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

Held at 39 Court Road, Newton Ferrers at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th January 2017

1. **Apologies.** Were received by Peter Pritchard. Lesley Dempsey was welcomed to the meeting.

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the meeting on 23rd November 2016 were approved. No matters arising from previous meeting.

3. **Chairman's Report**

- Committee Recruitment. 2 new members are required; the Chairman plans to contact 1 potential candidate in due course.
- Eastern Hill Wood. There is a requirement to review existing trustees, there are 3 at present, Christopher Lunn & Alan Lomax have volunteered to make up numbers to 5. Meeting on 16th January 2017 to sign lease and formally accept the resignations of Mel Ellis and John Wilson.
- AONB. The meeting on 2nd December 2016 was attended by representatives from AONB, Devon County Council, SHDC, National English Heritage, Newton & Noss Parish Council, RYDA. The query regarding whether the role of the AONB is being fulfilled was unresolved.
  Proposal: Organisations such as RYDA to set up a technical group to review planning applications in order to filter them for AONB.
- Boat Watch. The organisation has been congratulated for achieving its quota of rostered patrols. However there has been a marked increase in outboard theft, with 20 stolen in 2016 (there was 1 stolen in 2015). The netters have been operating on the River Yealm, resulting in close monitoring.

4. **Secretary's Report**

- Scanning RYDA documents. The Committee agreed that this is expensive and unnecessary. Helen Lancina to contact Devon Records office for storage.

5. **Treasurer and Membership Secretary's Report**

- Directory Sales. None sold since last meeting.
- Membership update: steady at 306 members.
- Finance:

Bank/cash	£690
Deposit (CAF)	£985
TOTAL	£1,595

- Accounts: While there is a healthy balance, the accounts are as yet unaudited and may require a reformatting of appearance.
- RYDA photographs: Alan Lomax is now in possession of all of the photographs.

6. **Planning Representative's Report.**

- Briar Hill Farm. PA for workshop/barn to rear of site. Deadline for objection was 19.12.2016 (3 objections). RYDA submitted an objection. As yet unresolved by SHDC.
- Land East of 85 Court Road. Previously protected by South Hams until PA for a dwelling was granted. This was followed by subsequent application for a larger dwelling, after which the site was sold. Current PA for even larger house, with deadline for comments 21.01.2017. As SH has approved permission, RYDA can only legitimately object on grounds of size and lack of screening.

Heavy emphasis on sustainability and inappropriate design for that part of the AONB. (Christopher Lunn to draft the response).

- The Green House. PA for a boathouse. Deadline for comment has passed (29.11.2016) but extension granted until 12.01.17. 5 letters of support, 3 letters of objection, including AONB (see Website). Query regarding Harbour Authority's fulfilment of duty; this had previously been a wooden (non-permanent) quay on stilts. The proposed boathouse has a marked impact on St Peter's and is clearly visible from Bridgend. The Committee has flagged up its effect on the environment, adverse effect on ability to navigate waterway, sustainability and impact on views/foreshore. It should be noted that The Maritime Management Organisation was not consulted at time of PA. Chairman to action by 12.01.17.
- Whitegates. PA for 3 houses refused. Subsequent PA for 2 houses, Plot 1 with a larger unit on Plot 2. Deadline for comment 27. 01. 2017. Application is within the development boundary and belongs to a family who reside in the village. RYDA take a neutral stance, but are not against the application as the design is sympathetic and in keeping with the architectural style of that area.
- Collaton. No further news. Potential contamination issue (asbestos) may prove to be cost-prohibitive to developers. Bids were due by late December. The footpath is not exclusively for residents, contrary to the signpost, as the right of access had been granted to the Public. Lesley Dempsey to action (contact Parish Council).
- Yealm Hotel. Nothing to report.
- The Fairway. To be heard before Planning Committee on 18.01.2017 with a recommendation for approval, despite overwhelming local objection. Alison Ansell (Parish Council) to speak against the application, RYDA to provide input, Christopher Lunn to action. (Afternote: Richard Hudson of The Fairway will speak on behalf of objectors.)
- Parsonage Farm. Nothing to report. Remains unresolved, although the Website states a recommendation has been made, without expanding on this comment. RYDA remains silent, 5 letters of support, 3 objections. No comment from the Highways Authority.
- Barnicott. No determination of the Appeal.
- International Paints. Nothing to report.
- Land at Thorndean. The Committee remains alert to the fact that this is a 1 acre site, with potential for 2 properties, rather than the 1 PA.

7. N3P Update.

- Peter Pritchard is now involved in the Infrastructure Working Group. Query regarding the capacity of water/sewage treatment plant. The Environment Agency has passed the issue back to SW Water for monitoring purposes and they can prosecute in cases of non-compliance. Sufficient water, but developer to pay for extra piping. Deadline for N3P is the end of June 2017.
- Second Homes. The Head of the Housing Working Group (Sarah Taylor) circulated a paper focusing on percentage of 2nd homes. Whilst this establishes the facts, it does not address any issues and requires a timescale of 1-2 years to provide insight. Once written, it will go before a planning inspector and then to referendum (requires a majority of 1). Peter Pritchard has written a paper focusing on the developing village boundary.

7a. RYDA Website.

- Reached the limit of its £20 subscription entitling the RYDA to 5 pages on the website, which is insufficient. A charge of £4 per month provides unlimited pages, giving potential to build a webpage for organisations without their own website. Suggest donations rather than a flat fee. Scouts, Cubs and Brownies no fee.
- Facebook Page. Not expected to add business, focus on organisations that will benefit the community and its charities, for example, dementia-friendly organisations and lunch clubs. May need subsidising. Yealmpton and Brixton Caring in the Community leaflet could have a link to their own website.

- The Committee discussed the possibility of a link to the Parish Magazine. Katie Guy to action.
- Information needed to populate the background of the RYDA.
- Peter Pritchard to provide information about the planning process.
- Potential for links to local businesses, tiles on front page.
- Welcome Pack tile, button on RYDA page introducing Committee.
- The Committee unanimously agreed to fund unlimited pages for the Website (Total annual cost of c£70).

8. AGM

- 11.04.2017 at W.I. Community Hall. Alan Lomax has paid the £20 deposit. Katie Guy unable to attend.
- Booking sheet to Annette with Alan's contact details for payment after the AGM.
- Wine and nibbles.
- Speaker, suggest that members of N3P give a 10 minute update. 5 minute talk, 5 minute questions.
- Bob Styring and Andrew Beveridge generate support for Harbour Clean Up on 13th May 2017.
- Omitted last year to vote for Committee, need to propose the Committee in time for the papers to be produced for the Stuffing Meeting. Yew Tree Cottage 7.03.2017 @ 19.30hrs.

9. Any Other Business.

- Katie Guy has kindly offered to support the Committee 'long distance' from Portsmouth when she leaves the village in March 2017 for an indeterminate time.

10. Dates for Next Meetings.

- Tuesday 7th March 2017 (Stuffing Meeting) Yew Tree Cottage.
- Tuesday 11th April 2017 (AGM) W.I. Hall.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9.30 pm.

Helen Lancina
Hon Secretary RYDA