Parish Council by a unanimous vote.

## **4) Councillors' Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Craddock declared an interest in item 12 as the Treasurer of the Yealmpton Community Association. It was agreed that he could remain in the room for this item, but not vote.

## **5) Planning matters**

- a) A general update on applications relating to the parish was given.
- b) The following responses were agreed;
  - i) 0665/26/VAR Can Pastilla, 69 Church Lane, Yealmpton, PL8 2HG - Support with no comment.
  - ii) 0370/26/FUL Land At Sx 590 546 The Piggery, New England Road, Plympton – Object with the following comment; “YPC object for the same reasons of the refusal of 3127/25/AGR. Namely within 400m of a protected building, it does not benefit from permitted development rights and the area described is within 25m of a Class C road. We note the site is within the TPO Ref: 870 area and partly within a designated Ancient Woodland area.”
  - iii) 0677/26/FUL Land adjacent Collaton Farm, Collaton Cross, Yealmpton - Support with no comment.
  - iv) 0750/26/TPO 17 Ploughman Way Yealmpton PL8 2JE – Comment – “YPC has no expertise in tree husbandry and are therefore unable to make a meaningful comment. We therefore rely on the SHDC 'Tree Officer' to make a suitable decision on our behalf.”

Cllr Tucker abstained from voting on item 5)b)ii) as it related to an agricultural matter and Cllr Tucker is a member of the farming community. Cllr Thomas abstained from voting due to his role in Planning matters at South Hams District Council.

#### **6) Release of Grant Funds**

- a) Parish Archive grant - the release of funds for various materials and plan chest totalling £491.70 was approved.

#### **7) Yealmpton Environment Group Projects**

- a) It was agreed that some funds allocated to a flood prevention project would be allocated to the Kitley Woodland project. An invoice relating to a project for the financial year 2025/2026 would be paid in the year 2026/2027.

#### **8) Devon Association of Local Council**

- a) It was agreed that Yealmpton Parish Council would continue to be a member of DALC and the Clerk was asked to sign the subscription form and arrange the payment.

#### **9) Financial matters**

- a) Accounts to the end of March 2026 were reviewed.
- b) The bank reconciliation to the end of March 2026 was reviewed and signed as correct by Cllr Craddock.
- c) Actual Spending against Budget for 2025/2026 was reviewed.
- d) Payments totalling £4,590 were approved. In addition to those on the payment list, some invoices for room hire, PAT testing and refreshments for the Annual Parish Meeting were approved.
- e) It was agreed that Kitley Place Management Company could carry forward their grant to this financial year. Cllr Taggart did not vote on this matter due being a resident on the Kitley Place estate.

#### **10) Local Government Reorganisation**

- a) Yealmpton Parish Council's LGR response was noted. This response was agreed by Cllrs Baldry, Endicott and Barton and submitted before the 26<sup>th</sup> March consultation deadline.

#### **11) Footpath 19 Claim for modification of the Definitive Map**

- a) Councillors noted that the landowner's solicitor had not responded with a date for a further meeting to progress negotiations and avoid the need for formal determination of the claim. It was agreed that the Clerk would advise the landowner's solicitor that, unless Devon County Council considers the application at its next Public Rights of Way Committee meeting, Yealmpton Parish Council intends to apply to the Secretary of State for determination. The landowner's solicitor will be given two weeks' notice before the Clerk writes to Devon County Council.

#### **12) YCA Noticeboard**

- a) Council agreed the YCA's request for a new Noticeboard in Bakery Square. The YCA would need to check any planning restrictions.

#### **13) Report from Councillors/Clerk on actions arising from previous meetings.**

- a) Council noted Cllr Baldry's report following the AGM of Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm.

- b) Market Street Carpark – Heads of Terms had been sent by South Hams District Council. Having only been received in the afternoon of the day of the meeting, it was agreed that these would be reviewed by email and agreed prior to the end of the month. Council noted that a long lease was being proposed, rather than a transfer of the freehold and this was acceptable.

#### **14) Reports on allocated areas of responsibility, where matters arise.**

- a) Review of speed data from the monitor at Yealmbridge. The data for a five month period had been analysed. It showed that 85% of drivers travelled within the speed limit. There were some exceeding the speed limit significantly, but it was not possible to tell whether these were emergency vehicles or reckless drivers. A brief report would be included in the Yealmpton Press.
- b) Footpath leaflet – it was agreed that a new leaflet would be printed.
- c) Defibrillator training had been arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026 7-9pm in the Community Room in the YCA.

#### **15) Correspondence**

- a) Council noted Tavistock Town Council's correspondence regarding the interpretation of planning policy.
- b) DALC's LGR response was noted.
- c) The South Hams Society's LGR response was noted.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

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