**RIVER YEALM & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

Registered Charity No 262929.

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**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Held on Zoom at 4pm Tuesday 17th November 2020**

1. **Welcome and Apologies**. Apologies received from Suzanne Sparrow and Lesley Dempsey.

Co-opted member Peter Faulkner was in attendance.

2**. NN Village Survey.** Parish Councillor Kevin Thomas gave a presentation on the results of the survey, details of which will be published shortly on the Parish Council website. There was an excellent response to the questionnaire from residents and it must have involved a lot of hard work collating all of the responses. The Chairman will contact NNPC to express our thanks for the presentation on behalf of the RYDA and offer to circulate the findings to our members.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**. Minutes of 8th September 2020 approved.

4. **Matters Arising**. Nil.

5. **Chairman’s Report**.

* Alan Lomax will continue as Chairman until the April AGM and a replacement Chairman will be sought for April to September 2021 .
* Noss Village Hall has appealed for £28,000 to fund serious structural building work and so far has received approx £21,000 in donations. The RYDA Committee has agreed to donate £200.
* Covid has still prevented any significant work in the our three woodlands but 25 Hornbeams have recently been planted in Brookings Down Wood. .
* Seagrass or Eel grass. In November’s Newsletter we included an article by LIFE reMEDIES on Seagrass and in the interest of balance we will include an article by a Parishioner in our next newsletter. We as a Committee are acutely aware that these articles are included for information only and do not necessarily reflect the collective views of the RYDA.

6. **Treasurer and Membership Secretary’s Report.**

* Membership is 310 households.
* 11 Village Directories sold since March making a total of 126 raising £630.
* We have had to fill out a questionnaire from HSBC as a part of their “Safeguard” project to eliminate bank fraud and money laundering.
* Bank £4678 of which:
  + £1,718 main account
  + £2,955 Court Woodland

7. **Planning**. RF’s speaking notes are attached. It was agreed that RF would comment on the Construction Management Plan for Venta, 71 Yealm Road, and to express the need to avoid disruption during construction, DS offered to assist.

8**. Newsletters and Website**. LD reported that the RYDA’s presence on Facebook was growing from 15 initially to around 120 and includes a brief summary of our aims as an Association and a link to enable people to join the RYDA if they wish to do so. A start has been made on the next newsletter. AL and PF will ask LD to make several updates to our website.

9. **Any Other Business.**

* CB raised the question of the RYDA contributing towards the considerable cost of the proposed railings at Noss Voss Steps to Creekside. It was agreed that £200 should be allocated.
* DS raised the issue of beach litter at Mothecombe and has agreed to write an article encouraging people to take steps to eradicate this problem.

10. **Dates of Next Meetings**.

Tue 12th Jan 21(probably another Zoom)

Tue 16th Mar 21 (stuffing)

Tue 20th Apr 21 (AGM)

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.05pm



Alan Lomax Acting Chairman

**RYDA – Planning Report – Committee Meeting 17th November 2020**

An application for a conservatory and balcony with steps to garden level on a prominent position in Noss Mayo at the rear of **Yonder Coombe**, Hillhead. The Application reference is [3338/20/HHO](http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/203338).

Viewed from the rear this house appears as a prominent three-storey property, the proposed conservatory and balcony will be situated on the mid storey with galvanised steel steps descending to the garden. Visually the balcony will offer relief to the existing plain structure. However, it is close to the Part II listed Village Hall and may be considered to overlook the Hall and properties on Foundry Lane.



The Appeal, for a new dwelling on **land south of Lochalsh,** Lower Court Road, has been dismissed.

The Inspector stated that “the proposed development would not be in an appropriate location and would harm the character and appearance of the surrounding area, the South Devon AONB and undeveloped coast. I therefore find that it fails to accord with NNNP Policies N3P-1 and N3P-9”.

**VENTA** - 71 Yealm Road [3612/20/FUL](http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/203612) This is an application for demolition of existing house and rebuild at an imposing location next to Doctors Steps.

A tree in front of a house

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A strong south elevation maintains the prominent double gable of the existing building whilst maintaining the existing southern building line. The new building will extend to the north and connect with a new road level entrance and garage. This is a significant demolition and rebuild project, so Yealm Road residents will continue to suffer disruption to their lives. The Construction Management Plan trots out the usual platitudes, including *“Only plant in use will be stored on Yealm road for a matter of days, diggers will be used for earth removal then removed as quickly as possible. Site operatives will also car share to minimise number of vehicles and impact on parking arrangements to Yealm Rd”* .

**Poppy Cottage** – Extension and alterations. After 16 months of deliberations, during which the design was modified incorporating some of RYDA ‘s suggestions, the application has been approved. A decision on the additional, twin residence is awaited.

**Taffarel**, Riverside Road West - minor external alterations to entrance steps, enlarged terrace, extension to the kitchennd incorporating a Hip roof, alteration of three windows, rear dormer, and internal layout of living area. For once, when the CMP says that “the site has more than adequate space to accommodate skips, materials and equipment - - - - - and contractors vehicles”, we can but agree, though access along Riverside Road West may be problematic.

**Orchard Brook**, 21 Yealm Road – In a secluded location just above the Brook, consisting of numerous alterations including new rear and link extension, dormers, and new remote garage to replace existing barn.

Shown below is the remote garage and store, which is situated about 20 metres from the house, and includes provision suitable for accommodation including a bathroom in the first-floor attic. There is, however, an extant approval for a new dwelling in the location of the Remote Garage. Although no Construction Management Plan is provided, again, there is ample room on site to contain the equipment, materials and vehicles required for construction.

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