



Yealampton Parish Council Meeting held on 14th September

County Councillor William Mumford reported:

1. DCC funding for Morwellham Quay has ceased



2. The recycling facility at Chelson Meadow can now be used by all South Hams residents

3. The New England quarry proposal from Viridor is not the only proposal

4. The proposed A379 multi-use path (see later) needs written support from YPC. Funding for this project is critical and at present is unfunded by DCC

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.

District Councillor Keith Baldry reported:

The revised Sherford application was 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 proportion of Affordable Homes has been reduced to 11.7%.



YPC Chairman Richard Yonge reported



Village cleanliness: the Chairman reported on the meeting with DCC and SHDC regarding the cleaning of rubbish and weeds from streets. DCC have approved £1000 towards a "one off clean up" of roads in the village, YPC will need to fund the balance.



Yealampton/Brixton Multi-use path ballot: Cllr Yonge read the statement from the Joint Working Group:

"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 Yealampton 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 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" was proposed. Voting was 6 in favour with 1 abstention.



Stray Park play area: work on the approved schemes for the Stray Park play area has started.



Affordable Housing: Cllr Yonge and John Lawson recently had a meeting with a potential developer of Affordable Homes in Yealmpton, discussions are ongoing between the developer and the landowner, it is hoped these will lead to a planning application in Jan/Feb 2010.



Dog Fouling: the Clerk advised that an additional 'dog waste' bin has been requested to be sited at Puslinch Bridge near the gate.

Yealmpton Parish Council Meeting held on 12th October



County Councillor William Mumford reported:

1. The cheque for £1000 for the village "clean up" has been sent.
2. There has been no progress on the Local Government review.

District Councillor Keith Baldry reported:

The £1000 SHDC community grant from has been awarded to Yealmpton Community Association for refurbishment of the foyer and Yealmpton Cricket Club for new roof tiles.

YPC Chairman Richard Yonge reported:



Stray Park play area: Cllr Stone reported that the new equipment had been installed and that the project was a huge success. Parents, children and neighbours all seem delighted with the play park.



Housing in Yealmpton: the Clerk read an email from Cllr Yonge who attended a meeting with a landowner and a developer. A site has been identified and will be split 50% affordable housing and 50% market housing. Local people will be given maximum 'locality'

points for occupation.



SHDC land in Yealmpton: a working group had met to discuss the offer from SHDC for YPC to take over various small areas of land. It was agreed that YPC would decline the offer with the exception of the car park which will be reviewed shortly.



YCA lease on the Parish Room Cllr Craddock will establish a date for a meeting between YCA and YPC to discuss this issue.

Yealmpton Parish Council Meeting held on 9th November



County Councillor William Mumford reported:



- There is still no news on the Local Government review
- DCC has started to make efficiency savings and is having to make tough decisions in anticipation of major Government cutbacks these include:
 - External recruitment has ceased
 - Care homes are under review
 - Centralisation of procurement
 - A strategic planning board has been set up
- Locally the issue of weeds and rubbish along roads has been raised again with DCC & SHDC. The Yealmpton to Brixton stretch will be cleaned soon. In response to complaints about the A379 road surfaces between Yealmpton & Yealmbridge and Yealmpton & Brixton, these are still within DCC acceptable standards, however, the A379 road surface 'split' in Brixton dip will be repaired over the winter.
- In response to a question about reinstating the 20mph limit on Bowden Hill: the new legislation covering this is only at consultation stage at present
- Discussions between DCC and Kitley on the proposed A379 multi-use path have not yet taken place
- DCC have approved grants for Yealmpton Primary School and Yealmpton Athletic Club of £2000 each

District Councillor Keith Baldry reported:



- SHDC has been holding back on some decisions pending the result of the Local Government reorganisation. With no decision forthcoming, SHDC will proceed with decisions.
- Shared services (SS) are moving forward again with other districts.

YPC Chairman Richard Yonge reported:



Feedback from SHDC budget meeting: Cllr Yonge advised that this year savings of £600,000 are included in the budget and next year a target of an additional £900,000 of savings has been set.

Purchase of SHDC car park: the Clerk read an email from SHDC listing the running costs for the last 6 years. After some discussion, it was agreed that no further action will be taken at present.

Councillor resignation: the chairman advised Roy Short has resigned from YPC. The position will be advertised with appointment of a new councillor in the New Year.