

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

Held at Courthouse, Court Rd, Newton Ferrers at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7th September 2011. Present: Chris Bradley (Acting Chairman), Peter Pritchard (Acting Secretary ) Alan Lomax, Eric Rodwell, Susanne Sparrow, Kate Wood.

**Action**

1. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES.** Apologies were received from Denise Marchant.

2. **AGENDA.** The agenda, as previously published, was agreed.

3. **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING** dated 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011 were approved with the inclusion of one amendment:-

At paragraph 4 under 'Honorarium' delete £150 and inset £120.

Hon Sec

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

- **Village Design Statement/Conservation Area.** It was agreed to make a further effort to restart work on the extension of the two Conservation Areas to include Bridgend. Members undertook to examine the documentation required to underwrite a case. Examples of the required Appraisal and Management Plan may be found at [www.southhams.gov.uk/index/residents\\_index/ksp\\_development\\_and\\_planning/devcontrol/pln\\_conservation/conservarea\\_appraisals/constrv-newtonferrers.htm](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/index/residents_index/ksp_development_and_planning/devcontrol/pln_conservation/conservarea_appraisals/constrv-newtonferrers.htm) and [www.southhams.gov.uk/index/residents\\_index/ksp\\_development\\_and\\_planning/devcontrol/pln\\_conservation/conservarea\\_appraisals/constrv-nossmayo.htm](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/index/residents_index/ksp_development_and_planning/devcontrol/pln_conservation/conservarea_appraisals/constrv-nossmayo.htm)

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It was agreed that the work might be undertaken by a working group and members undertook to seek out volunteers for the following tasks: Group leader, historian, architect, photographer.

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5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

- **New Chairman.** The committee discussed this at some length and several suggested names were put forward CB undertook to negotiate further and report his recommendation to the Committee.
- **Parish Council Membership.** It was noted that NNPC were due to select an additional 4 members (from 8 candidates) at their meeting on 8 Sep 11. AL will attend and report back.
- **Potential Transfer of Land Assets to the Community.** It was recognised that there would be both a net cost to residents and a need to find volunteers to manage the assets. Members unanimously supported a move to acquire all the assets offered as a way of gaining a measure of control over them within the community. All RYDA members are encouraged to attend the public meeting on 22 Sep (Noss Village Hall) and to support the proposal. (More details in Parish Mag: Sep edition, page 15)
- **Brixton –Yealmpton Path.** PP briefed the Committee on this 6 year project (Yealm Estuary Trail – YET). The proposal is to build a pedestrian/cycle way from Laira Bridge to Yealmpton along the old rail bed, including rebuilding Cylinder Bridge. It is being sponsored by Sustrans (a national charity) and the Combined Plymouth Cycle Clubs. It will link Yealmpton with the Plym Trail and thus provide a recreational route all the way to Dartmoor. An alternative to just link Brixton and Yealmpton with a path along the north side of the A479 has been promoted by the land owner and narrowly supported by a vote taken in the two Parishes. Whilst the YET would be likely to attract significantly more people than the existing shorter, more restricted path it was reported that the existing path is becoming very overgrown. The YET would give access to the general public, rather than a privileged few. The Committee agreed by a majority to support the YET.

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- **Environmental Issues.** It was agreed that in future a more coherent approach would be taken by the Committee and Environmental Issues would always appear as an agenda item. The following were discussed
  - **Lee Mill Incinerator.** The Committee noted that whilst a decision had been made by SHDC against agreement, Virador had asked for a delay in order to present more data. Vigilance was required and members agreed to take a more active part in any future debate, should the project fail to be cancelled in its entirety.
  - **PV Solar Panels.** It was agreed that the RYDA should formulate and publish a policy statement on the installation of panels on buildings. PP would produce a first draft for discussion and agreement.
  - **Overhead Cables.** It was noted that the cables in the Noss Conservation Area had never been buried (unlike Newton). After discussion, it was agreed that in the current economic climate and with upcoming major spending programmes looming (eg nuclear power station replacement) it was quite unrealistic to embark on any campaign at this juncture. NFA.

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**6. TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT.**

- **Directory sales and membership update.**
  - Approximately 28 Directories had been sold by AL and village outlets. PP would return remainder plus cash to AL.
  - Membership losses (mainly through deaths) and gains (through recruiting) had resulted in static membership numbers of 350.
  - The financial state is as follows:-

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Bank	£688
CAF	£690
Cash	£32
Total	£1410

**7. PLANNING REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.**

- **Letter to Department for Communities and Local Govt.** Members agreed that the initiative had been concluded successfully and the item was closed. NFA.
- **Planning Discussion Group.** PP reported that take-up had been disappointing since initial launch. As a result of feedback it was identified that the problem might be a reluctance to visit the RYDA Discussion website and a wish had been expressed from the wider community that information be promulgated directly by e-mail to members. Following the example already set by the YYC, members would be invited to join a mailing list. PP would act as focus and Committee members agreed to assist in compiling the list. The service would be publicised through such outlets as the Parish Magazine.
- **Housing Registry.** It was understood that NNPC were keen to have RYDA compile a list of notable buildings within the Parish. Interest was expressed in undertaking this task and CB agreed to take the lead. Chairman NNPC would be approached to discuss further the purpose and the criteria for inclusion that would pertain.
- **Limitation on Extensions/Rebuilds.** It is understood that many Local Authorities impose a limit on the size of extensions/rebuilds to assist their staff, buyers, owners and their agents. In view of the size of some recent projects, the Committee expressed an interest in engaging with NNPC and, possibly in conjunction with other parishes in similar positions, lobby SHDC to introduce a similar rule. It was felt that a figure of 30% increase in volume/floor area over the lifetime of the building might be appropriate but it was also felt that the figure should be a target rather than a mandatory requirement. PP agreed to gather further data in order to compile a proposal.
- **Review of Planning Applications.** In spite of opposition from RYDA and NNPC the planning application for Point Bungalow had been agreed. This was the first such occurrence this year and the reason was not clear. PP was attempting to find out.

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Activity had been low since the last meeting (only 16 planning applications). The only letter of objection sent to SHDC concerned 29 Court Road (37/1998/11/F) which involved an extension with a potential floor area increase of 120%. (See item above.)

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** The Hon Sec is to apply to NNPC and the RYHA for financial support for the 2012 harbour clean-up.

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**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** Unless there is an issue that would call for an emergency meeting, the next meeting would be on Wednesday 7th December 2011. KW offered to host that meeting.

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There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10p.m

**Peter Pritchard**  
Acting Secretary RYDA