

YARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting held in the Jubilee Hall, Monday 3rd July at 8.00 pm

In Attendance:

Cllrs M Tomkinson (Chairman) A Billington (Vice Chair) D Barnes, C Ford, T Long, L Myhill, K Thomson, S Vining & D Frost (clerk & RFO)

Cllrs I Chubb, C Brown & Y Levine

Two members of the public present

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr S Horner

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.
None declared.

3. Minutes

Councillor Tomkinson asked if everyone was agreeable that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th June could be signed as a correct record of the minutes and everyone agreed.

4. Reports

A County Councillor

Councillor Chubb advised DCC had appointed a new chief executive Donal Murphy. DCC have the offices now open and are encouraging less working from home. They are employing more staff and using less consultancy. They are working on devolution to attract more money. The extra 9.4 million for 8000 miles roads will not go very far due to rising costs. This only equates to 17p per square metre.

Councillor Billington asked about a meeting with himself, Meg Booth and Dave Ashford. His response was that Meg Booth was changing roles and that Dave Ashford was the best person. Councillor Billington will continue to pursue this meeting and email Councillor Chubb. He will also mention the 2 recent accidents one of which was fatal.

Councillor Tomkinson asked about the scheme for village volunteers filling potholes. Councillor Chubb advised the parish council could appoint a Highway warden he would have to do an online course and then training to fill in pot holes. They would need to do Chapter 8 training which would mean they would be covered by insurance. Materials would be supplied by DCC but up to a certain limit. Councillor Thomson looked on the website and found the following details for Highway Road Warden Scheme hwaymain@devon.gov.uk and phone 0345 155 1004.

B District Councillors

Councillor Brown advised there was a good uptake with green waste and more people becoming involved. Play areas were being addressed in Honiton. There were 853 cases of fly tipping and more homeless. Honiton Police station will be opening later in the year.

Councillor Long asked about planning applications. Councillor Brown replied they were still very slow coming through with ones from November still not sorted. He hoped this situation would improve soon.

C Police

No report received.

Councillor Chubb, Brown and Levine had been at a meeting in Dunkesewell and met the local constabulary. It was advised the Inspector concerned is Philip Gray. Councillor Myhill advised to contact him about coming to Parish Council meetings or an open meeting with the public.

Councillor Levine advised to report speeding drivers especially if you have dash camera to the police so they can use this as evidence. It is easier and quicker to report online but could use 101.

D Yarcombe Community Land Trust

Councillor Horner sent the following report.

Affordable Housing update as at 3rd July 2023

In May we submitted to East Devon District Council our consultant's report that provides a solution to the minute amount of phosphates that will be produced by the treated waste water from our six homes we hope to build one day in Marsh

EDDC have responded with a detailed response produced by their own ecologist, it raises six further issues one of which unearthed in the depths of the Natural England advisory statement concerns "Thresholds of insignificant effect" and another requesting water usage in each home be limited to 110 litres per day.

We have now discussed these questions with our consultants and we believe we can conform to all the additional points raised therefore as soon as possible we will send in a revised and updated report.

We battle on against bureaucracy to provide these desperately need homes!

E Jubilee Hall Committee

Councillor Tomkinson reported 3 problems with the hall. The builders have not completed the work as documented so some work needs to be redone including rebuilding walls and plastering. There have been vast amounts of dust in the hall. The floor at the far end of the hall is awaiting repairs which should be completed in July or August. The leaking roof in the kitchen still needs addressing but hopefully the problem has been found and can be fixed.

F Reports from Individual Councillors

Councillor Ford had nothing to report.

Councillor Myhill had nothing to report.

Councillor Thomson queried about the grass around the planters. She agreed to trim this including the layby. Highways only trim it twice a year.

Councillor Vining had a meeting with Ros Davies on 6th June. She advised that Chris Drake was the contact for path clearing and Richard Spurway would walk the paths every 3 years. DCC will send somebody to investigate signage at Underdown Farm. Gates are available if required. Any problems with footpaths need to be reported to Councillor Vining or Ford.

Councillor Barnes is waiting to rearrange a meeting with Councillor Chubb to review the highways.

Councillor Billington reported about speeding in the village.

1 Speed Detector Device: DCC Highway Neighbour Hood Team installed a speed detector device in the village for a week and collected data. 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.

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.

Councillor Long reported there is a CPE planning for Sunnyfields Industrial Estate. He requested any comments from the councillors. Once these are received details they will be included on EDDC planning portal.

G Parish Clerk Report

- All financial statements uploaded to the website and sent to external auditors.
- East Devon & Honiton Police reports for June included on website.
- Emails sent to DCC querying issues with the highways but awaiting a reply.
- Grant for footpath received.

5. Proposed Highway Meeting

No reply received from the emails. Councillor Billington will pursue.

6. Coronation Accounts

These were presented at the meeting and show a refund for 75.30 will be received.

7. Finance

a. Election costs were queried and this is an allocation for funding for any future elections.

b The payments below were ratified.

Payment Date	Payee	Details of Payment	Amount
23.06.23	Yarcombe Flower Show	John Salter Award 50%	50.00
23.06.23	Yarcombe Children's Fund	John Salter Award 50%	50.00
30.06.23	Diane Frost	Clerks Wages	255.48
30.06.23	HMRC	PAYE	63.80
30.06.23	Unity Bank	Charges 5/3 – 3/6/23	18.00

c The clerk continues to chase £2182.21 CIL money due for Yonder Marsh Farm by sending an email to s106@eastdevon.gov.uk.

8. Planning

No comments received.

9. Open Session for public participation

A member of the public queried whether a short summary report could be included in evoices after each meeting. Councillor Tomkinson agreed to complete this once the draft minutes were received. Also, can an agenda be sent to Miranda prior to the meeting to include in evoices? This was agreed by the clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.30 the next meeting to be held on Monday 4th September at 8pm

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