

YARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

In Attendance:

Cllrs M.Tomkinson (Chair), A. Billington (Vice-Chair), S Horner (Co-Vice-Chair),
L Myhill, T Long, C Ford, D Barnes, K Thomson

Members of the public: 1

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr S Vining Cllr C Brown & Cllr Y Levine

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Horner declared an interest in 23/2196/FUL Woodhayne Farm.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

All agreed the minutes on 2nd October were a true and accurate record of the last meeting and they were signed by Cllr Tomkinson.

4. Reports

A. County Councillor

Cllr Chubb was unable to attend due to problems with his car. He sent a report the following day which was circulated to all councillors and district councillors.

B. District Councillor

Cllr Brown was unable to attend but sent a report which was read out at the meeting. It contained the following items.

Average recycling rate for East Devon is 62% which is better than the UK average of 44.1%. In 2026 the Government are introducing new rules on waste and recycling collection where a three bin policy with all plastic, glass, cardboard etc in the same container.

East Devon do not have a required 5-year land supply which makes it easier for developers to build new homes that would not normally gain approval at the planning stage, potentially leading to inappropriate development in the wrong places. 986 new houses were completed in East Devon in the past year.

At 31st March 2023 EDDC only had 4.28% housing land supply position. The number of dwellings being deliverable 4093 against the requirement of 4778 a supply shortfall of 685.

Parking fees from 1st November 2023 to 31st March 2023 will be £2 up to midnight in all EDDC owned car parks.

Following a lengthy nationwide consultation station ticket offices will not be closed. The friends of Honiton Station won the gold award for the second year running, for the Community planters on the station.

EDDC are proposing from next year dog bins will have a smart phone scan code attached to them enabling residents to let EDDC know when the bins are full and need emptying.

EDDC has an app at eastdevon.gov.uk/website-help/east-devon-mobile app. It has a section 'Report It' for fly tipping, litter and waste collection. It can also remind you about collection days and what containers to put out.

C. Police

No report received. However, it was agreed for the clerk to contact them again about attending meetings.

D. Yarcombe Community Land Trust

The plan to compensate for phosphates has been approved by EDDC and Natural England. East Devon legal department do not have time so have sub contracted it out to produce documents which need to be sent to lawyers. Cllr Levine has been very helpful.

E. Jubilee Hall

The partition is now down. The windows and doors are in but will be replaced in January/February. The flooring in the damaged area will now be lino instead of carpet with the extra cost being paid for by the hall. There will be new ceiling lights and uplighters on the wall which will produce a softer light. The kitchen roof has been repaired. The hall floor has had a temporary repair. The hall can now be used to its full capacity. Helen Parris has done a very good job liaising with everybody to achieve these results.

F. Reports from Individual Councillors

Councillor Ford – There is a broken bridge by Rag Lane which will be referred to highways. Farm Gate by Heavens Mouth on footpath 27 is difficult to open. Ros Davies has transferred to a different role in DCC and is temporarily being covered by Richard Dalton Public Rights of Way and Public Rights Manager until a permanent person is recruited.

Councillor Barnes – Michael Rich has cleared the hedges along Rag Lane. He saw the owner of Yonder Marsh and challenged him regarding the blocked drain and he said he will look into it. Highways have cleared some drains on A303 but there will be more problems due to fallen leaves.

Councillor Billington – Community speed watch group will be carrying out sessions when time and weather allows. He is still liaising regarding positioning of black and white signs which say speed cameras in operation. He asked about any funding from terrier racing towards the Vehicle Activated Speed Limit Signs. Councillor Tomkinson will contact the PCC.

Councillor Thompson — She had been unable to attend the Blackdown Hill Parish Network meeting in October due to short notice. She had received the minutes and no action had been completed since last year. She will request their accounts. The question was raised about Membership. The Clerk will check amount and due date.

Councillor Long — Need to clear the moss from the Belfry up the path to the bend and then by the seat. This will need killing off maybe using some salt and sweeping. Clerk to contact Phil Holness.

Councillor Horner — He inquired about FOI on Rag Lane. He will draft an email to be sent by the clerk.

G. Parish Clerk Report

Clerk reported about emails regarding CIL & S106 which would be discussed later in the meeting.

5. Devon Communities Together

No report given

6. CIL & S106

Cllr Tomkinson has produced a report about CIL & S106.

Cllr Horner inquired about the 2 letters sent to Ed Freeman. The clerk advised no reply had been received. He said the system is not working and is broken. It seems other parishes are having similar issues due to lack of staffing.

7. AONB/Surveys

The AONB do not seem to submit representation on planning applications. They do not challenge any issues. This was apparent for 23/1011/FUL. Cllr Horner will draft letter to be sent by the clerk.

8. EDDC – Lack of email responses

Cllr Horner and Cllr Long had produced a draft letter to the Chief Executive of EDDC. It was agreed at the meeting Cllr Horner would advise the clerk the email address for this to be sent.

9. Clerks Pay Award

DALC/NALC had advised about pay increases from 1st April 2023. The award for the clerk was agreed unanimously.

10. Finance

- a. It was noted CIL money had been received for Emmetts Farm. Budgets will be completed ready for discussion at the next meeting.
- b. All payments listed were ratified.
- c. Yonder Marsh Farm 20/1225/FUL £2182.21 The developer had not followed CIL procedure and issued a commencement notice and therefore we have not yet received payment for this development.

11. Planning

Cllr Horner thought we may get CIL money for Woodhayne.

12. Public Session

The meeting opened to the public.

Mrs Tomkinson asked about donations to Yarcombe Voices. The clerk will advise the date when the donation was given.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm, the next meeting is to be held on Monday 8th January.


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