

RIVER YEALM & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No 262929.

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at Irlwyn, Lower Court Road
TUESDAY 14 January 2025 at 7pm

Present: Alan Lomax (AL), Drew Stevens, Chris Bradley(CB), Peter Hall(PH), Robin Forrester(RF), Peggy Robinson(PR), Gary Fairclough(GF), Lesley Dempsey(LD), Graham Edwards(GE)

The meeting was chaired by Alan Lomax

1. **Welcome and Apologies.**
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** held 12 November 2024 approved. Attendance list corrected.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** Bank balance £11,451. Deposit Account £9,346. Current Account £2,105 of which £1,367 in the Court Woodland account. Membership 310. Subscription arrears collected. 4 Directories sold.
4. **Planning Report.** Review and discussion of current planning applications. Two Planning applications had been rejected at appeal. New plans submitted for battery at Butts Park. RYDA to object. Discussion re Collaton and changing of definitions. AL wrote to NNPC 23Sept re Collaton liaison. No reply, so AL will chase. Concerns raised over silt discharge to River and amount of construction related traffic using Puslinch Hill. Discussion re Neighbourhood Plan. B/fwd next meeting.
5. **International Paints – Akzo Nobel**
Still awaiting confirmation of MMO final sign off on works, which should result in the Public Meeting promised at commencement in 2023. Peter Hinchliffe coordinating local stakeholders through NNPC for progress reports. Email 28Nov24 from Akzo Nobel with update promising an open meeting *after* MMO agreed, and that no decision until probably latter end of 2025.
6. **Parking and Roads.** Still pushing for zig-zag lines by school, plus flashing lights. Yellow lines around WI Hall and Café on the Green. Progress being made, but very slow. Car Park Butts Park progressing. Agreement that 2 Lengthsman are doing a good job, much appreciated. Details to follow regarding investigation into feasibility of electric people carrier to transport people between villages.
7. **Woodland Reports** December working party repaired paths and Stembridge Steps redone. Peter Brown replaced by John Stacey. Woodland Trust have changed pathway – steps now a gravel path which goes through the middle of the wood. 90% occupancy in bird boxes in Brookings and Eastern woods.
8. **Correspondence.** Correspondence Exeter Uni student (no direct involvement from RYDA). Email Akzo Nobel per above. Drew to reply to NNPC re Annual Parish Meeting. B/fwd next meeting for detail.

9. **Newsletter and Website.** LD will update after feedback re website. Request that all members give feedback as this is the only way we can keep abreast of current situation for clubs and committees especially.
10. **Housekeeping.** Funding for a reprint of 'Spirit of the Yealm' discussed.
11. **AGM.** Confirmed 8th April 2025 7pm Newton WI Hall. AL to chair. Speaker to be finalised PH/LD/DS
12. **Any Other Business.** YCET water taxi update given and discussed.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of next meetings - 7pm at agreed venues:

Tues 11 March 2025

Tues 8th April 2025 : AGM 7pm Newton WI Hall