

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
AT THE YCA COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> 2009**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Yonge (Chair)	@	Cllr Craddock	*
	Cllr Baldry (Vice Chair)	*	Cllr Stone	@
	Cllr Ebbutt	*	Cllr Tucker	*
	Cllr Frampton	*	Cllr Barton	*
	Cllr Robbins	*	Cllr Short	*
	* Denotes attendance		@ Denotes absence	

<b>Also attending:</b>	Members of the public	6
	County Councillor	1
	Police	0

**ACTION**

**In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Baldry took the chair.**

**8.202 APOLOGIES**

Apologies from PC Nolan, Cllr Stone, Cllr Yonge

**8.203 POLICE MATTERS. Crime report for February**

1. Two incidents of domestic violence. Policy does not allow disclosure.

**8.204 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

**a) County Councillor.** Cllr Mumford reported that:

1. The application for Yealmpton Youngster funding has been submitted.
2. A meeting had been held with Mr Marshall at the Eastern gateway area to discuss the clearing of paths.
3. DCC was now to deal with the road and hedges on Torr Lane opposite Torr Farmhouse. They would write to the relevant householders.
4. He would liaise with Cllr Ebbutt and DCC regarding the possibility of a road crossing "refuge" at the top of Torr Hill. A site meeting was recommended.

**Mumford /  
Ebbutt**

**b) District Councillor:** Cllr Baldry reported:

1. Boundary Committee update. The report is now due on July 15<sup>th</sup>. The Secretary of State is required to give 6 weeks consultation i.e. until 26<sup>th</sup> August. We will hear nothing until parliament re sits in October and it could be that any decision is held over until after a General Election.
2. The application for funding for a new play area in the Torr vicinity now requires a full application and business plan by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Matched funding required. Cllr Ebbutt reviewing needs.
3. District Councillors will have £1000 to spend on 'locality' schemes from 1/4/09.
4. Langage Power station. The 'section 106' monies can be spent on neighbouring parishes (including Yealmpton ) at £2000 per scheme specifically designed to mitigate the adverse effects on the community. There is no time scale (until funds are exhausted).
5. The Sustainable Communities Act is now adopted. Cllr Baldry attended a meeting on behalf of YPC on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>. By July, SHDC will make suggestions for 'sustainability'. A panel of 1500 citizens will vote on the proposals.

**Ebbutt**

**8.206 THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Clerk

1. Mrs Judith Mears enquired as to whether the minutes of the Brixton /Yealmpton Joint Working group (JWG) (village pathways) were available to view. It was agreed that the Clerk would send a copy to her by post.
2. At the Brixton Council meeting, it was agreed that the JWG were not meeting their Terms of Reference in not considering local views. Mrs Mears asked for the A379 option to be pursued.
3. Two Brixton councillors advised that MP Gary Streeter had not initially been given all information about the footpath options. This has now been corrected.

Clerk

4. Mr Alexander was concerned that the police report did not include vandalism at the Athletic Ground during half term week. The Clerk was asked to email PC Nolan in this connection.

Clerk.

5. Concern was expressed at the very spasmodic attendance of the police. The promise of quarterly attendance is not being achieved. The Clerk to pursue.

## **COUNCIL IN SESSION**

### **8.207 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND GIFTS**

Cllr Robbins registered an interest in agenda item 7.2

### **8.208 MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup> PARISH MEETING**

It was proposed by Cllr Craddock and seconded by Cllr Frampton that the minutes of the Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 2008 meeting be signed as a true record. Approved unanimously.

### **8.209 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Clerk

7.1 Annual Parish meeting. It was agreed to hold the meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Clerk to arrange venue and issue agenda.

7.2 Cllr Robbins advised that the JWG had met with Mr Grimshaw of Sustrans on Jan 7<sup>th</sup> and with the Environmental Agency on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. The JWG met on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> and planned to make a recommendation. However, as no viable alternative to the Sustrans proposal was available, they decided, on a 4 to 2 vote, to recommend the Sustrans proposal to their Councils. Brixton Council have rejected this proposal. Cllr Tucker suggested that the landowner could propose a "Permissive path" with financial assistance from Natural England and the Rural Payments Agency. Cllr Robbins wants to find 2 fully costed alternatives for consultation by the two sets of parishioners.

Cllr Barton is prepared to replace Cllr Yonge on the JWG if he decides to stand down.

Clerk

7.3 The Emergency Planning meeting on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> was attended by about 50 people. A number of queries raised during the evening "teach-in" will be sorted by the organiser. It is planned to hold 'field exercises' in the autumn for radio operators and team co-ordinators. Thanks were given to the co-ordinator for holding a successful event for the village.

7.4 The application to DCC for £700 for the project for Yealmpton youngsters has been made.

7.5 Cllr Baldry reported a successful meeting on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> with Emma Handley of the South Hams CAB, Cllr Craddock and Cllr Barton. After various options were discussed, it was agreed that CAB visits to individual homes would be the most effective use of time although 2 advisers would be required for each visit. It was agreed that a 10% survey would be carried out in the village (80 households) for consultation purposes. Expenditure on stamps for return envelopes was approved.

Cllr Baldry would speak to Emma about an article for the Yealmpton press.  
7.6 The Clerk was asked to give Council's apologies for the Ivybridge and DAPC meeting to be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **8.210 PLANNING MATTERS**

Cllr Tucker advised that there were 3 new applications as in Annex A.

1. 19 Ploughman Way. Replace flat garage roof with pitched roof. No objections.
2. Little Acres, Worston. Reapplication for timber agricultural building. No objections.
3. Field at Torr. Erection of 1 metre wind turbine and solar panel for building power. No objections.

Cllr Baldry did not take part in any discussions or voting.

### **8.211 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Annex B expenditure approval was proposed by Cllr Ebbutt and seconded by Cllr Frampton and unanimously agreed.
- b) It was approved to change the clerk's grading by one point as of April 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.
- c) The Clerk advised that the Yealm Park Resident's Association had disbanded and that the allocated money for Xmas would not be required.

### **8.212 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**WORKS** - The ground and trees at Dunstone Cross need urgent attention as several of the trees are dead and potentially dangerous. Cllr Tucker advised that he had obtained a price for the necessary work of £250 to £300. Cllr Tucker proposed and Cllr Ebbutt seconded that "up to £300 be spent on this work". Carried unanimously. Cllr Tucker to progress this work.

The clerk reported that our Tree Warden, Philip Tozer, wished to continue with these duties.

**FOOTPATHS** – Nothing to report.

**HIGHWAYS** – 1. Cllr Ebbutt reported 2 road closures a) Market Street from March 11<sup>th</sup> for 3 nights b) Quarry to Henna Mill Cross.  
2. SHDC has confirmed that they do not use the road sweeper on rural lanes.

**ENVIRONMENT** – Nothing to report

**YOUTH** - Nothing to report

### **8.213 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A letter had been received from DCC advising a hold on the issuing of the scoping report for the New England Quarry "Energy from Waste" project.

### **8.214 DATES**

The next General Meeting of Yealmpton Parish Council is on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. in the Methodist Chapel Hall. **Please not change of venue.**

**The Annual Parish Meeting is on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at in the WI Hall at 7.30 pm .**

**The meeting was declared closed at 9.09 pm**