RIVER YEALM & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No 262929.

COMMITTEE MEETING
7.00PM TUESDAY 24th MARCH 2026

held at Barnicott, NF

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

Apologies: Lesley Dempsey(LD)

The meeting was chaired by Alan Lomax

1. **Welcome and Apologies**.

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** held 27 January 2026 approved.

3. **Treasurer's Report.** Bank balance £11,286 Deposit Account £ 8,685 Current Account ££2,601, of which £1,337 in the Court Woodland account. Membership 290 households. Directories sold nil. Accounts have been inspected by Chris Lock who very kindly stepped in for Hedley Hunter and she has agreed to inspect them again next year. We were requested by Pic Rights to pay £209.50 for copyright infringements on our website but after sending a mitigating letter the bill was reduced to £126 Subscription arrears letters for those paying by standing order will be sent out soon.

4. **Planning Report**. Review and discussion of current planning applications.
Local Councils have not met the supply of deliverable housing sites, so applications are currently being considered under the "tilted balance" in favour of sustainable development. This applies to Collaton and Highfield submissions in NF. Collaton developer has offered to take RYDA representative around the site to bring information up to date. RF will action and report back.
Riverside Road East approved by MMO. AL to submit form re steps to quay at Venta.
Many recent applications outstanding as under consideration.

5. **International Paints – Akzo Nobel** Appeal for support with funding re independent monitoring issued in newsletter/mailshot. Submissions to various bodies for support with positive responses in the main. £3,600 raised so far. Reassurance that any donations will be returned if monitoring doesn't go ahead. Akzo Nobel doing another survey in 12 months. N&N Energy require more information on testing.

6. **Parking, Roads & Footpaths.** Graham Edwards now representing RYDA. Reported on February meeting. Decision from last meeting for DS to approach Rebecca Smith on behalf of RYDA to expedite procedure for cinder footpath proposed repair. This put in hold as further input promised from DCC to investigate further, and also await DCC results from independent survey carried out late February.
20mph zone limits NF discussed. Community speed watch moving forward. Traffic issues at school and the Green remain.

7. **Woodland Reports** Newton Wood is a Woodland Trust wood and is being treated as a restoration project for rejuvenation of the Wood. Some trees ring barked. Of 22 total, only 4 were used, 4 are broken. Expected result as they are new.

8. Brookings Down & Eastern just maintenance. Paths well used and open. Copious bluebells this year. Birdboxes checked. 60% occupancy mostly blue tits.
9. **Correspondence.** Letter re Cinder Path progress. Resolve UK copyright issue (resolved), Parish Council Annual Meeting – GF represented RYDA. N&N Environmental Group. DS attended. Correspondence re Riverside Road East planning. Correspondence re Collaton planning. Invite from University of Plymouth re grant funding.

10. **Newsletter and Website**. LD report re issue with emails bouncing (mainly due to individuals' increased computer security). Decision for RYDA to subscribe to App that will alleviate this problem. AL to liaise LD. LD to put Harbour Clean up dates and info in Newsletter. 18Apr26.

11. **Housekeeping**.
AGM – TUESDAY 14th APRIL 2026 Noss Village Hall
Speaker Stuart Riddle from Life on the Edge (part of National Landscapes) confirmed. Requires HDMI plug. (AL). DS to organise drinks etcs. LD to distribute AGM documents to members.

12. **Any Other Business**.
Harbour Clean Up – 18th April 2026
AB unable to participate this year. Discussion on groups and organisation. Also rubbish collection (Nigel) and people ferrying for clean up (YCET water taxi).
Allen Quay – wall above has been damaged. GF to take photos and report.

Meeting closed at 2055hrs

Date of next meetings -

AGM Tuesday 14th April 2026 Noss Village Hall
Speaker Stuart Riddle from Life on the Edge

Tuesday 21st July 2026. AL, Noss.