

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
THE YCA COMMUNITY ROOM ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 14th 2011 AT 7.30PM**

Present:

Cllr. Yonge	*	Cllr. Baldry	@
Cllr. Craddock	*	Cllr. Stone	@
Cllr. Ebbutt	*	Cllr. Tucker	*
Cllr. Healy	*	Cllr. Barton	*
Cllr. Robbins	*	Cllr. Thom	*

* Denotes attendance

@ Denotes absence

Also attending:

Members of the public	0
Police	1
County Councillor	1

11.060 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Baldry and Stone

11.061 POLICE REPORT

The following report was presented by PCSO Jude Serpell from Ivybridge who apologized for the absence of Rob Batchelor and Andy Potter:

1 x attempt burglary- attempt made to enter garage overnight 5/6 Oct.11 [JI/11/832 refers]

1 x burglary- garage broken into between 31 Oct and 3 Nov. [JI/11/952 refers]

1 x non crime domestic Police called to address due to occupants arguing.

There were four garage breaks in the neighbouring parish of Brixton during October which we know occurred between in the evening 1845 and 2100 and a vehicle must have been involved.

Should residents observe any suspicious activity at any time of day please phone the Police, if an offence taking place please dial 999.

If it is general suspicious activity such as individuals loitering around near your home or garage either on foot or in a vehicle please dial 101.

Cllr Ebbutt asked for information on the last speed surveys in the village

Cllr Tucker asked whether the Community Messaging scheme is still running
PCSO Serpell will get a response to the Clerk on these matters.

11.062 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR: Cllr Mumford

- It is expected that DCC expenditure will not exceed budget this year
- Another £40 million has to be saved for 2012/13
- Not all bad news - there is also growth in Devon – see below
- Broadband for Rural Devon is still expected for 85% of houses by 2015
- The South Devon link road (at Kingskerswell) will proceed with Government funds
- The new Science Park at Exeter , by Jn 29 of the M5, is under

construction, followed by the Sky Park development out towards the airport and finally linking up with the new town at Cranbrook.

- DCC hope to be included in the European Transition funding schemes by 2015 by moving into an EEC transition zone (as Cornwall is today)
- The new DCC Strategic Plan will be available by the year end.
- Devon is now the best 'recycling' county in the UK
- The A379 will be closed for resurfacing to the east of Flete House for 5 nights from 21 Nov
- DCC intends to carry out a thorough traffic survey in Yealmpton
- The change of speed limit proposal from Yealmpton to Yealmbridge has been advertised.
- Land to the west of the Primary school playing fields has been offered to Ivybridge Academy. Response still awaited. If they do not want it, it will be offered to adjoining neighbours.
- Sherford. DCC still analysing the S106 agreement. SHDC vote on 7/12

11.063 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:

In his absence, Councillor Baldry's report was taken 'as read' as it had been circulated earlier to all councillors: see below

Sherford is the major topic.

There will a briefing of members and site visit on 30 November. Development Management Committee will consider the S106 on 7 December in the morning. Only the 7 December meeting is open to the public. I will attend both meetings, but as I am not a member of Development Management, I cannot speak or vote. I am able to speak on 30 November.

At the Council meeting on 3 November a proposal was defeated that the Sherford application should be considered by Full Council rather than only the Development Mgt. Committee alone.

In answer to questions I was told the developer has said he will show his proposed profit margins. It was claimed that the 3 week consultation period for this major development was acceptable because it is not a new application, just the consideration of the s106 (planning infrastructure obligations paid by the developer.

I regard this as nonsense. The nature of the development has drastically changed from that exhibited by Red Tree and put before the committee before the original decision to proceed.

I would encourage anyone who has objections to lobby individual members of the Development Mgt. Committee before 7 December.

Home Truths I have been sent statistics about the housing position in the South West. You may have seen some of the information in the media. It is sobering. I learn that the average house price in South Hams is £323k and this is the highest in the four counties of Devon, Cornwall, Dorset and Somerset. The average annual income in South Hams is £19,328 but the annual income needed for a 75% mortgage is £69,270. I have the full details for the South West. [Sources house prices – Land Registry date 2010; earnings – Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings 2010]

11.064 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Robbins declares an interest in 6.2 (Sherford) as a potential neighbour. Cllr Ebbutt declared an interest in 8.2 as a member of the Parish Quiz team.

11.065 MINUTES OF THE OCT 10th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Craddock and seconded by Cllr Tucker that the minutes of the October 10th 2011 Parish Council meeting be signed as a true record. Carried with one abstention (not present at meeting).

Barton

After discussion, it was agreed that minutes of Council meetings would be posted on our website marked as “DRAFT” until approved at the next meeting. The approved minutes would then be reposted after removal of “draft” indicators. Yealmpton Press information will be designated as “report from council meeting” and not “minutes of council meeting”.

11.066 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

6.1 Silver Bridge Way. Cllr Yonge reported that the draft agreement for the permissive path has now been agreed. It had been circulated to Councillors and needs approval so that tendering process may proceed. Costs are required for the grant application process. Cllr Craddock proposed and Cllr Robbins seconded that “council approve the draft agreement”. Passed unanimously. The Clerk to proceed with tendering.

Clerk

6.2 Sherford S106 consultation. The draft response from Council had been circulated by the Clerk. The document was unanimously approved and the Clerk was asked to send tomorrow with a suitable accompanying letter. The Clerk will also speak to the Chairman at Brixton PC about a speaker at the SHDC meeting on Dec 7th.

**Clerk
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6.3 Dementia Friendly villages. Cllr Thom advised that it was proposed to re establish a ‘carers group’ in the village. With David Allen, a trial for 6months will take place with coffee mornings, literature circulation etc. It is also proposed to employ a part time specialist worker (between all involved parishes) with costs covered by available grant funds. This support is principally intended for those caring for individuals at home and not restricted to dementia carers.

Thom

6.4 All weather playing facility. Cllr Ebbutt advised that they were still awaiting an Academy decision. It is planned to approach the Business Manager at Ivybridge in order to elicit a response. It is essential to prepare a scheme for when funding becomes available.

Ebbutt/Stone

6.5 Parish Sign. The metalwork base is now ready for delivery to site. It will be located by the end November behind the wall around Bakery Square.

6.6 SHDC statement of Community Involvement. This consultation document refers to involvement of the community in planning matters. Cllr Ebbutt agreed to respond suitably to SHDC.

Ebbutt

6.7 Olympic Torch 2012. The torch will pass through Yealmpton on Sunday, May 20th 2012. Cllr Stone has agreed to be the leader for this event. The Clerk was asked to write to both Newton & Noss and Holbeton Councils and invite them to come to Yealmpton to participate in this ‘once in a lifetime’ opportunity. Cllr Stone has written an article for Yealmpton press and has written to various organisations to seek support and funding.

Clerk

Stone

11.067 PLANNING MATTERS

Cllr Tucker advised that there were 5 planning applications to discuss

1. 2598. Lolesbury Farm. Solar panel ground array.
2. 2880. 93 Yealm Park. Alterations, loft conversion and rear extension
3. 2872. 18 Bowden Farm. Installation of flue in Listed Building
4. 2778. Kitley Farm. Proposed erection of polytunnel.
5. 2758. Byeways, Torr. Application for 2 roof lights to rear of property.

Clerk

All five were discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Tucker and seconded by Cllr Ebbutt that all be accepted with 'no objections'. Approved unanimously.

11.068 FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 A donation has been received for Yealmpton Press for the purchase of the base for the village sign. Cllr Ebbutt proposed and Cllr Thom seconded the acceptance of Annex B expenditure for the amount of £5032.68. Agreed unanimously.

8.2 The Parish Quiz committee has asked for a nominal £10 towards costs for the year. Hosting Parishes are also asked to pay for any room rent arising, where applicable. This was agreed.

11.069 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk

WORKS – Cllr Craddock raised concern at the ivy growing to ridge height on the south facing wall of the Parish Room. Clerk to deal with this.

Clerk
Stone

FOOTPATHS - a) FP20. Cllr Barton expressed deep concern at the state of the trees along this path as 2 have recently fallen. Clerk to request Kitley Estate to carry out a survey for safety reasons. b) Cllr Stone has asked SHDC to improve the pathway between Church Way and Church Lane. Response awaited

Ebbutt

HIGHWAYS - Cllr Ebbutt is hoping to finish work on the Yealmpton Traffic Plan update before the end of the year.

Robbins

ENVIRONMENT – Winter preparations not yet complete. Salt not yet received. More Winter Volunteers to be recruited /starting with those who volunteered to help with the Emergency Plan. Contact to be made with shops/businesses on Market St. about keeping the pavement outside their premises clear. Volunteers needed to hold small stocks of salt/grit bags locally within the village. Cllrs Thom and Robbins agreed to carry out some house visits to resolve this issue.

Robbins/Thom

YOUTH – None

HISTORY – None

Yonge/Clerk

11.070 CORRESPONDENCE for discussion.

1. Parish Cluster meeting on November 16th at Uggborough Village Hall at 7pm. Cllr Yonge and the Clerk will attend.
2. South Hams CVS has written a letter of thanks for our donation
3. Plymouth Samaritans has written a letter of thanks for our donation

11.071 DATES

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday, January 9th 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in the Yealmpton Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

M J Stickland, Clerk to Yealmpton Parish Council

November 15th 2011