

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT THE YCA COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY JANUARY 11TH 2010**

Present: Cllr Yonge (Chair) * Cllr Craddock *
 Cllr Baldry (Vice Chair) * Cllr Stone *
 Cllr Ebbutt * Cllr Tucker *
 Cllr Frampton * Cllr Barton *
 Cllr Robbins *

* Denotes attendance @ Denotes absence

Also attending: Members of the public 5
 County Councillor 1
 Police 2

Prior to the commencement of the Council Meeting, there was an 'open forum' session. Notes from this session follow the minutes.

PART A.

9.076 APOLOGIES - None

9.077 POLICE MATTERS. Crime report for Nov, Dec:

J1/09/1092. Between the 23rd Oct and 15th Nov 09, 5 gates were stolen from a local farm in Dunstone. This crime is one of a series of similar thefts all over the South Hams. Undetected
 J1/09/1119. Between the 25th and 26th Nov 09, a vehicle had its alloy wheels stolen. It had been declared as off road and was parked at the Kitley Units. Undetected
 J1/09/1126. Between 1200 and 1730 on the 30th Nov 09, the Parish Rooms were targeted with an attempted burglary; £200 worth of damage was caused in an attempt to gain entry. Undetected
 J1/09/1148. Between the 2nd and 4th Dec 09, £700 in cash was stolen from a house in Hillside Drive. This crime remains undetected.
 J1/09/1168 & J1/09/1175. Between Thursday 17th December 2009 and Wednesday 18th December 2009 two galvanised gates have been stolen from two separate farms in Yealmpton.
 J1/09/1191. Between Friday 25th December 2009 and Monday 28th December 2009 a large commercial property in Yealmpton has been subject to a burglary. Offenders have entered a wooden outbuilding by forcing one of the panels, and stolen property from within.

There have been 3 'Domestic' related incidents in the 2 months. Force policy does not allow disclosure of details.

PC Nolan apologizes for recent lack of recent attendance at Council meetings
 The issue of farm gate theft was discussed and painting of the top rail in garish colours seems to be the best option.

Clerk The Crime prevention officer wants to visit the Parish Rooms to advise on security.
 Apologies from all regarding the lack of police presence at the village Remembrance Day last Nov.

PC Nolan Cllr Ebbutt asked about the Scheme for training local 'vigilante' speed camera operators as Yealmpton may be interested. PC Nolan agreed to get details and report back to the Clerk.

Cllr Yonge asked about the definition of 'an offensive weapon' following a recent newspaper article. Clearly a complicated definition but in summary; householders may defend themselves when under attack or real threat of attack. In these circumstances a knife is not an offensive weapon. Dogs likely to bite visitors should be contained in the house or back garden.

Clerk Community Messaging. The Clerk agreed to 'sign up' for this initiative and can email Councillors of any dangers/problems for the village. PC Nolan to visit the shop, post office, petrol station, 2
PC Nolan pubs and Riverford Farm shop as potential participants in the scheme.

9.078 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

a) County Councillor. Cllr Mumford reported that:

- He was to attend a meeting with YOYO on Jan 26th.
- A379 footpath. Many Sustrans members have been sending correspondence to ask re progress. DCC has visited Mr Bastard who is now insisting on the direct route closely following the A379 carriageway. The Environmental Agency is adamant that filling in the valley to produce a wider bridge is not an option.
- The repair to the A379 carriageway over Silver Stream is only temporary. Further work will be carried out in Spring.
- The work required to get the Yealmpton roads "up to the agreed standard" has not been forgotten
- Local Government Review. The Court of Appeal has now agreed that the proposal for "Unitary Devon" may be proposed to the Government.
- New England Quarry. Viridor have not yet made their planning application. They currently intend to use the existing road network through Lee Mill to access their site.

Cllr Yonge enquired as to whether DCC could give us professional advice on the Environmental and Hydrographic studies when they are released by Viridor? Cllr Mumford felt that DCC would have a conflict of interest in giving advice. YPC should contact N&N Council as their concerns are the same as those at Yealmpton.

b) District Councillor: Cllr Baldry reported that:

- Local Government review. The Minister will not be making any decision through "conflict of interest". His deputy or a civil servant will decide our fate. If, after Jan 19th (the end of consultation) Unitary Devon is approved, elections are expected to take place on May 6th 2010.
- Local Development Framework (LDF). SHDC adopted the recent proposal 'in principle' on December 17th 2009. There is now a short consultation period.

Housing development for Yealmpton will take place to the North of the A379 between Milizac Close and Bowden Hill. Up to 2016 it is planned to build 50 houses of which 55% will be 'affordable houses'. Additionally, ½ hectare of employment land will be made available to the north of Riverford Farm shop. From 2016 to 2026, a further 50 houses will be built in the same area and a further 0.5 hectare of employment land plus 0.2 hectare for 'recreation' purposes and 0.3 hectare of other 'public space'.

- The Shire Horse Centre planning application for 22 dwellings is going to committee on 13th January.

9.079 DECARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

9.080 MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9TH PARISH MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Ebbutt and seconded by Cllr Robbins that the minutes of the Nov 9th 2009 meeting be signed as a true record. Approved unanimously.

9.081 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

6.1 A379 pathway. Disquieting news had been received from Cllr Mumford.

(See above 9.078). Cllr Robbins thought that the route over the bridge at the valley base had been agreed. Cllr Tucker suggested that, as the Environmental Agency will not agree to fill the valley to the north of the river culvert, then DCC should consider widening the carriageway to the south. This would enable DCC to deal with the existing road slippage, put up a safety barrier and footpath to the north and maintain a more serviceable main arterial highway for many years to come.

Robbins

It was agreed that the Joint Working Group would reconvene to decide the way forward with this project.

Clerk

6.2 Peter Fellows was elected as the Yealmpton representative on the River Yealm Harbour Authority committee with immediate effect. The Clerk was asked to advise the Authority.

**Yonge/Ebbutt
Barton/
Robbins**

6.3 Councillor vacancy update. The Clerk reported that the vacancy is currently advertised with a closing date of January 22nd. Two applications have been received to date with more expected. Interviews will take place on Feb 2nd and/or 3rd with the interview panel consisting of Cllrs Yonge, Ebbutt, Robbins and Barton. All Councillors are invited to attend.

Clerk

6.4 Emergency planning. It was agreed to wait until the spring before contacting Cumbria about the lessons learned from the autumn floods. April agenda item.

Clerk

6.5 Dog fouling. The Clerk issued a copy of the current legislation to all councillors

6.6 Boundary Committee. The draft letter to the Department of Local Government was amended and approved. The Clerk will send a copy to all councillors.

9.082 PLANNING MATTERS

Cllr Tucker advised that there were 3 applications

1. 6 Ploughman Way. Resubmission of alteration to premises
2. 1 Elm Tree Park. Erection of conservatory to front elevation
3. Snawdon Works. Erection of a direction sign attached to existing

**All Councillors
Clerk**

It was decided to hold a Site Planning meeting on Monday 18th Jan to consider all 3 applications starting at Ploughman Way. The Clerk to issue the requisite notice.

9.083 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Annex B expenditure approval was proposed by Cllr Ebbutt and seconded by Cllr Frampton and unanimously agreed.
2. Budget and precept for 2010/11. Cllr Ebbutt explained the year-on year changes to the budget. The principle change relates to the running of the Parish Room next financial year. After some discussion, Cllr Ebbutt proposed a precept for 2010/11 of £25,734. This was seconded by Cllr Tucker and approved unanimously. The Clerk to advise SHDC accordingly.

Clerk

Clerk

Cllr Baldry reminded Council that we need to increase the knowledge of parishioners about the services available and which we are supporting with donations. The Clerk was asked to contact CAB, CVS, Samaritans and Ivybridge Ring 'n Ride and ask for articles to be put in the Yealmpton Press during the year.

Clerk

The Clerk was asked to check what 'new councillor training' would be available for our new councillor.

Stone

Cllr Ebbutt proposed that we set up a sub committee to establish the best way of spending the 'ring fenced' funds on the youth of the village (not YOYO). Cllr Stone agreed to chair a sub committee of himself, Cllr Ebbutt and Cllr Craddock.

9.084 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk

WORKS - The Clerk agreed to write to Messrs Sanders, Cross & Bakery Square tree donor to thank them for looking after our village Christmas trees

Robbins

FOOTPATHS – a) The pedestrian bridge over the river adjacent to Pimple Rock is to be replaced by DCC. B) Peter Guy is our new Public Rights of Way Warden c) Cllr Robbins has an agreement about the marking of paths 15 and 16 with the farmer.

HIGHWAYS - Information now awaited from the police about the possible use of speed guns in the village.

ENVIRONMENT – The letter from Viridor about New England quarry to various Councillors is just an overview from the public meetings held in December at Lee Mill.

YOUTH - Nothing to report

9.085 CORRESPONDENCE

1. No objection was raised to the appointment of a new auditor by the Audit Commission

2. The Public toilet will be reopened (after vandalism) on Jan 12th

3. The Senior Council for Devon is holding a conference on March 11th

The correspondence file was given to the chairman for circulation.

9.086 DATES

The next General Meeting of Yealmpton Parish Council will be held on February 8th 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Hall.

The Chairman closed Part A of the meeting and asked the public to leave.

Part B

Yonge/Ebbutt
Craddock

There is to be a meeting with YCA on Jan 27th. YPC will be represented by Cllrs Yonge, Baldry and Craddock with the Clerk in attendance.

It was proposed by Cllr Yonge and seconded by Cllr Ebbutt "that these three Councillors be given delegated authority of Council to make decisions within the policy and budget of the Council". Passed unanimously.

Clerk

It was agreed that a working group be set up at the February Council meeting to review the best and most financially beneficial ways of using the Parish Room complex.

The meeting was closed at 9.33 pm

Notes from the Open Forum at 7.30 pm before the Council Meeting

1. Mrs Helen Thom asked about the responsibility for the safety of pavements during this bad weather period. Cllr Mumford accepted that the DCC were responsible but explained that they were currently unable to keep all classified A and B roads open and therefore pavements were not a priority.
2. The Clerk was asked to establish if a salt/sand bin could be placed on Torr Hill to reduce the risk to parishioners visiting the village centre by foot. Position of salt bins to be reviewed.
3. A general litter bin is required in the region of Creamery Close. Clerk to request.