

YARLINGTON ANNUAL REPORT

Planning

One planning application has been presented to the PC since I joined in January 2000. The application was presented in August 2020 for internal alterations on Stable Cottage which is situated in the courtyard of Yarlington House. The PC approved the application.

Highways

There are two remaining problems in the Yarlington parish. They are, Potholes in Pound Lane which is an ongoing issue and Fly tipping in Corkscrew Lane.

The Church

Since the Lockdown in March due to the Covid 19 pandemic our Church has remained closed for many months. We were allowed to hold services during September and October adhering to social distancing and wearing masks. We then closed once again in November. We did however have an Armistice Sunday service in the churchyard around the war memorial. We also celebrated Christmas Day and Easter which again was held in the churchyard.

Village Hall

Yarlington Village Hall was closed in March and has remained so throughout the pandemic. We are grateful to SSDC for the grant received of £10,000 which will certainly help to maintain the hall in future years.

The Newt

We were grateful to the Newt for the renovation of the finger posts in our village. They also renovated the area around the pond by the church, although this is in their ownership, we are all allowed to walk around the cleared pathway and enjoy the replanting as well as use of two sturdy benches.

The Old Forge, in the centre of the village, has now been renovated to produce cheese and dairy products from Buffalo milk.

February 2020 The Newt's representative Paul Rawson hosted a meeting in the village hall to show their proposals for Yarlington Lodge, land and buildings. This was to include an events venue, hotel accommodation in both the house, stables and existing residential dwellings as well as parking for 150 cars.

We were told that this would bring job opportunities for all villagers. Since our village consists of mostly retired people this showed how little they had studied the age groups within our village.

After the meeting and the obvious concern of Yarlington residents about the proposals a questionnaire was circulated to every household. The majority voting against the proposed events venue on the basis of noise, light pollution and increased traffic down our narrow country lanes. 19 letters of objection were submitted to the Newt and later forwarded to the PC.

Later in the year we held a village meeting and residents contributed to a substantial fighting fund used to oppose this development. Subsequently no planning application has been presented to date.

Wessex Internet

December 2020 Wessex Internet started installing Fibre Optic Broadband to Yarlinton. Work began bringing the cables underground across local farmland. All village residents were offered the opportunity to have a broadband connection for both internet and telephone. A gigabyte voucher was applied for from the government which covered the full cost on installation. All those now connected have excellent broadband speeds at a far less cost.

Councillor Bryan Mead
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