

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT THE YCA COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14th 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	21
	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.

9.043 APOLOGIES

Apologies from Cllrs Ebbutt, Stone, Craddock and PC Lawrence

9.044 POLICE MATTERS. Crime report for July and August

- July 14th – Aug 24th. 6 incidents of diesel stolen from lorries in compound at Yealmbridge Quarry. Undetected.
- 2 crimes relating to extracting monies from elderly ladies whilst masquerading as a builder. Arrest imminent.
- July 22nd. Burglary at isolated Yealmpton property. Electronics stolen. Undetected.
- Aug 8th. Wine stolen from unlocked garage in Church Way. Undetected.
- Aug 13th. Mobile phone stolen at Rose and Crown. Undetected.
- Aug 17th. Male guest at Kitley House assaulted another male causing Actual bodily Harm. Man arrested at the scene.
- Aug 21st. Theft of power tools from insecure shed in Yealm Park. Undetected.
- Aug 30th (?). Forcible entry into Parish Rooms. Nothing taken. Undetected.

A resident of Dunstone raised concern about speeding traffic in 'open forum'. PC John Nolan is aware of the problem and has visited the site. It is the responsibility of the police to deal with speeding motorists in this 20mph zone.

9.045 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

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

- Local Government review delays make any changes less likely
- DCC are reviewing all cost areas
- Morwellan Quay funding has been stopped
- Chelson Meadow can now be used by all South Hams residents
- New England quarry proposal from Viridor is not the only proposal
- Road "clean up" funding of £1000 has been approved.
- A379 multi use pathway needs written support from YPC. Funding for this project is critical and at present is unfunded by DCC
- Parish sweeper reintroduction. Modbury are interested but there is concern that the SHDC standard may reduce if Parishes fund additional resource.

Clerk

Cllr Yonge asked if SHDC are to become the main beneficiary of 2nd home council taxes. The answer is "yes" as from April 1st 2010.
Cllr Yonge asked whether the Viridor planning application would go directly to DCC. The answer is "yes" and YPC will be consultees in the approvals process. This applies to both the Strategic Waste Partnership application and the Viridor private application.

b) District Councillor: Cllr Baldry reported that:

- The £1000 SHDC community grant from has been allocated.
- The revised Sherford application had been approved by 7 votes to 6. Full Council were not given a vote on this key project for SHDC. The revised application gives no major infrastructure in the first development phase and the Affordable Homes % has been reduced to 11.7%. (It was agreed that Cllr Yonge would write a letter of concern and complaint to the Chief Executive of SHDC)

Yonge

9.046 DECARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

9.047 MINUTES OF THE JULY 13th PARISH MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Baldry and seconded by Cllr Tucker that the minutes of the July 13th 2008 meeting be signed as a true record. Approved unanimously.

9.048 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

6.1 The Chairman reported on the meeting with DCC and SHDC regarding the cleaning of detritus and weeds from our adopted streets. Meeting notes have been approved by SHDC and YPC. Costing is being carried out prior to the approval of a major "one off clean up" of the village roads. DCC have approved £1000 towards this exercise. YPC will need to fund the balance.. The absence of litter was noted during a visit by Cllrs Yonge and Baldry to every adopted road in the village. It was felt that some residents were contributing to village cleanliness by clearing outside their own dwellings. This is to be encouraged and an article will be put in Yealmpton Press closer to the big clean up.

6.2 Cllr Yonge read the statement from the JWG following the pathway ballot.

"The JWG was asked to investigate two options for a shared use path between the two villages and to ascertain which is the more popular choice of parishioners.

The options were described as fully as possible on a ballot paper which was duly issued to both parishes in July 2009 in order to arrive at an 'in principle' decision as to which option should be further refined. The ballot was carried out at minimal cost (less than £300, split 2:1 between Yealmpton and Brixton) using volunteer councillors to deliver ballot papers to every house. It was felt that expenditure from public funds of the several thousand pounds necessary to canvass every individual resident could not be justified.

The result of the ballot was that about 50% of papers were returned and, of those, the votes cast 48% in favour of the Old Railway Track 52% in favour of the

A379 route. This was so close that we have to conclude that there is no clear consensus.

The JWG considers that it has fully met its Terms of Reference having provided the landowner with the ballot results.

In view of the fact that the outcome of the ballot was so close, the JWG recommends that representatives of the two parish councils seek an early meeting with a small group of appropriate members and officers from Devon County Council and South Hams District Council to decide what further action will be taken to secure a shared use path between the villages."

Following a further discussion Cllr Tucker proposed and Cllr Frampton seconded the motion "that YPC supports the democratic vote for the A379 option for the shared use pathway between Yealmpton and Brixton and requests that discussions with interested parties are organised at an early date". Voting was 6 in favour with 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Clerk

6.3 Work on the approved schemes for the Stray Park play area commenced this morning. The 'junior area' will be closed this week whilst work is completed. Full completion expected within 10 days dependant on weather conditions. The success of the "village consultation" was noted. The Clerk advised that all the SHDC monies had been spent on Stray Park. The implication of this is that no replacement equipment will be put in the Yeo Park play area if equipment is removed when considered to be dangerous.

6.4 Cllr Yonge and John Lawson have recently held a positive meeting with a potential developer for Affordable Homes in Yealmpton. Discussions are now ongoing between the developer and the landowner which it is hoped will lead to a planning application in Jan/Feb 2010.

6.5 The Clerk advised that he wished to cease representation on the Yealm Harbour Authority committee. It was agreed to ask for other interested parties to apply to YPC for selection. An article would be put in the Yealmpton Press and the Authority would be advised.

Clerk/ Clerk

6.6 Dog Fouling. The Clerk advised that an additional 'dog waste' bin has been requested to be sited at Puslinch at the village side of the gate onto the Newton Ferrers road. Kitley Estate has approved. More notices are available for posting. The Dog Warden is prepared to come to talk to the school children if invited to get them to understand the dangers of dog fouling.

Clerk

6.7 SHDC disposal of assets in Yealmpton. The Clerk read a letter from SHDC about 7 areas of land (including the village car park area) which SHDC are offering to YPC with arduous conditions attached. The Clerk was asked to circulate this list for discussion and decision at the October meeting.

Clerk

9.049 PLANNING MATTERS

1. Annex A. Cllr Tucker advised that there were 2 new applications.
 - a) Middle Oak, Rockdale Road. 2 storey side and 1 storey rear extension. There were no problems and Cllr Tucker recommended approval. Agreed by Council.

Tucker

b) 29 Torr Bridge Park. To be reviewed by the Planning Committee

9.050 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Annex B expenditure approval was proposed by Cllr Short and seconded by Cllr Barton and unanimously agreed.
2. Grant applications. YOYO has submitted an application for £500 for the redecoration of the Youth Centre learning the technique of spray art. Cllr Stone had vetted the application and considered it worthwhile. The School had submitted an application for £1000 for educational toys for key stage 1 children. The Chairman asked the Clerk to talk to Cllr Mumford about his views on funding the DCC educational budget. Decisions on these schemes will depend on the conditions applied by Cllr Mumford.

Clerk

9.051 COMMITTEE REPORTS

WORKS - Nothing to report

FOOTPATHS – Cllr Barton reported that Steve Malec is not responding to emails. A letter will be prepared for the Clerk to send to DCC.

Barton

HIGHWAYS - a) DCC has carried out a survey on vehicle speeds in Torr Narrows following resident complaints. The outcome is that average speeds in both directions do not exceed 32mph and no incidents or accidents have been reported. DCC therefore propose to take no action. b) DCC have sent a letter regarding speed limits in the County. They are now saying that 20mph limits will be allowed and/or introduced in the current county wide review. This is a reversal of previous policy. c) DCC have advised that they are to "re engineer" the signing at Kitley House on the A379 road. Warning signs will be placed on the approach from Brixton and new signs will be erected. d) The Police have reminded Councils that road closures must be sought in good time (75 days) prior to an event. The clerk has applied for a 20 minute A379 closure for the Remembrance Day blessing and wreath laying at the cenotaph.

ENVIRONMENT – Nothing to report

YOUTH - Cllr Baldry asked why YOYO was not operating last Thursday or during the school holidays. Tim Stone to check this and report.

Stone

9.052 CORRESPONDENCE

1. The next SHDC cluster meeting is on Oct 12th. As it is our next meeting, we will be absent. Clerk to advise.
2. The South Hams AONB are asking for names to be put forward both for landowner and parish council representation on committee.
3. DCC is supporting a "car free" day on September 18th.

Clerk

9.053 DATES

The next General Meeting of Yealmpton Parish Council is on October 12th 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Hall.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.25 pm

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

A. Presentation from Viridor plc on the proposed Resource Recovery Centre at New England Quarry.

1. The facility will serve the whole SW Devon area
2. The plant will handle 275,000 tonnes of waste per annum, $\frac{3}{4}$ of which is from industry and commerce.
3. Access will be from a new junction off the A38 near Lee Mill
4. 20 Megawatts of electricity will be supplied to the grid from the heat recovery process. (Equivalent to domestic consumption of 30,000 homes).
5. The building will be on the north edge of the quarry. It will be a curved roof structure, 45 metres high at the centre. The chimney stack is an additional 45 metres high.
6. Vehicle movements will be about 150 per day. Current vehicle movement on the A379 is between 6,000 and 8,000 per day
7. 40 permanent jobs will be created plus construction and maintenance needs.
8. If Planning Permission is granted quickly, construction will commence early 2011 and will take 2 to 3 years to complete.
9. The life of the plant is about 25 years.
10. Heat from the plant can be pumped 4kms max.

There will be an exhibition by Viridor in the Community Room on Thursday September 24th from 3 until 8 pm. Staff will be available to answer your queries.

B. Tree planting in Yealmpton.

In the absence of the Tree Warden, the Clerk read the recommended list of locations for additional planting under the Tree Council/South Hams scheme.

1. Milizac Close along the roadside strip of land – specimen trees
2. Grass verge at the entrance to Yealm Park – specimen trees
3. Elm Tree Park. Small trees on roadside verges
4. Stray Park. Several riverside oak trees would replace dying trees.

Additionally, Cllr Baldry suggested planting at the end of Torr Lane cul-de-sac.

The Clerk was asked to bring this forward as an agenda item for October.

C. General open forum.

Mr Evans thanked the Council for setting up the footpath ballot. He asked that the Council support the landowner to get the A379 route installed and prove it to be sustainable. If not, then review alternatives. The Chairman advised that it will happen but it will take time to get the landowners final agreement, to plan the detailed route and to obtain funding. Mr Bastard advised that one or other route will happen with the A379 option offering the 'best of both worlds' to parishioners who can get a permit to enjoy the estuary and get a safe A379 route between villages. The Chairman read out the JWG statement – see minute 9.048/6.2. Mrs Mears was concerned about DCC using compulsory purchase powers for the estuary route. Cllr Mumford advised that the DCC option to go to law was greatly weakened because an alternative route had been offered by the landowner. The Chairman reiterated that the first step was to get some agreement from DCC. Discussions are in hand.

