**RIVER YEALM & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

Registered Charity No 262929.

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 **MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Held at Bereth, 39 Court Road, Newton Ferrers at 7.30pm Tuesday 24th September 2019**

1. Welcome to Drew Stevens and Peter Hall. Ap**ologies from** Chris Bradley, Peter Faulkner and Suzanne Sparrow.

2. **Minutes** of Meeting on 18h June 2019 were approved.

3. **Chairman’s Report**

The Committee confirmed Alan Lomax’s election as Acting Chairman in the absence of Christopher Bradley. Lesley Dempsey will adopt the role at the end of the year. Nothing further to report.

4. **Secretary’s Report**.

Correspondence to the Committee will be in Apple ‘Pages’ format, converted to Office Word, hopefully accessible by all.

5. **Treasurer’s Report.**

* Membership steady at 303. 5 joined in September, 3 left the area
* Cash in hand £96 and at bank £1576 Total: £1672.013
* Village Directories sold raising £65 Total: £440
* Funds collected for the purchase of Woodland (Court Wood): £15100.
* Any excess of the £18000 purchase price will be held in a separate account.

6. **Planning.**

N3P is proving to be of immense value, being used extensively by the Planning Authority for judging planning Applications & by the Planning Inspectors for appeals.

 **Recent Outstanding Planning Applications:**

* The Retreat, Riverside West: 7 objections including RYDA & N&NPC.
* Smithy Cottage, 61. Stoke Road: 2 objections including N&NPC. 3 in support.
* Poppy Cottage, Riverside West: 15 in support, 2 undecided including RYDA & N&NPC.
* Land adjacent to Poppy Cottage, Riverside West: 23 in support, 2 undecided, including RYDA,
* N & NPC objected.

  **Recent Refusals**

* + - Land South of Lochalshe, Lower Court Road: 11 objections including RYDA & N&NPC.

 Woodville, Pillory Hill: 18 objections including N&NPC & RYDA.

**Recent Appeals - Dismissed**

* + - Landfall, Court Wood:
		- Land at Sx55294781, Stoke Road, Opposite Junket Corner.

7. **Purchase of Woodland at Court Wood**

* Purchase price: £18000
* Total raised to date: £17100
* David Stembridge has offered to loan the shortfall, however, the RYDA will cover this cost.
* The Yealm Community Energy Grant will contribute a further £1000
* Any funds in excess of £18000 will be held in a separate maintenance account.
* Gift Aid will be claimed within 3 - 6 months.
* Regular updates on progress of reinstated footpaths, to be posted in Parish Magazine and RYDA Newsletter.
* David Stembridge is managing the legal issues and the contract is available for Trustees’ signatures.
* Insurance: the current owners pay £135 public liability insurance per annum. RYDA will seek to transfer this on purchase of the Woodland.
* Management - the RYDA plan to create a sub-committee to manage the Woodland, similar to that of Brookings Down & Eastern Hill Woods. The Woodland Trust are able to advise, rather than take stewardship of the land.
* The 2 main priorities are to reinstate the original footpath and to name the Wood.
* The possibility of approaching a local company to donate a bench in the Woods was raised,

8. **Derelict Building - International Paint Laboratory**

* + The former laboratory continues to blight the waterside and potentially fall into further disrepair.
	+ Responsibility lies with the District Council’s Building Control Dept re: Structural stability/safety.
	+ The Committee agreed to forward their concerns to the Parish Council:
	+ Are they aware of any survey carried out by SHDC Building Control?
	+ Would the Council encourage Akzo Nobel to protect the building from further deterioration?
	+ This would help to prevent it creating a future hazard, particularly to children.
	+ Article re: International Paint Laboratory to be included in the Newsletter seeking local views.

9. **Any Other Business**

* + The Chairman suggested that 4 Trustees should be signatories for the issue of RYDA cheques.
	+ These include Alan Lomax, Christopher Bradley, Christopher Lunn and Helen Lancina.
	+ Drew Stevens and Peter Hall agreed to be co-opted to the Committee forthwith.
	+ The Committee agreed to invite Dan Thomas (Local District Councillor) as an Honorary Member,
	+ Concerns raised over Gigaclear’s contract to provide Broadband fibre in the village. Peter Hall to action.
	+ Local concerns raised re: noise from The Swan. Not thought to exceed the permitted 6 sessions.
	+ Harbour Cleanup: Andrew Beveridge is looking for a successor from 2020 onwards.
	+ Parking Group: a good response following the Yealm Road questionnaire, this will be collated & analysed.
	+ The questionnaire focused on Yealm Road, as the group had regarded this area as problematic.
	+ Newsletter: articles needed. Christopher Lunn to provide article re: Woodland, Helen provide photos.
	+ Former Yealm Hotel: understood that 2 apartments have been sold and 1 reserved, out of 15.
	+ New completion date is Spring 2020.
	+ Suggested Speaker at next AGM is a representative from The Woodland Trust. Alan to action.

10. **Dates of Next Meetings**

Please confirm your availability for the following dates:

 Wednesday 27th November 2019

 Wednesday 15th January 2020

 Stuffing Meeting: Wednesday 11th March 2020

AGM (Noss) 8th /15th / 22nd / 29th TBC

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9.15 pm.

Helen Lancina

Hon Secretary RYDA