

16th May 2025

**Minutes of Yarnscombe Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, 23rd April 2025
Village Hall, 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs.Brice(chair), Cooke, Ellison, Jeffery, Newberry, Pengilley and M.Dymond (clerk).

25.31 Apologies, Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllr. Saywell(Devon County Council/DCC), Cllrs. Elliott and Lock(Torrige District Council/TDC) and Cllr.Farr

25.32 Public Participation and Feedback

Clerk had received report from parishioner re.mud on road caused by local farmer. Parishioner in question had already contacted DCC and would like parish council's support in this matter. As any matter regarding highways is DCC's responsibility, the parish council can only reiterate the problem to DCC. Any further action is beyond its powers.

Actions taken; Clerk to contact DCC Highways department.

25.33 Representatives Reports

1) County/District Councillors

No reports due to purdah period before election on 1st May 2025.

2) Village Hall / Social Club – Very successful quiz night was held .

3) Youth Club - None

4) PCSO/Police Report - No link for Teams meeting received, at the moment no PCSO, but PC Harrington will chair online meetings. These meetings could be cancelled at short notice due to emergency call outs.

Actions taken: Clerk to attempt to attend online meetings once invitation received.

5) Playing Field - Will be cut depending on weather.

25.34 Minutes of Meeting of 26th March 2025

Approved and signed off as true record.

25.35 Matters arising from last Meeting

Disposal of old PC documents stored in Village Hall – Update by Cllr. Brice and Newberry
Cllr. Brice and Newberry still had 4 boxes to sort, will meet again tomorrow(24th April) at 9am in village hall. Also, filing cabinet documents still have to be checked.

Among documents information about the sewerage limit for Yarnscombe was discovered. This documentation makes a sizeable new development in Yarnscombe unlikely.

Purchase of fireproof storage boxes – Held off until all documents have been looked at.

Actions taken: Put on next agenda

25.36 New Matters

Yarnscombe website – Update on date of going live

According to Sharron Newberry, the new website will be going live during first week of May. Cllr. Pengilley queried whether Sharron Newberry would upload current and future agendas and minutes.

Actions taken: Clerk to email Sharron Newberry and inform Cllr.Pengilley of outcome.

DALC renewal of subscription £136-84

Cllr. Pengilley had drawn up schedule of electronic payments. Cllr. Brice proposed to pay renewal of subscription, Cllr. Pengilley seconded it. Both signed schedule.

Actions taken: Cllrs. Brice and Pengilley to authorise payment online and clerk to pay electronically.

Parish Salary Recharge October 24 to March 2025 £1905-27

Cllr. Brice proposed to pay invoice. Cllr. Pengilley seconded it. Both signed schedule.

Actions taken: Cllrs. Brice and Pengilley to authorise payment online and clerk to pay electronically.

25.37 PROW Monthly Report - None

25.38 Planning

1/020204/2025/FUL Agricultural building at Grid Reference 255977

123750 Yarnscombe, Demolition of existing stables and sheds and erection of replacement shed for agricultural purposes – Comments forwarded to planning department

25.39 Additional Planning

Part retrospective application for the change of use of agricultural barn to dwelling(self build)

Building At Gibbings Down Yarnscombe Barnstaple Devon EX31 3LJ,

Ref,1/0270/2025/FUL – Councillors had no comments to make.

25.40 Accounts

Annual Governance and Accounting Statement 24/25

Clerk read out Governance Statement, councillors agreed.

Actions taken: Clerk and chair signed Governance Statement, clerk to present to internal auditor.

Annual Accounting Statement had been filled in by clerk.

Actions taken: Clerk and chair signed Accounting Statement, clerk to present to internal auditor.

Signing of Exemption Certificate as required by external auditor

Actions taken: Clerk and chair signed exemption certificate.

DALC renewal of subscription £136-84 see 25.36

Parish Salary Recharge October 24 to March 2025 £1905-27 see 25.36

Bank reconciliation January 25 to March 25

Reconciliation had been carried out and countersigned by chair in cash book.

Meeting ended 20.10 pm