

RIVER YEALM & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No 262929.

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at Irlwyn, Newton Ferrers on
TUESDAY 14th November 2023 at 7pm

Present: Drew Stevens, , Alan Lomax, Peter Hall, Lesley Dempsey, Robin Forrester, Peggy Robinson

1. **Welcome and Apologies.** Apologies received from Chris Bradley, Suzanne Sparrow, Peter Faulkner. Welcome to Gary Fairclough
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** held 5th September 2023 approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report.**
Bank balance £12,643. Deposit Account £10,000. Current Account £1,424. £1,219 in the Court Woodland account. £50 being held on behalf of the Revelstoke Community Trust (RCT), and NNPC and RYDA have each pledged £50 also.
Alan to speak with ChrisB this week to discuss Revelstoke Railings progress.
Membership increased to 317. 15 more Directories sold.
4. **Planning Report**
Review and discussion of current local planning applications.
Land development opposite Butts Park has approval. Paint Factory refusal still within appeal time window.
Joint Neighbourhood Plan Review and Collaton Housing Event November dates are
Friday 17th November 12pm-6pm
Saturday 18th November 9.30am-12.30pm
All events in Newton & Noss Village Hall, Noss Mayo.
Robin to talk with Chris D'Avery for feedback on Collaton liaison.
5. **International Paints – Akzo Nobel**
Report due from Akzo Nobel by 5th September. Not yet received. Time line for Akzo Nobel is sign off end of summer, action Q4 2023. RYDA website has full details.
Specialists have been consulted and NNPC (PH) will take lead in Akzo Nobel liaison, in conjunction with consultation with representatives from other local groups. Meeting planned to plot the way forward.
6. **Parking and Roads.** 3 passing places now in Yealm Road. Volunteers requested for pothole repairs. Good response so far. Lengthsman progress showing results.
Discussion regarding overhanging hedges and incursion on roadway.
7. **Woodland Reports** –Eastern Hill Wood and Brookings Wood report discussed. There is a new Management Plan for the whole of Woodland Trust wood. The Court Woodland will adopt the same principle, tailored to our own recommendations emphasising natural development in the area. A series of working parties has resumed in September. 2024 dates commence on 6th January and are fortnightly thereafter. Full report in RYDA December Newsletter, with details of how people can help. <https://ryda.org.uk>

It was clarified that Yealm Wood is the collective name for Newton Wood and Hollacombe Wood. Reported that the National Trust is going to fell approx. 40 trees close to the path on Ford Hill Plantation, allowing for natural regeneration.

PeterH in discussion with owner of land at top of Woodland Trust Wood regarding footpath.

8. **Correspondence** – Resignation of Philip Hawker from Committee. Procedure enquiry from Peter Hinchliffe regarding planning applications. Confirmed RYDA has executive authority. All members encouraged to give their views on planning applications. Correspondence re Briar Hill planning. Enquiry from Bandicoot TV filming in Newton & Noss passed to NNPC (event was eventually postponed).
10. **Newsletter and Website** – Lesley reported there is an average of 362 visits to the website each month, with 400 on Facebook. More than our membership. Su History of the RYDA (set up in 1955) and its aims were discussed: To preserve the natural beauties of the tidal waters of the River Yealm & surrounding countryside & villages and protect structures and the character of architectural and historic interest; to maintain & seek to improve the amenities and services of the district. All aware that we must keep up with current times and methods of communication, and our need to inform and draw the attention of our members in a non-subjective way to what is happening in this respect in the area.
Agreed theme for next year's Newsletters. Meeting Minutes to have own link on Newsletter.
11. **Housekeeping** – Peggy to update Dropbox links for Committee. GDPR – b/fwd for review.
12. **AGM 2024** –Date booked for AGM is Tuesday 23rd April 2024, 7pm Newton Ferrers WI Hall. Speaker booked.
13. **Any Other Business** – Remembrance Wreath laid by AlanL on behalf of RYDA. Bishops Court planning permission and current status discussed.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Date of next meetings - 7pm at agreed venues:

Tuesday 9 January 2024

Tuesday 12 March 2024

Tuesday 23 April 2024 AGM, 7pm WI Hall NF