

**YARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

Meeting held in the Jubilee Hall, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00 pm

**In Attendance:**

Cllrs A Billington (Vice Chair) S Horner (Deputy Vice Chair), C Ford, T Long, L Myhill & D Frost (Clerk & RFO)

Cllr Y Levine

One member of the public present

Councillor Billington welcomed Councillor Yehudi Levine who is the new EDDC councillor.

**1 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr D Barnes, K Thomson, M Tomkinson & S Vining

**2. Declarations of Interest**

To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

None declared.

**3. Minutes**

Councillor Billington asked if everyone was agreeable that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April could be signed as a correct record of the minutes of the meeting and everyone agreed.

**4. Reports**

**A County Councillor**

No report

**B District Councillors**

Councillor Levine advised he was happy to help in any way and can provide his email and contact phone number.

**C Police**

No report received.

**D Yarcombe Community Land Trust**

Councillor Horner reported that this had come to a halt again.

Councillor Levine advised he was on the planning committee and would help in any way moving this planning forward.

### **E Jubilee Hall Committee**

Councillor Tomkinson sent a report saying repairs to the village hall are due to start on 8<sup>th</sup> June and are scheduled to take 8 weeks. There will be periods of little or no visible activity due to materials needed to be allowed to dry before the next stage as well as waiting for available trades.

### **F Reports from Individual Councillors**

**Councillor Ford** reported a notice had been placed in evoices requesting the public to advise herself or Councillor Vining about any problems with the footpaths. No complaints had been received. She advised that Councillor Vining has a meeting on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June with Ros Davies DCC Public Rights of Way Parish Path Liaison Officer to discuss the footpaths. Following on from this they will put a notice in evoices asking people to walk their local footpaths and report back to them with any issues.

It was discussed seeking to re-establish a team of village volunteers to perform basic maintenance of footpaths as had previously been done pre-pandemic. This was felt to be worthwhile, so the footpath coordinators will work towards restarting this community activity. Councillor Billington will trim the top of footpath 19.

**Councillor Myhill** had nothing to report.

**Councillor Billington** reported about addressing speeding in the village using multiple approaches.

1. Speed Detector Device: DCC Highway Neighbour Hood Team installed a speed detector device in the village for a week. The results showed an average speed of 30 mph but 15% cars were above 39 mph. Councillor Billington has requested clarification of this data as this would have meant 15% cars were travelling at 21 mph. Unfortunately, during this time, the police were assessing community speed watch sites and using speed monitoring guns which may have had an impact.

2. Community Speed Watch: Two Sites have been approved. He needs 1 more person to complete the training. Once this has been done the speed watch can take place. When this is done the police community speed officer will also join them on some occasions and will issue speeding fines.

3. Vehicle Activated Speed Limit Sign: This would cost about £4000 however funding is proving difficult. DCC can provide £200. The film club has raised about £60 so far.

It maybe beneficial to having a roaming sign shared with another parish. Councillor Billington will investigate.

**Councillor Long** reported planning had been very quiet so the council are expecting an influx. He requested that all councillors attend 2 or 3 planning meetings a year.

**Councillor Barnes** had reported the roads are still in an awful state.

**Councillor Horner** had nothing to report.

**G Parish Clerk Report** The councillors were happy with this report.

- Reply received from King Charles III following a condolence letter sent by Councillor Horner on behalf of Yarcombe Parish Council following the death of the Queen.
- Honiton Police reports for April/May included on website.
- Gates from Winoing Knapp have been moved so no longer obstructing the footpath.
- A diesel spill on A30 was advised to me and reported to highways on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023, however no feedback was received once the problem was sorted.

**5. Road Between Blackhayes and Broadley**

This road along with many others are still in a bad state or repair. It was agreed an email would be sent to by the clerk to Councillor Chubb requesting a meeting at County Hall, including relevant officers from DCC (Meg Booth / Dave Ashford) and Parish Councillors. To discuss the poor state of the highways and inadequate repairs being completed and the limited visibility at Crawley Bridge made worse by current vegetation causing a danger and risk of accident in the absence of and clear traffic priority.

**6. 20MPH Speed Limit**

Councillor Levine advised that DCC can sometimes increase a speed limit on the road instead of reducing it. The cost of changing a speed limit is £25000 and they can only amend 6 in the whole of the county. This does not appear to be worth pursuing any further.

**7. Finance**

b The payments below were ratified.

Payment Date	Payee	Details of Payment	Amount
28.04.23	Yarcombe Community Benefit Society	Underwriting expenses for Coronation	500.00
24.05.23	BHIB Councils Insurance	Insurance	544.89
24.05.23	Sandra Bristol	Internal Audit	150.00
24.05.23	WEL Medical	Pads for defibrillator	79.08
31.05.23	Diane Frost	Clerks Wages	255.48
31.05.23	HMRC	PAYE	63.80

Councillor Long queried about the underwriting expenses for the coronation. Councillor Horner will contact Kate Hart and request the accounts. It is possible that the full £500 won't be required to meet the event's expenses.

c The clerk continues to chase £2182.21 CIL money due for Yonder Marsh Farm but with no success.

Councillor Billington will investigate how any CIL & 106 money can be spent.

d The following audit documents were signed by the clerk and vice chairman to be emailed to PKN external auditors and/or uploaded on the website.

Certificate of Exemption, Minute reference COE-YPC.2023

Annual Governance Statement Minute reference AGS-YPC.2023

Accounting Statements, Minute Ref ACC.S-YPC.2023

### **8. Planning**

Councillor Long reported that Marjorie Green the planning officer was very helpful.

### **9. Open Session for public participation**

A member of the public queried about the state of the repairs being carried out on the roads with the same potholes being repaired several times. It was discussed about setting up a group of volunteers to repair the roads and this would be investigated with Councillor Chubb.

The meeting closed at 9.10 the next meeting to be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 8pm

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