

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

Held at 4, Higher Coombe Cottage at 7.30pm on Tuesday 31st July 2012.

1. **APOLOGIES.** *Were received from Suzanne Sparrow and Alan Lomax.*
2. **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING** *dated 15th March 30th May 2012 were approved with two minor corrections.*
3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**
 - **Parish Magazine.** *It was agreed that the committee would submit editorial on significant matters to the magazine team for consideration as appropriate in order to keep more members of the community informed of actions of the RYDA. Eric Rodmell would co-ordinate this when submitting updates for the Village Directory*
 - **Environmental issues.** *A position statement would be produced by Chris Bradley for the Parish Council meeting regarding water quality in the Yealm Estuary for consideration at the open meeting at 7.30 pm on the 30th August 2012; members would be prompted to attend. Chris Bradley would inform the Rivers Trust of the problem through a contact made at the AGM. Chris Bradley would co-ordinate with the C.P. R.E regarding this matter.*
 - **Neighbourhood Plan** *There was a substantial discussion about the importance of the production of a Neighbourhood Plan and disappointment that the Parish Council does not intend to take it forward at this stage. It was agreed that development will happen and that local people should be in a position to direct it not be lead by it. It was also noted that the legislation identified that South Hams had to make funds available towards production of the Plans that could enable the Parish Council to delegate some of the work required for its production. Peter Pritchard would come up with a plan to try to encourage progress.*
4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: -**
 - **New Chairman** – *The committee approved Christopher Lunn to become Acting Chairman as from the next meeting in September, to be ratified at the 2013 AGM, Peter would notify the 160 members signed up for e-mail updates. Chris Bradley will remain on the committee*
 - **Yealm Estuary trail (Y.E.T.)** *Planning consent had been achieved for the cycle route that runs north of the A385. Item now closed.*
5. **SECRETARY'S REPORT.**
 - **Community Website.** *The problem with reading RYDA texts appeared to have been corrected so 2012 minutes could now be uploaded. Secretary to ask if RYDA presence could be given clearer profile on the site including a button on the home page if possible.*
 - **Local Projects.** *Committee to consider appropriate partnership projects.*

6. TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT.

- **Draft welcome information.** *The committee approved Alan Lomax's welcome information for new members introducing the work of the RYDA.*

7. PLANNING REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

- **Planning Discussion Group.** *Up to twenty observations had been received on one planning application but more encouragement was needed to increase feedback from members on planning applications which were more controversial in order for the RYDA to more fully represent views of members. Peter Pritchard to prompt 160 households on e-mail list.*
- **Review of Planning Applications.** *Westerly-objection submitted on this site, Clannicombe View 37/1443/12/F- a very tight site and unusual design careful consideration of the setting would be made before responding, Puslinch Farm 37/1581/12/F –d building owners improving a substantial section: no objection. There had been 24 applications since the last meeting; 2 non-material, 5 discharge of conditions on previous applications. New application 81 Court Rd – Knock down existing garage and put up a new building on the site.*

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. *None*

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. *Wednesday 26th September and 28th November 2012.*

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.30 p.m

**Denise Marchant
Honorary Secretary RYDA**