

RIVER YEALM & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
Registered Charity Number 262929
MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE RYDA.

Held at Summach, Collaton Cross 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th October 2016.

1. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES** Christopher Bradley, Lesley Dempsey and Suzanne Sparrow sent their apologies.
2. **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING** The Minutes of the Committee 19th July 2016 were approved and accepted.
3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** None
4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**
 - Eastern Hill Wood. No changes since last meeting in July. Robin Geldard is liaising with the executors' solicitors regarding the transfer of ownership and management of the wood, in conjunction with the Woodland Trust and Bob Styring). Peter Pritchard has offered to approach Bob re: writing an article for the next Newsletter, including a call for extra volunteers for the working party. (The Woodland Trust will remove the caravan.)
 - W.I. Hall. The RYDA is a trustee of the WI Hall Management Committee. Eric Rodmell was the previous representative and Christopher Lunn adopted the role 2 years ago. The RYDA is very supportive of the W.I. Committee but wonders if possible to attend when there is a specific role to play, rather than routine meetings, due to time constraints (point of contact Val Venning).
 - Post Office. The RYDA donated £1000 in August 2016 and would be interested in viewing the business policy. The takeover date is 2nd November 2016 and the Post Office and Stores will be closed for refurbishment for 10 days. A questionnaire for locals regarding future stock has been offered but not taken up. Peter Pritchard to action.
 - Eric's party on Friday 7th October. Christopher Lunn will email RYDA members with details.
 - N3P Update. Making good progress, with the intention of finishing the entire evidence gathering by the New Year. Followed by consultation in Spring and finalise the documents in August 2017. Housing is the key priority. N3P is gathering momentum, with material to add to the website, including a questionnaire aimed at the community. There are 340 email addresses (225 of which are on the RYDA list). 30 people are engaged in a local business' working group. Housing is making steady progress, with recruitment for Heritage and a requirement for further volunteers. Infrastructure – there have been 3 volunteers, but no offers for leadership roles. Alan Lomax to offer for water-related issues. Fleur Fisher took on coordination responsibility, leading and recruiting. Peter Pritchard is managing administration, including responding to and critiquing the JPL team method for allocating 1,000 new homes around the villages.
 - Work at Noss Creek. Vote of thanks for John Allen from the entire community, via Newsletter. John has very kindly funded terracing work and planted shrubs on the land by the Voss. The Revelstoke Trust paid for the bench.
5. **SECRETARY/ GENERAL REPORT.**
 - Scanning documents. The RYDA minutes are to be scanned onto memory sticks for future reference, incorporating Action Optical Character Reading, at a projected cost of £200. Helen Lancina to action.
 - Circulating minutes from future meetings. These will be included in the Library on the RYDA website, with a hyperlink to follow from the Newsletter.
 - Maintenance/condition Yealm Road. A local resident has pointed out the poor maintenance along each side of the road with prolific weed growth. This is the responsibility of the Parish Council, Helen to action (letter to Parish Council).
6. **TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT.**
 - Directory Sales. 12 since July 2016 – 6 each from the Post Office and Tubbs. Extra copies to be distributed to Tubbs, Post Office, Luscombe Maye and Marchand Petit.
 - Finance. At the end of August there was £629 held in the bank and £73 in cash, £903 on deposit giving a total of £1605. A cheque for £1000 was issued to the Newton Ferrers P.O. Action Group. A cheque for £1744 was issued to Newton and Noss Parish Council towards the cost of the Neighbourhood Plan.
 - Membership Update. Two new households have joined giving a total of 305 members. Alan Lomax to distribute more welcome packs to the estate agents and confirm that these are being offered to new members, with a suggested reminder for new residents after a period of 3 months. Christopher Lunn to action.
 - Insurance: Harbour clean up. The insurance premium has been reduced to £110 p/a by dealing directly with Zurich. The RY Harbour Authority and the Parish Council need only pay £35 each. Helen Lancina to write informing them of the reduced contribution towards the 2016 Harbour clean up.
7. **PLANNING REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.**
 - Collaton. The Committee noted that S106 has been recently signed, indicating a minor sign of progress. However, the cost of cleaning up the land, including removal of asbestos may be prohibitive. Christopher Lunn to contact Alison at the Parish Council for an update.
 - Cam Cottage. No planning application has been made so far.

- Yealm Hotel. The Committee noted that a tree preservation survey has been submitted and accepted by South Hams District Council. A detailed survey will be carried out in due course.
- International Paints. No observations from the RYDA regarding the site.
- Land opposite Thorndean. Residents should have received a warning letter informing them that this application has gone to appeal, with a deadline of 17th August 2016 for letters of objection/support. The RYDA has nothing to add to this application. (Afternote: the applicant's appeal has been successful.)
- The Fairway. The deadline for comment has now been closed. There have been 30 letters of complaint, and between 6 and 8 letters of support. A campaign has been mounted by Fairway residents to write a second time. Letters that are received after the deadline have to be verbally recorded. Both the Parish Council and RYDA objected to this application for 5 houses.
- Barnicott. The Committee has written another letter of objection.
- Kegwell Farm. No objection from the RYDA regarding the planning application, although the Committee recommended that there should be an agricultural tie attached to the houses. The Parish Council made the same recommendation.
- Seagulls, Stoke Road. Following a subsequent planning application to improve the appearance of the design, the Committee feel compelled to write a letter of support. Peter Pritchard to action.
- Co-op. The Committee noted that there is a planning application for a new 'neon' logo to replace the current sign. No observations from the RYDA regarding the planning application.
- The Point. There is a planning application for a conservatory above the garage to be used as store room. The Committee noted that the materials will include glass and chrome and appeared to be aesthetically sympathetic. Peter Pritchard to invite comments in the next Newsletter.
- Membland, The Stables. There is a planning application for a conservatory to the rear of this Grade 2 listed building. Following the Heritage Report, the justification for adding the conservatory is that the original arch will be left untouched, behind the conservatory. The RYDA have no comment to make at present, but will follow the lead of the case officer and include it in the next newsletter.
- Noss Midvale, Revelstoke Road. The Committee have expressed concern that this planning application, involving a bridge from the roof of the house to the road to provide access, will protrude onto the edge of the road and potentially impact on current facility for parking. This item to be reported in the next Newsletter.
- Entrance to the Solar Farm. The Committee has noted that a planning application has been submitted to reduce the turning circle in size.
- Parsonage Road. The Committee noted that the Devon hedge in front of the affordable houses has been removed, rather than left in place as required by planning permission. In addition to this, the houses appear to be closer to the road than permission allowed, rendering the houses more prominent than people were expecting.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- This item regarding the need for new members of the Committee was discussed, with 4 names being suggested. The Chairman will make contact over the next few weeks.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Website. Lesley Dempsey has made good progress with the design, concentrating on the aspects that are relative to other organisations and clubs. Several societies and clubs have expressed an interest in having an internet presence on the RYDA website and swapping links. Following the last meeting, the Committee are aware that Lesley needs pictures and information in order to populate the website with RYDA material. Pictures are to be obtained from Sue Brown, Peter Pritchard to action and forward a selection to Lesley. The RYDA Committee considered which information might populate the website: a Planning link describing the planning process and how members can respond/object. Woodland, Harbour, Newsletter (Peter Pritchard), Directories (John Tighe) – facility to format the page and use direct email link to John. Library, Administration (Alan Lomax) – how to join/leave RYDA using simple form and email link. Pay subscription using a Direct Debit form to sign and return to the Bank. Alan will forward a copy of the membership application form to Lesley and discuss the on-line process, so that functionality is clear. Peter will email a list of potential sections for Committee members to annotate from previous meetings and then meet on a 1:1 basis with Lesley over the next few weeks to discuss the material for their section, providing as much detail as possible. This will highlight the overall structure and enable Lesley to prioritise order and layout.
- Logo. Grateful thanks to Denise Marchant for her selection of designs, from which the new logo will be selected and scanned for Lesley to incorporate into the website.
- RYDA pictures. These are with Mel Ellis for scanning onto memory sticks, after which Alan Lomax will take ultimate control of the originals and email details to relevant organisations; these may be useful for the website and History Book, Christopher to speak to Robin Hogg at Eric's lunch.
- The Chairman noted Denise Marchant's significant contribution as Secretary over the past years and suggested a 'thank you' lunch at The Ship in early December.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS. 22nd November 2016 (Chairman to host), 10th Jan 2017, March 2017, 22nd November, AGM April 2017 (W. I. Hall)

Helen Lancina
Hon Secretary