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REPORT OF THE YPC MEETING MARCH 2009

Report by County Councillor William Mumford

A meeting was held at the Eastern gateway area to discuss the clearing of paths. DCC will deal with the road and hedges on Torr Lane opposite Torr Farmhouse. Cllr Mumford will liaise with Cllr Ebbutt and DCC regarding the possibility of a road crossing "refuge" at the top of Torr Hill.



Report by District Councillor Keith Baldry

Boundary Committee update: the report is due on July 15th. The Secretary of State is required to give 6 weeks. The application for funding for a new play area in the vicinity of Torr requires an application and business plan by May 31st, matched funding is required. Langage Power station: Yealmpton can apply for £2000 for a scheme specifically designed to mitigate the adverse effects of the power station on the community. The Sustainable Communities Act is now adopted. By July, SHDC will make suggestions for 'sustainability'. A panel of 1500 citizens will vote on the proposals.



Report by YPC Chairman Richard Yonge

🚲 The Brixton & Yealmpton Joint Working Group had met with Sustrans and with the Environmental Agency. As no viable alternative to the Sustrans proposal was available, they decided, to recommend the Sustrans proposal to their Councils. Brixton Council have rejected this proposal.

☂️ Emergency Planning 'field exercises' will be held in the autumn for radio operators and team leaders.



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Items from the Chairman's Report

A **complaint** was received about a refrigeration van parked overnight in Elm Tree Park. The SHDC Environmental Officer has visited site and declared that the noise does not constitute a nuisance.

P **arish Room:** there was a meeting between councillors and members of the YCA committee to discuss some of the management issues with regard to the Parish Room. It was agreed that YPC should be responsible for insurance of the fabric of the building.

B **oundary Committee (BC) response:** YPC has been asked for a response to the latest proposals for Unitary Devon. Cllr Baldry stated that SHDC had passed a vote of "no confidence" in the BC as a result of failing 2 recent judicial reviews. Moreover, the 60% public response against the proposal has been ignored.

N **ew England quarry scoping report:** the original report has been withdrawn and a new version has been issued for consultation. There are 2 major differences:

1. Some dry waste disposal would now occur in the quarry cartilage.
2. The access road from the A38 at Lee Mill would be shorter and enter the quarry site in the NE corner.

It was agreed that the Clerk would send a response letter raising concerns as before with the additional concern about 'run off' into the Yealm from the on site landfill.

Committee Reports

Footpaths: Cllr Barton advised that there is erosion to the river bank on the footpath along the river to Puslinch which represents a safety hazard. The Clerk was asked to write to the landowners.



Highways: Cllr Ebbutt expressed concern at the A379 road surface condition between the Eastern Gateway and Yealmbridge. Cllr Mumford agreed to talk to Highways.

Youth: a new youth leader has been appointed.

Parish Council AGM Report May 2009



Election of chairman & vice chairman

Cllr Yonge was re-elected as Chairman. Cllr Baldry was re-elected as vice chairman

District Councillor. Cllr Baldry reported:

The Local Development Framework for planning sites has been issued. Consultation will be through the Prince's Foundation. Yealmpton has ten listed sites.

Public Forum

- Concern was raised at the danger of speeding traffic on Ford Road on both sides of the "narrows" coupled with the lack of pavement adjacent to the Chapel. It was agreed that a site meeting will be held with DCC and the Police to agree a resolution to this.



- Janet Chapman advised that she planned to start up an Environmental Group in the village to cover all "green" issues including car sharing, tree planting, reduced street lighting at night. Cllr Robbins agreed to act as the Parish Council liaison with Mrs Chapman.

- Progress on the 'Play Space' improvements planned for Stray Park was requested. SHDC have indicated that Yealmpton is due for improvements in the next few months. Concern was raised that the promised

"consultation" had not taken place.

- Suggestions for "Public Space" improvements included more park benches and picnic benches in the Stray Park recreational area.

Items from the Chairman's Report

SHDC has a tree planting scheme. The Clerk was asked to speak to the Tree Warden and to get more details about this for the next meeting.

Key points from a report of the Ivybridge Cluster meeting included:

- Barnado's are starting a Children Centre in Ivybridge.
- DAPC is supporting a Devon Unitary option.
- DCC and SHDC have decided to proceed with this year's budget proposals and make further savings without awaiting the outcome of the Boundary Committee findings.



Planning

A planning proposal for the Shire Horse Centre has been received. A site meeting will be called shortly.