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

Held at 55 Noss Mayo 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th July 2016.

1. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES** Helen Lancina and Lesley Dempsey were welcomed to the meeting. Helen is to take over from Denise Marchant who has been Hon Secretary for the last 6 years and Lesley is the new Webmaster for the RYDA website. Eric Rodmell sent his apologies and confirmed his resignation from the committee following a discussion with the Chairman. The Chairman noted Eric's significant contribution over many years

2. **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING** The Minutes of the AGM dated 19th April and committee 31st May 2016 were approved and accepted.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** None

4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**:

- Neighbourhood Plan. Sarah Taylor has taken on 'Housing' with Denise Marchant, Caroline Adams and Olivia Wilson. Christopher Lunn has been chairing the Steering Group but Alison Ansell has now taken over. The Secretary's post is still vacant. The Health team has also been recruited. Liaison meetings have taken place with Duncan Macpherson and Peter Brown (Environment).
  Housing needs survey: 40% of the forms were returned which is a good representation for this type of survey and it has been signed off by the Parish Council. South Hams will take it into consideration when looking at planning issues. Feedback meetings to Parishioners will take place at the WI Hall on the 23rd July and in Noss Village Hall on the 24th .The outcomes or results can be sent by email on request.

  Twenty Five families were identified as in formal housing need 21 (from questionnaire returns) and 4 more who were on Devon Home Choice Housing Register. This may not necessarily be a true reflection of housing need as not all applied to be on the register (stigma associated with housing list?) Therefore the need might be greater than this. When the Parsonage Road development is completed SHDC would be asked to confirm how many people had applied for the homes, what housing need band they fell in to and whether they were local applications.

  80 Households wished to move in the next 5 years. Elder persons (identified as 55+) 43 households want to move in the next 5 years and 60 households in the 5years subsequent to that. The majority want to downsize and want properties with improved access or to save heating bills and general costs. Therefore there is a clear demand for small properties.
  One question in the questionnaire identified local housing needs as an issue; 84% said they would support a small development for local people.
  The Committee agreed to give £1500 to the Parish Council towards the Neighbourhood Plan of which £1085 would be for the Housing Needs Survey this would be matched by the Revelstoke Trust and Parish Council. The Neighbourhood Plan Group had asked the 3 organisations if the balance of £485 each could go into the pot for the next piece of research. Both the Parish Council and Revelstoke Trust had agreed this would give £1400 working capital towards the production of the Plan

  The Neighbourhood Plan Group can bid for £9000 over the next 20 months to April 2018. N Plan teams need to say what the money is for and produce a budget (need to prioritise) but it normally has to be spent within 6 months of receipt or by the end of the financial year. RYDA money is more flexible in terms of when it is spent.
  Joint Local Plan – South Hams, Plymouth and West Devon are writing a Joint Plan for all 3 areas. There is public consultation about proposed housing numbers until the 12th august 2016.

The Plan covers the period 2014 – 2034 –there is no allocated site in this area but we are 1 of 52 villages expected to make a contribution of 700 houses in the South Hams.
It was thought that Parsonage Road, if approved, and Collaton might count towards the total.

- Eastern Hill Wood. Robin Geldard is liaising with the executors solicitors about the transfer of ownership and management of the wood

5. SECRETARY/ GENERAL REPORT.

- Revelstoke photos. The photos had been located with the RYDA records.
- Closing a Charity. The Secretary gave a short report on the closing or transfer of a Charity should there not be sufficient volunteers to form a Committee in future years. In summary: The Charity Commission has to be informed, a Charity Closure Form submitted and the organisation removed from Companies House Register. Debts and liabilities have to be cleared and remaining assets can be used for the purpose of the Charity or transferred to a suitable organisation following a meeting of the membership. Finally, books and records have to be kept for 3 years for a company or 6 years for an unincorporated association.

6. TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT.

- Directory Sales. There had been no sales this month.
- Finance. At the end of June there was £1848 held in the bank and in cash,£2408 on deposit giving a total of £4256.A cheque for £1500 was issued to the Parish Council towards the cost of the Housing Survey for the Neighbourhood Plan. A small amount of the N3P money (approx £240) would be transferred to the Parish Council. This would give approx £2400 of funds remaining; of this it was agreed that £1500 could be distributed to local good causes.
- Membership Update. Two new households had joined giving a total of 306 members.

7. PLANNING REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

- Collaton. No further news
- Parsonage Farm. No observations from the RYDA regarding the planning application. The committee was keen to identify what the S106 funds would be spent on in connection with this site.
- Whitegates, Newton Ferrers. The planning application was refused.
- Yealm Hotel. The committee noted that the property was up for sale and would take an interest in any forthcoming planning application. This item to be reported in the next newsletter.

8. RYDA Funding Grants There had been three bids for RYDA funds from the Post Office, Butts Park play area and the History Book. After some discussion and an assessment based on which scheme would benefit the most people and what other funding sources schemes might have access to the Committee decided to donate £1500 to the Post Office/ Community Store. The Chairman would notify the co-ordinators of the other schemes.

9. The Committee. This item regarding the need for new members of the Committee is to be carried forward to the next meeting.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. Lesley Dempster gave a demonstration of the proposed RYDA website. The domain name of ww.ryda.org.uk has been registered and will cost £2 per.annum .The Website will be amended by Lesley and will be linked to Facebook and Webspace. The site will be available for many local groups to use and when 12 of them are populated the site will be launched. There will be a 'Contact Us' button.
The secretary would forward some ideas for a logo to the Chairman for the Committee at its next meeting. The remainder of the committee would consider what other information might be included on the site.
There being no other business the meeting closed at 10pm.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS. 4th October 2016, 10th Jan 2017, March 2017, 22nd November, AGM April 2017 (W. I. Hall

Denise Marchant
Hon Secretary