

RIVER YEALM & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
Registered Charity Number 26292
NOTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE RYDA.

Held at 4 Higher Coombe Cottage at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7th December 2011.

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| 1. | WELCOME AND APOLOGIES. There were no apologies | <u>Action</u> |
| 2. | MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING dated 7 th September 2011 were approved. | |
| 3. | MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES. | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Village Design Statement/Conservation Area. In view of the recent parliamentary approval of the Localism Act and future Status of proposed Neighbourhood Plans the committee was doubtful about the effectiveness of achieving an extension to the existing Conservation Areas .In addition it was considered that finding volunteers to do the work would be unlikely .● Environmental Issues. A policy statement regarding the installation of Photovoltaic Solar Panels cells was approved. This would be put onto the RYDA planning website.● Marine Conservation Zones. The committee had been informed that the Government would not be proceeding with introduction of conservation zones in many places around the country. It was agreed that the committee would support the Parish Council if it wished to object. Secretary would notify Parish Clerk. | All |
| 4 | CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● New Chairman. A number of individuals for a new Chairman had been considered by the committee as no one had come forward from the membership as requested at the AGM. A response was awaited from one individual and a second person would be approached to join the committee.● Yealm Estuary Trail (YET). The committee had agreed ,at its meeting of the 7th Sept, to support the YET however there has been further feedback from Brixton / Yealampton residents that this option is not supported by the locals. CB will research more fully and report back to the next meeting.● Resignation of Honorary Secretary. Having informed the committee in September, the Secretary confirmed her wish to resign after the AGM in 2012. The Secretary agreed to wait until the new Chairman had settled in before departing.● Housing Registry. The committee would look for further instruction from the Parish Council regarding the identification of notable buildings in the Parish and confirmation that this would form part of a Neighbourhood Plan. | All

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| 5 | SECRETARY'S ROUND UP | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Affordable Housing. It was noted that planning consent had been achieved for the Parsonage Road scheme with a possible start in the spring.● Harbour Clean Up. The clean up will be on the 21st April 2012.● A.G.M. This year was agreed as the 4th April 2012 (subject to speaker availability).● The Localism Act. The Act comes into effect on the 1st April 2012 bringing major changes to the planning system. New rights for local communities to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan instigate Neighbourhood Development Orders and exercise community rights to build, buy and challenge are introduced. A new Community Right to Build e.g. housing, shops and community facilities and Right to Buy community assets threatened with closure. The community can apply to run local services which are being privatised or closed. There are also obligations on developers to consult on large development schemes, a community infrastructure levy. Social housing landlords will be | |

able to issue fixed term tenancies and charge market rents. For the full act see <http://bit.ly/tqkfpi>.

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6. TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT.

• **Directory sales and membership update.**

- 58 Directories had been sold since 7/7/2011 raising £290.
- Membership losses and gains had resulted in static number of 345 households out of a total of 900.
- The financial situation is as follows:-

Bank	£1191
Cash	£ 576
Total	£1767

7. PLANNING REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

- **Planning Discussion Group.** So far fifty e-mail addresses have been collated for the discussion group in an attempt to encourage a wider feedback on planning issues. PP
- **Limitation on Extensions/Rebuilds.** It is understood that many Local Authorities impose a limit on the size of extensions/rebuilds. The committee has been trying to find examples of where restrictions have been successfully introduced, PP
- **Review of Planning Applications.** 29 Court Rd Approx six people had originally objected to the proposed extension. The scheme on the land to the east of Courtside had been refused due to damage to the A.O.N.B. Crispins has been resubmitted with amendments. A planning application has been submitted for an additional 45 static homes at Briar Hill Farm. It is understood the site has a licence for 30 homes at present; this would have to be increased as well as planning consent achieved before any installation could take place. There is also a proposal for a new house and office for a manager on the site which is outside the development boundary for Newton Ferrers. The proposal will most affect the properties in Court Rd. The proposal for the restoration of the Tea House and use for holiday letting, which was supported by the R.Y.D.A, has been withdrawn.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. A donation had been made for the Remembrance Day wreath of £25.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Unless there is an issue that would call for an emergency meeting, the next meeting would be on Thursday 26th January 2012.

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

Denise Marchant
Honorary Secretary RYDA