RIVER YEALM & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No 262929.

COMMITTEE MEETING
7.00PM TUESDAY 27th JANUARY 2026

held at Irlwyn, Lower Court Road, NF

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

The meeting was chaired by Alan Lomax

1. **Welcome and Apologies**.

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** held 19 November 2025 approved.

3. **Treasurer's Report.** Bank balance £10,250. Deposit Account £8,685. Current Account £1,565, of which £1,337 in the Court Woodland account. Membership 290. Arrears letters pending. 7 Directories sold. Year End accounts draft completed and discussed. AL to submit. AL to forward Public Liability policy to RF. AL to follow up Allen Quay maintenance query.

4. **Planning Report**. Review and discussion of current planning applications.
Letter of support for Old Teahouse restoration, Letter of objection re proposed house 5 Yealm Road. Old Westerly has been rejected on appeal. Discussion re quay by Doctor's Steps. RF to look at planning. Collaton – noted there is an application for environmental impact assessment for 170 houses. The planning applicaiton is currently for 125 houses. Consultation - DS will write to Collaton developers as it was initially agreed RYDA would be represented as a voice for its members.

5. **International Paints – Akzo Nobel.** Excavation work started 17/11/25. No support forthcoming for independent monitoring. DS to reply to NNPC. RYDA feel they have a duty of care for the future of the River. Appeal to go out in newsletter/mailshot.

6. **Parking, Roads & Footpaths.** Peter Hall has resigned from Roads Committee. Graham Edwards will represent RYDA. Grateful thanks from all to PH for his support and input over the past 6 years. RYDA to attend South Devon National Landscape talk at Wembury (DS & PH).
DS to approach Rebecca Smith on behalf of RYDA re cinder footpath proposed repair. NNPC to be kept in the loop.

7. **Woodland Reports** Brookings Down bird survey resulted in 60% occupancy. Court Woodland some path repair done. Bird boxes under review. Appeal for more Volunteers for Court Woodland. Newton Wood is a Woodland Trust wood and is being treated as a restoration project for rejeuvenation of the Wood.

8. **Correspondence.** Tony Hawkins update on survey and costs for montoring Akzo Nobel work. Letter from NNPC re funding. Letter from NNPC re change of representation on Roads Committee. Letters regarding sewerage issues. Letter from Julie Borek re

Mieczyslaw Borek and Eastern Hill Woods. Letter from John Stacy re woodland restoration. Invitation from NNPC to attand Annual Parish Meeting 7th March. GL to represent RYDA.

9. **Newsletter and Website**. New format looks good. LD reported well up together. Full story re Mieczylaw Borek and Eastern Hill Woods. LD to do article to appeal for new members. Article re Dolphin planning pros and cons, balanced view. Also reach out to members and non-members for support for monitoring Akzo Nobel work at International Paints.

10. **Housekeeping**. Village Directories will be updated and re-issued for 2027. DS to circulate timeline to Committee. More detailled preparation needed as many landlines will be discontinued due to EE changes, so many more individual updates than usual.

11. **Any Other Business**. Stuart Riddle from Life on the Edge (part of National Landscapes) confirmed as a speaker at the AGM.

Meeting closed at 2115hrs

Date of next meetings -

24th March 2026 7pm Barnicroft
AGM 14th April 2026 Noss Village Hall