# RIVER YEALM & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

**Registered Charity No 262929.**

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING**
**Held at Madge Point, Court Wood, NF, PL8 1BW**
**WEDNESDAY 19th November 2025 at 7pm.**

**Present:** Drew Stevens (DS) , Alan Lomax (AL), Lesley Dempsey(LD) Graham Edwards(GE), Peter Hall(PH), Robin Forrester(RF), Gary Fairclough(GF
*Apologies: ) Peggy Robinson(PR), Chris Bradley(CB*

The meeting was chaired by Alan Lomax

1. **Welcome and Apologies**.

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** held 2 September 2025 approved.

3. **Treasurer's Report.** Bank balance £11,247. Deposit Account £9,685. Current Account £1,562, of which £1,367 in the Court Woodland account. It was agreed to pay Dick Page £30 for consumables for his work in Court Wood and transfer £1,000 from the Deposit to Current Account .£480 has been donated towards joint funding of two benches in Noss. Membership 306. No Directories sold.

4. **Planning Report.** Review and discussion of current planning applications.
There will be 3 days of Newton and Noss Neighbourhood Plan reviews 22/11 WI Hall Newton Ferrers and 22/11 and 23/11 Village Hall Noss Mayo. The right to Permitted Development was discussed and there is an amendment to this contained within the Plan. Planning amendment rejected for Bishops Court to remove some of the residency criteria.
Discussion was held into the practicality of engaging a Planning Consultant when dealing with some Planning Applications.

5. **International Paints – Akzo Nobel** DS tabled a report from Steve Hawkins regarding what independent surveys have been carried out so far regarding the remediation work and the extent and cost of further surveys which need to be carried out. Funding for these is to be investigated from community sources.
Excavation work started 17/11/25

6. **Parking and Roads.** The next meeting with Committee will be 24/11/25 so nothing to report

7. **Woodland Reports** Working parties for Brookings Down and Eastern Hill Wood have started with stimming around trees and footpath. Bird boxes annual survey planned for 22nd November. Court Woodland meeting 15/16th November for path works. Bird boxes under review. **Volunteers are urgently needed for Court Woodland**.

8. **Correspondence.** Email from John Lytle re. the proposed development in Parsonage Rd. Email from Graham Edwards regarding the development of Northshore. Email from Christopher Bancroft re. a commemorative bench for Nigel and Pat Green in Court

Woodland. Correspondence with the Peter Hinchcliffe regarding the Collaton Working Group.

9. **Newsletter and Website**. A revised format is proposed for the New Year

10. **Housekeeping**. Welcome Packs have been distributed to each of the 2 Estate Agents in NF.

11. **Benches:** The RYDA has paid £480 to joint fund two benches on Noss Green.One is a replacement for an old bench that was originally joint funded by the RYDA and the Revelstoke Trust. The second one will be joint funded by the RYDA and the Tennis Club. This is a further use of the John Allen legacy and we are sure that he would approve of this addition to our village amenities.

12. **Any Other Business**. Stuart Riddle from Life on the Edge (part of National Landscapes) has been put forward as a speaker at the AGM. LD to contact.The closure of the Cinder Path was discussed along with a possible temporary solution to enable it's reopening. PH to discuss with PCC

Meeting closed at 2130hrs

Date of next meetings -

20th January 2026- Irlwyn
24th March 2026 Barnicroft
AGM 14th April 2026 Noss Village Hall