

**YARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

Meeting held in the Jubilee Hall, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00 pm

**In Attendance:**

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

Three members of the public present

**1 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr S Horner, S Vining, D Barnes, C Brown & Y Levine.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

T Long & M Tomkinson both declared interest in 23/1572/FUL.

**3. Minutes**

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

**4. Reports**

**A County Councillor**

No report received

**B District Councillors**

No report received

**C Police**

No report received.

**D Yarcombe Community Land Trust**

Councillor Horner advised Councillor Tomkinson no further progress had been made.

**E Jubilee Hall Committee**

Councillor Tomkinson reported the builders had started work again on 4<sup>th</sup> September taking down walls which had been built incorrectly. The work will take 8 weeks.

**F Reports from Individual Councillors**

**Councillor Ford** advised that there was a signpost missing at Underdown Farm. Also, footpath 19 is very overgrown. She will liaise with Ros Davies and find out the procedure regarding trimming of footpaths.

**Councillor Myhill** had nothing to report.

**Councillor Billington** reported about speeding in the village.

Community Speed Watch: He still 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.

He is also investigating funding for Vehicle Activated Speed Limit sign.

These are the details regarding usage of S106 & CIL funds.

### **S106**

Provision usually stated in the S106 agreement, but generally covers:

Community Facilities

Environmental Improvements

Open Space

Transport

### **CIL - Community Infrastructure Levy**

The parish council must use the CIL receipts passed to it to support the development of the parish council's area by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of infrastructure; or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on the area.

Clerk to send email to Cllrs Brown & Levine clarifying the usage and time limits and requesting any advice they have.

**Councillor Thomson** queried about the grass around the planters. She had strimmed around the planters again. She thought the village was looking rather untidy especially from the planter in the layby up to Tillery. The clerk will contact Phil Hølness regarding this being completed but no need to remove the cuttings. The clerk will also send an email to Cllrs Brown & Levine to find out the cutting programme in our parish.

**Councillor Vining** had advised Councillor Tomkinson that he had repaired a stile on footpath 29 and also removed a tree on footpath 30.

**Councillor Long** reported the building materials on public land by Calways had been removed.

## **G Parish Clerk Report**

- East Devon & Honiton Police reports for July & August included on website.
- Work to commence on A30 at Crawley Farm in the Autumn.
- Refund for underwriting coronation expenses for £75.30 received from Yarcombe Benefit Society.

## **5. Highway Meeting Report From Councillor Tomkinson**

### DCC Meeting Notes with Yarcombe Parish Council

Present from Yarcombe Parish Council – Cllrs Horner, Long, Billington & Tomkinson

Present from Devon County Council – Cllr Stuart Hughes,

Tom Vaughan – Highway Maintenance,

Cllr Iain Chubb

Robert Richards – Deputy Director Highways and Infrastructure.

### Potholes

Tom Vaughan showed document about state of lanes and roads with money spent, will leave it with us.

Response time of 2 hours, next day, 7 days or 28 days.

Cllr Horner mentioned about the hole not being repaired but tarmac was wasted in a field entrance. Tom said that the process isn't necessarily efficient as they have to be aware of legal responsibilities. Triage system didn't kick in.

Cllr Billington asked about differing levels of access to the pothole computer scheme to see what has been triaged and likely date of repair.

David asked about priority of lanes as they have repaired a lane that isn't important and not done others that are.

Cllr Billington raised that roads have been attributed to us whereas they aren't ours and Dave Ashford has said we have had our budget. Tom and Robert said budgets aren't allocated like that.

### Crawley Bridge

Talked about helping people be aware about the narrowness of the bridge not being aware, Robert said that landowners are responsible for keeping foliage down. Either Slow or road narrowing painting might be used.

### Rag Lane Gabions

Still working to re-open the road and are in negotiations with the landowner, but unable to divulge details of discussions. Two contractors have been asked to provide quotes for the works.

### Highways Warden Scheme

Stuart has been a road warden for about 6 years. Cllr Billington pointed out that we have an aging population with less ability to do the work than perhaps most.

Chapter 8 training takes two day and has to be paid for up front and then reclaimed. About £300 per person. Do an online road safety course beforehand.

### A30 Fatality

Cllr Long mentioned that part of the safety chevrons are missing.

## **6. Police Attendance at meetings and required reports**

Clerk to send email to Darren England PCSO requesting a representative to attend meetings. The parish council would like details of the following:

What crime has been committed in the area in the last 6 months

What trends there are in crime

Anything suspicious to look out for

Details of the best contact for villagers if they want to contact the police

What technological developments have taken place possible an app

## **7. Meetings**

Meetings are currently held monthly on the first Monday of the month but with no meeting in August and December. The November meeting has been scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> to avoid such a large interval between meetings. It was proposed by Cllr Long and seconded by Cllr Ford that meetings are every month from 2024. This was agreed unanimously.

## 8. Finance

The payments below were ratified

Payment Date	Payee	Details of Payment	Amount
31.07.23	Diane Frost	Clerks Wages	255.28
31.07.23	HMRC	PAYE	64.00
31.08.23	Diane Frost	Clerks Wages	255.48
31.08.23	HMRC	PAYE	63.80

## 9. Planning

Cllr Long raised the following planning issues

Newcott Farm slurry lagoon comments from parish council to be submitted on planning portal.

Winnowing Knapp structure in garden Clerk to chase with East Devon.

Marsh Farm no permission for mobile home. Look to enforcement to visit again – has been twice before.

Black Aller Farm – recently sited mobile home – will speak to occupier with regards to this.

Waterhayne Farm – Checking to see what we can do to progress to encourage planting again.

Broadley Farm – still unsatisfactory planting screening?

Blackdown Hills ANOB – Yarcombe Parish Council are frustrated and disappointed with the AONB that their comments are a little unforthcoming. We are hoping to look into what we can do to encourage more interaction. Cllr Thompson is going to enquire if the Blackdown Partnership we are in can help.

**10. Open Session for Public Participation**

A member of the public queried about the maintenance of James Lane. He was advised who to contact at DCC. He also advised he may contact Spotlight TV.

The parish information leaflet needs updating. Cllr Billington is working on this and a draft will be circulated for any amendments. Once completed a pdf will be included on parish council & village website. Anybody can then print copies as required as there is no Parish Council budget for printing.

The meeting closed at 9.15 with the next meeting to be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 8pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. [unclear]'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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