RIVER YEALM & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No 262929.

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE RYDA
Held at 39 Court Road, Newton Ferrers at 7.30pm Tuesday 23rd November 2016

1. **Apologies**. Were received from Helen Lancina, John Tighe and Peter Pritchard. Katie Guy was also welcomed as a co-opted Committee member.

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**. The Minutes of the meeting on 4th October 2016 were approved. Matters arising were:

- Eastern Hill Wood. The legal documentation is being chased by Robin Geldard. Nothing substantive to report yet.
- WI Hall Management Committee. Under the chairmanship of Val Venning, the majority of the business is being conducted by email. The Committee will only meet if there is anything substantial to discuss. This has happened just once in the last 5 months. Because of this less demanding commitment, Christopher Lunn will remain as the RYDA representative for the time being.
- Community Shop/Post Office. The offer to use the RYDA email list to distribute a questionnaire regarding future stocking has not been taken up.

3. **Chairman's Report**.

- N3P. Continues to move at some pace, with the aim of having a finalised plan ready to submit to SHDC by end June 2017. SHDC will then organise the Examination and Referendum. The majority of the Working Groups are beavering away on their contributions to the Plan. Infrastructure and River/Harbour are making less progress. Fleur Holt (Fisher) has taken on the coord role with Peter Pritchard in support and so the project is now being far better coordinated than previously.
- AONB. The Chairman briefed on an on-going debate between the AONB Partnership Committee/Unit and the amenity groups which are similar to the RYDA and have an interest in the South Devon AONB. The amenity groups are far from convinced that the AONB Committee and Unit are fulfilling their remit to do what they can to conserve and preserve the AONB. Matters are likely to come to a head at the next Partnership Committee on 2nd December at which the amenity groups will make recommendations how matters can be improved.

4. **Secretary's Report.** Nothing to report.

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

Directories. None sold since last meeting.

Membership Update. Membership has risen slightly and sits at 306.

Finance:

Bank/cash	£699
Deposit (CAF)	£904
TOTAL	£1,603

Welcome Packs. Both estate agents have been restocked

6. **Planning**. In the absence of the Planning rep, this item was not as extensive as usual:

- Collaton. Site now for sale with bids due by 16 Dec 16.
- Cam Cottage. Minor extension approved.
- Yealm Hotel. Site purchased by Red Earth. No news yet of what might be being planned.
- International Paints. Nothing to report.
- Land Opp Thorndean. PA granted on appeal. Site now for sale.
- The Fairway. PA still not determined.
- Barnicott. One PA still at appeal and the second still not yet determined.
- Kegwell Farm. PA refused.
- Parsonage Farm. PA still not determined.
- 97D Court Road, 'The Cottage'. The large site of the former 'Sheilings' has been subject to a number of successful and unsuccessful PAs. Part of the site known as 'The Cottage' was granted planning approval in March 2015. The applicant has now submitted a new application for a different style of house on a significantly different footprint. The Committee decided to object to this new application on grounds of overlooking and inappropriate design for that part of the AONB.

7. **RYDA Website.** Nothing to discuss.

8. **Committee Membership**. A number of potential new Committee members were discussed and will be followed up.

9. **Any Other Business.**

- Notice Board. The tatty RYDA notice board that used to be at the Court Road entrance to Holy Cross churchyard and was removed a couple of years ago has been subjected to the restorative skills of Chris Bradley and now resides at the tennis courts.
- Lunch. The Committee will lunch out Denise Marchant on 12th December.
- AGM Papers. It was agreed that, similar to this year, AGM papers would be sent out electronically to those with email addresses. Those who do not will receive hard copies as usual.

10. **Date of Next Meetings:**

Tuesday 10th January 2017
Tuesday 7th or Tuesday 14th March 2017 (stuffing meeting)
April 2017 (AGM)

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9.40 pm.

Christopher Lunn

Christopher Lunn, Chairman RYDA