

**Minutes of Yarnscombe Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 24 July 2024**

Present: Cllrs. Brice (chair), Cooke, Ellison, Jeffery, Pengilly, Newberry, District Cllr. Elliott (Torrige District Council / TDC), County Councillor Saywell (Devon County Council / DCC), Sharron Newberry and M. Dymond (Clerk)

24.78 Apologies, Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Farr, Cllr. Lock (TDC) and PCSO Brown. There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensations had been received.

24.79 Public Participation and Feedback

None

24.80 Representatives Reports

1) County/District Councillors

County — The global IT outage on Friday 19 July 2024 had not affected DCC.

Regarding potholes and poor road conditions in the parish, although they cause problems for local residents, Devon Highways has to deal with worse roads. That said, a problematic section at Rooks Cross will have its surface patched this year. According to neighbourhood officer the roads near Boode Farm would be suitable for “dragonpatcher”.

Devolution — The new government is ready to sign off agreement.

Within DCC, restructuring is continuing and at present the focus is on summer activities and providing food for struggling households. There is also an ongoing consultation regarding children centres with the aim of turning them into family hubs. The children’s centre in Torrington may be re-purposed. The new Okehampton Interchange train station will offer 200 car parking spaces.

District — Full council was held last week, where pros and cons of peer reports were discussed.

District council had a presentation made by Xlinks on the proposed Moroccan project. The Council may have to hire in more specialised agents/professionals to help with the process, but the council can claim the expenses back from the Government.

Clerk asked Cllr. Elliott to clarify condition of grant received. It would need to be repaid, should council receive full or substantial amount of lottery funding.

2) Village Hall / Social Club — None

3) Youth Club — None

4) PCSO/Police Report — None

5) Playing Field

Draft Agreement between Cllr. Ellison and Yarnscombe PC / Feedback from TDC solicitor — Advice given by TDC solicitor approved of wording of draft, therefore acceptance of draft agreement (including plan) was put to vote. It was agreed on by four votes to two. Cllr. Ellison had drawn up agreement, which was signed by Cllr. Brice and clerk received copy for council records. Cllr. Ellison will inform council when he intends to leave Yarnscombe / sell field.

Transfer of money from Instant Access account to Treasurer’s Account in order to pay second instalment for WM Ironworks — Cllrs. Brice, Pengilly and clerk visited Lloyds Bank branch on 28 June 2024 to facilitate transfer.

Actions taken: Cheque written out, signed and countersigned by Cllrs. Brice and Pengilly and handed in to WM Ironworks.

24.81 Minutes of Meeting of 26 June 2024

Minutes were approved and signed off as a true record.

24.82 Matters arising from last meeting

Website domain.gov.uk — Cllr. Pengilly registered for an overview session on 14 August 2024

Actions taken: Feedback to be received next month.

Parish website in progress — Chair thanked Sharron Newberry for her efforts in creating new website. The new website would retain same address, as domain name gov.uk might put people off. When creating sitemap, existing text will be transferred to new website. Once completed, it should present an overall picture of the village and its organisations. Photos from the village hall and church will be included, as well as information about the history of village organisations. Regarding the parish council, the photos of councillors would need to be renewed. Additionally, any relevant information regarding District Council, County Council and local MP will be included. There are still questions surrounding cost of hosting of website; also permission may need to be sought for use of DALC/NALC logos.

Actions taken: Sharron Newberry will provide update to council towards end of year.

24.83 New Matters

Purchase of new ledger for clerk £33.48

24.84 PROW Monthly Report

Feedback on footpaths/overgrown stile on Ward Lane

Footpaths had been walked and as stile down Ward Lane needs strimming, Cllr. Cooke will ask person carrying out strimming in church yard for a quote.

Actions taken: Report back next month.

24.85 Planning

1/0449/2024/AGMB — Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to one dwelling house and associated building operations under Class Q (Barn 1), Agricultural building at grid reference 255154 122068, Yarnscombe, Devon — No comments

1/0562/2024/FUL — Demolition of agricultural building and erection of one dwelling following planning permission 1/0849/203/FUL, Barn at grid reference 252997 122434, Yarnscombe, Devon — No comments

24.86 Additional Planning

None

24.87 Accounts

Ledger for clerk £33.48 — Approval for this purchase had been given via email by at least two councillors and ledger purchased on Amazon with debit card.

Online banking approval — Cllr. Pengilley has been approved for online banking and is now able to access accounts 24/7 and follow transactions on a read-only basis.

Actions taken: None at present.

Bank reconciliation April 2024 to June 2024

Bank reconciliation had been carried out and Cllr. Brice signed cash book.

Meeting closed 8.25pm.

13th August 2024