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YPC MEETING HELD 8th SEPTEMBER

Crime Report for July & August



1. Vandalism to a vehicle in Yealm Park.
2. Burglary to a commercial premises adjacent to the A379.
3. Theft from a vehicle.
4. Theft of lead from the roof of a commercial property in Dunstone.
5. Criminal damage and theft to a property along the A379, which is presently being renovated.

Report by County Councillor William Mumford

Work on the footpath to Yealmbridge had not yet started. Motorbike warning signs have been erected along the A379. Cllr Mumford has been considering ways of traffic calming in rural villages. He has concluded that "one way" narrowing of the relevant roads is the only practical solution.



Report by YPC Chairman Richard Yonge

1. Draft response to the Boundary Commission proposal:
 - A Devon Unitary of 75000 people spread over 2500 square miles is too big and remote from the people it serves.
 - The proposal suggests devolving power to 28 Community Boards plus Parish Councils. This sounds like a new name for District Councils and is not following the unitary single tier principle.



- The proposal does not give local democracy or accountable services in contrast to government pledges.
- Diseconomies of scale will emerge with increased delivery distances.
- Ward sizes will be too big with 8000 voters per councillor.
- Local representatives will be unlikely to be able to influence the 10 executives on the board in Exeter.
- Local services currently delivered by SHDC such as local planning, street cleaning, housing benefit etc. need local control.
- Rural communities will lose out on financial resources to the urban and poorer parts of Devon.



Cllr Yonge reminded Council that there is a third option which is to make "no change" to the existing Devon hierarchy. Concern was expressed that the BC recommendations had been made without any reference to budgets or overall savings.

2. All Weather sports facility: the proposal is to be submitted to Groundworks before March 2009.
3. Sustrans update: the Sustrans exhibition is being organised for Sept 13th between 1 and 4 pm in the WI Hall. Mr Adrian Roper, the SW manager would be present to answer questions. Of the 43 email responses to Sustrans, 40 were in favour of the project.
4. A meeting with First Bus about the service levels of buses to Plymouth is to be held.
5. The SHDC housing needs survey will be carried out in October. Inevitably, the UK housing slump will affect the timing of any building in Yealmpton.



Committee Reports

Works: it was noted that there has been an improvement in the frequency of grass cutting by SHDC. **Footpaths:** the footpath leaflets available in Bakery Square describing local walks are being removed. **Highways:** the new 'think bike' signs give the wrong message to motorists as it is the motorbike speed and noise which need reducing.

YPC MEETING HELD 13th OCTOBER



Crime Report for September



Theft of £40 of red diesel from an unsecured barn on commercial premises. Attempted burglary at the recreation Ground pavilion.

Report by County Councillor William Mumford



1. Work on the footpath to Yealmbridge had been completed. However councillors suggested that the footpath to Yealmbridge is still too narrow and is therefore dangerous, Councillor Mumford agreed to take this up with DCC.
2. The police have agreed to give higher priority to detecting speeding motorbikes on the A379.
3. Requests for hedge cutting in Torr Lane and the tarmac patching in Elm Tree Park are still in progress.
4. When asked why the 20mph signs at the bottom of Yealmbury Hill cannot be made legal. Cllr Mumford advised that 20 mph zones are to be limited to very special situations such as narrow roads outside school premises.

Report by YPC Chairman Richard Yonge



- Cllr Yonge stated that a response to the Boundary Committee proposals had been sent. It has been copied to the Secretary of State and Gary Streeter. The Boundary Committee have to make a proposition to the Secretary of State by December 24th 2008.
- The proposed removal of the telephone kiosk (sited at Yealm Park) was discussed . The kiosk will be removed by BT in due course.



- 🚲 Cllr Robbins advised that the Sustrans exhibition, held on Sept 13th in the WI Hall had been well attended. Comments from attendees are being collated by Sustrans. Cllr Robbins suggested that a simple A379 'permissive footpath' linking

Yealmpton and Brixton should be considered. It was proposed by Cllr Ebbutt and seconded by Cllr Robbins that Council should:

- 🚲 Write to Sustrans, DCC and Kitley Estate to ask about the outcome of the exhibition and general progress to date.
- 🚲 Write a combined letter with Brixton Parish Council to Kitley Estate regarding providing a permissive footpath between the two villages.



🚌 A meeting with First Bus about the service levels of buses to Plymouth was held on September 18th. Mr Trevor Price, Head of Service for Devon & Cornwall and Mark Miller represented First Bus. There were 12 attendees from the public and 5 letters of correspondence. From the meeting it became apparent that there were major difficulties in running an efficient service on the Dartmouth to Plymouth route because:

- 🚌 The service has to make a profit.
- 🚌 It takes 3 months to change a timetable.
- 🚌 The narrow roads tend to become overcrowded in summer months.
- 🚌 Free bus passes now available are filling the buses before their arrival in Yealmpton.



YPC MEETING 10th NOVEMBER



Crime report for October

1. Attempted burglary at an unoccupied house in Yealmpton.
2. Vehicle windscreen shattered.
3. Assault by irate motorist in Yealm Park following A379 incident.
4. Burglary at isolated property near Yealmpton. Jewellery and 'X box' stolen.
5. Four domestic related incidents for which the police do not disclose details.

Report by County Councillor Cllr Mumford

The police motorcycle squad will be concentrating on the motorbike problems (speed and noise) on the A379 in the Spring of 2009.



Report by District Councillor Keith Baldry

- SHDC has £1.25 million invested in an Icelandic Bank subsidiary. The bond matures in Dec and may be at risk. The Scrutiny committee are reviewing the circumstances of this investment.
- The Boundary Committee report will be submitted to the Secretary of State by Dec 24th and a response will be given after Feb 19th.
- County Council elections will be on June 4th 2009 unless affected by the Unitary options under consideration.
- The noise created by a parked refrigerated vehicle has been referred to the Environmental Health officer.

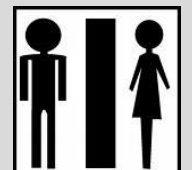


Report by YPC Chairman Richard Yonge

All Weather facility. Cllr Stone reported that, at the recent AGM of the Athletics Club, a vote rejected the idea of an 'all weather' sports facility on their site. It was considered that the site was too far from the village centre and that the school grounds would be more suitable.



A request has been received from YCA to close the Public Conveniences earlier in the winter. It was agreed that in future the opening hours should be from 7.30 a.m. until dusk.





Cllr Baldry thanked all for delivering the Housing Needs survey forms. Achieving the Affordable Housing targets will be even more difficult under the current dire financial conditions prevailing in the housing market. SHDC Planners are visiting Yealmpton next Monday to look at the potential building sites.

Committee Reports

Works Cllr Stone advised that new Christmas tree lights were required this year. It was agreed that a small Christmas tree be put in Bakery Square this year. **Footpaths** erosion of the river bank opposite the Gauging Station has been reported. Clerk to write to Kitley Estate

Highways a speed monitor is to be installed in the village for a week to evaluate number of cars and speeds. Cllr Short suggested that all yellow lines in the village should be abolished and parking encouraged along the A379 in the village this would reduce the speed of through traffic.

