

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT THE YCA COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY JULY 13th 2009**

Present:	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	

Also attending:	Members of the public	7
	County Councillor	1
	Police	0

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

9.031 APOLOGIES

Apologies from Cllr Frampton and PC Nolan

9.032 POLICE MATTERS. Crime report for June

- One incident of domestic violence and one incident involving child protection. Policy does not allow disclosure.
- June 12th. Arrest of male in Rockdale Road under suspicion of drink driving. Subsequently charged.
- Overnight of June 28th. Car windscreen damaged with stone throwing. The offender has been identified.
- July 10th. Illegal entry of a motor vehicle on Torr Hill by 2 males. Undetected.
- Over the w/e of July 10th, illegal entry into a secure yard at Yealmbridge. Number plate stolen from Ford Transit. Undetected.

9.033 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

a) County Councillor. Cllr Mumford reported:

- DCC have reduced the number of executive directors in order to reduce costs.
- Boundary Commission. Announcement due on July 15th. Expect months of uncertainty.
- Chelson Meadow. PCC has agreed to allow South Hams residents to use this facility.
- A grant of £500 per parish is available from DCC. Parish Council to propose suitable projects.
- 3 sums of £2000 are available for Community Projects. Applications to Cllr Mumford. Clerk to advise the school.

Cllr Ebbutt enquired about new road surfacing both east and west of village. Cllr Mumford advised that the surfaces are not considered bad enough for major expenditure. As yet, Mr Halliday has not responded to the Torr Hill 'refuge'.

b) District Councillor: Cllr Baldry reported:

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- He had a £1000 community grant from SHDC and would allocate the first money by the end of August.
- SHDC is identified as among the healthiest place to live in UK

and congratulated Cllr Mumford on his election to the County Executive.

9.034 DECARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Robbins registered an interest in agenda item 6.2

9.035 MINUTES OF THE JUNE 8th PARISH MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Craddock and seconded by Cllr Tucker that the minutes of the June 8th 2008 meeting be signed as a true record. Approved by 7 votes with one abstention (absent on that date).

9.036 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

6.1 Cllrs Yonge and Baldry held a site meeting with Cllr Mumford (DCC) on the untidy state of the roads, pavements and gullies around the village. It was agreed that action was urgently required. DCC have already started mechanical brushing and DCC are finding £1000 for the 'clean up' work. The Clerk was asked to set up a meeting of officers of DCC, SHDC and YPC to set a plan for the necessary works. Cllr Mumford would like to see SHDC 'spearheading' this work.

6.2. The Joint Working Group (with Brixton) questionnaire for the 2 path options from Yealmpton to Brixton has been distributed over the week end (along with the Annual Chairman's report and a revised Yealmpton directory.) It was agreed that the cost of ballot printing should be divided on a 2/3 YPC to 1/3 BPC basis.

The presence of the circular from the Yealm Estuary Action Group was noted. However, the A379 pro lobby group still have time to respond if they so wish. The Parish Council have, at various dates, been supportive of both schemes. Previous views have now been superseded by the ballot which will indicate the preference of households in Brixton and Yealmpton.

The ballot count at the end of July will be monitored out by the Rev David Arnott and Mr David Allen, the Methodist Community Pastor.

It was noted various complaints had been made about the way the ballot was carried out. It was felt by the Working Group to be the most cost effective system to judge the preference of the parish.

6.3 Cllr Stone advised that the revised schemes for the Stray Park play area have now been received, on time, at the end of June. The plans have been seen by about 50 parents and residents of Stray Park. The choice of option 1 for the junior area and option 2 for the senior area was carried by over 80% of respondents. Discussion with Stray Park residents regarding the siting of some pieces of equipment is ongoing.

Work on installation is expected to start within 4 weeks.

It was noted that Mr Elliot of Stray Park was warm in his congratulations of the way this planning and consultation had taken place.

6.4 YPC will not be attending the AGM of Ivybridge & DAPC on July 15th.

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6.5 Development land in Yealmpton. John Lawson had been invited to present the outcome of the Princes Foundation workshop to Council.

In summary:

- 10 sites had initially been listed within the parish 'envelope'.
- The need for land is 1.5 hectares by 2016 and an additional 3 hectares by 2026.
- This will accommodate a total of 150 houses of which 60% will be affordable homes
- 4 preferred sites now are: land to the east of Milizac Close excluding the allotments, land in front of Milizac Close and land to the east of Torr Bridge Park and south of the A379.
- 3 landowners are involved with these sites
- Employment land is also required. Options are: land to the north of Kitley units and land at Elliot Quarry at Yealmbridge.
- Consultation continues until the end of July.

Thanks were given to John for representing Yealmpton at these discussions and it is hoped that he may be further involved if the opportunity arises.

9.037 PLANNING MATTERS

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

- 71 Yealm Park. Enlarged replacement conservatory.
- 10 Fore Street. Extension plus garage plus change of vehicle access.
- Manor Nursing Home. New office unit behind the home.

A site meeting will be held at 9am on July 17th to discuss these 3 items.

2. The Clerk reported that the Viridor specification document for the Waste Management site at New England Quarry had been released. They will make a full Planning Application in due course.

9.038 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Annex B expenditure approval was proposed by Cllr Ebbutt and seconded by Cllr Short and unanimously agreed.
2. Annual insurance for the Parish Rooms (buildings only) will be £342.

9.039 COMMITTEE REPORTS

WORKS - Nothing to report

FOOTPATHS – Cllr Barton reported that Steve Malec, DCC, will visit the site of the Karst hole problem. The Clerk reported that the overhanging trees on path 30 will be cut back this month. The path has been swept to remove the danger of slipping on the leaves.

HIGHWAYS - The police have carried out a survey on vehicle speeds in Torr narrows (Northbound) after resident complaints. The outcome was that very few were exceeding the limit and then only by a few mph. One driver, clocked at over 50 mph, is to be prosecuted.

There is a blocked culvert (in to the river) opposite Torr View, Boldventure. The Clerk was asked to write to DCC to get this cleared.

ENVIRONMENT – Nothing to report

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9.040 CORRESPONDENCE

1. YAGA has requested to hold a plant sale in Bakery Square on May 8th 2010. Approved by Council

The Chairman closed the meeting to the public and press in order to take Part B of the agenda.

9.041 Part B of the agenda to discuss the future of the Parish Room management from July 2010 was held 'in camera' and without minutes.

9.042 DATES

The next General Meeting of Yealmpton Parish Council is on September 14th 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Hall.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.15 pm

Notes from the Open Forum held at 7.30 pm

1. Mr Chris Forrest presented a list of 9 questions which, on behalf of Dunstone residents, he wished to be put to Steven Munday of SHDC in respect of the planning application for the redevelopment of the Shire Horse Centre. In summary:

- Q1. SHDC appears to acknowledge that this does not meet the LDF.
- A1. The South West Gov office had no objections on this issue.
- Q2. Is Mr Munday still minded to set aside policy?
- A2. Yes, on the material considerations ruling i.e. Brownfield site
- Q3. Why are you breaking your Barn Conversion policy?
- A3. Historically, it has proven to expensive to convert for commercial properties. We have however included 4 live-work units in the plan.
- Q4. Taking into account all costs and the current market condition, this site is only marginally profitable. Can SHDC confirm that increase in volumes or decrease in specs will be opposed?
- A4. Developer has been advised that he cannot build outside the current application area. 106 funding will bring monies into Yealmpton parish.
- Q5. Do SHDC accept that these 22 homes will adversely affect Dunstone?
- A5. A lot of time has been spent to achieve integration with the hamlet and the scheme is more vernacular than the previous one. To get rid of the known problems of this empty site, Dunstone may need to accept the changes from this development.

Mr Watts interjected in to the Q & A session at this stage. As a result, as allotted time had over run, the chairman asked Mr Munday to reply in writing to Mr Forrest on Q8 & Q9. . Mr Munday also promised to reply to the latest letter from Mr Watts but advised that SHDC do not respond to all planning comments and objections. However, all letters are made available to the planning Committee prior to case presentation.

2. Mrs Judith Mears congratulated the authors of the Brixton/Yealmpton ballot paper on it succinct and accurate presentation. It was most unfortunate that it is being undermined by the Yealm Estuary Action Group (YEAG) with its inaccurate propaganda.

Dr Mark Hayward of YEAG queried who was going to monitor the ballot count. He was advised that this would be carried out by the Vicar and the Methodist Community Pastor.

A question was raised as to whether any Councillors were on YEAG. Cllr Robbins advised that he was a member and Mrs Mears expressed concern on his likely prejudices

The ballot papers are issued on the basis of one per household not per resident.

3. Stray Park play area improvements. John Turner, speaking for himself and Mr Elliot, was very supportive of the work done by Alex Wish and Cllrs Stone and Baldry. He was however concerned that some equipment was too close to Stray Park properties. A site visit had shown the plans to be inaccurate on scale. The removal of an infected tree has given opportunity for some relocation of equipment. Cllr Stone responded that the consultation process has been positive with over 80% of responders in favour of the same options. However, there is to be a site meeting to relocate 2 pieces of equipment and the megaphones will be removed.