

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 25TH AUGUST 2026 AT 7.30PM AT THE PARISH ROOM, BAKERY SQUARE, YEALMPTON.

Meeting commenced at 19.30

Members of the public present: 0

Councillors Present: Cllr Endicott, Cllr Craddock, Cllr Taggart, Cllr Tucker, Cllr Barton and Cllr Riley.

1) Apologies and absences

Apologies were received Cllrs Baldry and Thomas. Cllrs MacKay and Hopkins were absent.

2) Councillors' Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3) Lease of Market Street Car Park

- a) The draft Lease received from South Hams District Council was reviewed. It was felt that no amendments or clarification were required, beyond those that had already been sought by the Clerk. It was recognised that the lease placed potentially significant financial responsibilities on the Council, but these responsibilities were proportionate with the benefit of the public amenity being within the Parish Council's control.
- b) Councillors considered whether independent legal advice should be sought. It was felt that Council could proceed with entering into the lease without obtaining independent legal advice for the following reasons;
 - i) The lease was written in plain English and in a basic form and Councillors were satisfied they understood it and understood the long term implications,
 - ii) the Parish Council had the benefit of a 12 month notice clause, although it was recognised that the Car Park would have to be handed back in good order.

It was not therefore felt that legal advice would aid Council in their decision making or understanding the implications.

- c) Whether to obtain a structural survey as considered. Council decided that this was not necessary for the following reasons;
 - i) a visual inspection of the car park had taken place and nothing was noted that caused concern.
 - ii) Members of the Council had long reaching local knowledge of the site and there were no known structural problems of which Councillors were aware.
 - iii) It was felt that the two retaining walls were substantial and appeared in good condition.
 - iv) The insurers had been made aware that no structural survey was to be undertaken and had still offered insurance.
 - v) The maintenance record from South Hams had been reviewed for the last 4 years and they comprised minor repairs to the entrance wall, following small collisions and some weed control. It was felt that these maintenance issues were minor and had not caused damage to the integrity of the walls and did not give cause for concern regarding underlying maintenance problems.

It was agreed that the carpark would be regularly inspected as part of routine maintenance of assets.

- d) It was unanimously agreed that the lease would be signed and Cllrs Tucker and Endicott signed the lease in the presence of the Clerk, who also signed the lease.
- e) The proposed additional insurance premium was considered and approved. The new premium would be accepted and the Clerk would notify the insurers of the completion date of the lease in due course.

4) Payment approvals

- a) The Yealmpton Environment Group project invoice for clearing of Himalayan Balsam was approved in the sum of £1,440 and the invoice for composting frames in the sum of £237.60 was approved.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Minutes prepared by Sasha Walton-Jackman

Clerk to Yealmpton Parish Council