

## YARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

### In Attendance:

Cllrs S Horner (Acting Chair), A Billington, L Myhill, T Long, C Ford, D Barnes & S Vining

Cllrs I Chubb, Y Levine & C Brown

PCSO D England

Members of the public: 2

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr M Tomkinson & K Thomson

### 2. Declarations of Interest

None Declared

### 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

All agreed the minutes were a true and accurate record of the last meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February and they were signed by Cllr Horner

### 4. External Reports

#### A. County Councillor

Cllr Chubb advised they had been finalising budgets with 80% being spent on the young, old & vulnerable. The budget has been set to increase by 4.99%.

Devolution between Devon and Torbay was progressing. This would mean more money and shared services when working together.

There are ongoing discussions regarding parking meters on town high streets. The person would require a ticket but the first hour would remain free but after that a payment would be required for extra parking.

He encouraged everybody to keep reporting problems with the roads to Devon County Council.

#### B. District Councillor

Cllr Brown advised EDDC budget was increasing by 4.96%.

#### C. Police

PCSO Darren England advised that he covers 15 parishes and Honiton along with an inspector and 2 beat managers. The front office in Honiton police station is now open Monday - Saturday from 10 am – 3pm. They are hoping to increase connectivity by producing quarterly newsletters and monthly themed rural newsletters. They are also hoping to have more face-to-face contact.

## 5. Public Comments and Questions of External reports

Cllr Myhill asked Cllr Chubb about on street parking blocking up the high street but he thought anybody who was parking for longer would park in a car park. He advised that DCC would decide whether it was cost effective.

Cllr Horner asked Cllr Chubb about use of money for roads being diverted for other use in other counties. He said that would not happen in Devon as there are 8000 miles of road which need maintaining.

Cllr Horner thanked Cllr Brown & Levine regarding all their help with the council house in Marsh which had been abandoned and also for all their support with affordable housing.

Cllr Horner asked Darren England about the slot on the agenda each month. He would try to send a monthly report. He also said that somebody from the force would try to come to meetings 2 or 3 times a year. However, this would be subject to availability and dates will be advised in advance.

Cllr Billington asked him about speeding signage and he will investigate. He also inquired about ongoing incidents. Darren advised about Neighbourhood alert which the Parish Council is signed up to and the clerk will forward any relevant messages. The best way to contact the police is still 999, 101, online web chat or walk into the Honiton station depending whichever is most appropriate.

## 6. Internal Reports

### D. Yarcombe Community Land Trust

Cllr Horner reported that the lawyers are still busy and wanting more money.

### E. Jubilee Hall

No report provided.

### F. Reports from Individual Councillors

**Councillor Ford** – work had been completed by Phil Holness on 2 footpaths. The clerk will chase for the invoice to include this year.

**Councillor Barnes** – had rung David Ashford about seeing the roads but hadn't had a reply. The roads are still in a poor state of repairs.

**Councillor Vining** – will work with Cllr Horner and the clerk to complete the form for P3 Footpath funding. He also reported that a bin lorry had left the road nearer him due to the carriageway being too narrow.

**Councillor Billington** - Community speed watch group had not been out recently due to weather conditions. He is hoping to recruit more volunteers.

### G. Parish Clerk

The report had been circulated to all councillors. It contained several issues about roads and the reporting of these to David Ashford would be discussed at the April meeting.

## **7. To Pass the Following resolution re Rag Lane**

This council opposes any continued obstruction causing closure of Rag Lane and that Devon County Council be required to take immediate action to enforce the notice dated 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022 that the gabions be removed and the lane returned to its original width and height for vehicular use.

This was proposed by Cllr Ford and seconded by Cllr Barnes. It was then passed unanimously.

Cllr Horner then read out part of an email below from David Ashford dated 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

With regard Rag Lane, I have been in contact with the resident as I understand he has been carrying out works despite being clearly told not to without a TTRO which means he isn't insured and is breaking the law in relation to the Highways Act.

An email to be sent to David Ashford will be written by Cllr Horner and circulated to all councillors for approval before being sent by the clerk.

## **8. Blackdown Hills Parish Network Subscription**

No invoice has been received. This was deferred to the next meeting when Bob Nelson will hopefully be attending.

## **9. P3 Footpath Funding**

This had already been discussed earlier in the meeting.

## **10. Netwise Disk Space**

Cllr Billington thought the cost of £124.79 was rather excessive for 5gb extra disk space. This was then deferred to the next meeting.

## **11. Finance**

1. No comments or questions.
2. All payments were ratified.
3. Yonder Marsh Farm – Clerk to send another email to Ed Freeman as no reply to the email sent to him on 25/1/24.
4. Ley Farm - Clerk to send another email to Ed Freeman as no reply to the email sent to him on 25/1/24.

## **12. Planning**

Cllr Long reported it was very quiet at the moment and hoped they weren't backing up. He will look into conditions of planning and draft the necessary letters.

**13. Public Session**

A member of the public enquired about fly tipping. Cllr Horner advised him to contact EDDC who would send out a vehicle to collect it.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm, the next meeting is to be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

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