

The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at Yarmouth Town Hall on Tuesday April 4th 2017 at 6:30pm

PRESENT: Councillors S Cowley (Mayor), P Cronin, R Corbett, J Allen, J Jackson

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Yarmouth Harbour Commission Representative, and 4 members of the public.

1/2017 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Ingram, D McCleary, K Cowley

2/2017 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES:

Boat numbers for March: Overnight and short stay traffic in comparison to March 2016 shows a decrease, though this was expected as the Easter weekend fell in March last year. Total visiting numbers for March including long term visitors and sailing schools shows an increase of 9%. Year to date up to and including the 31st March the total number of visits to the harbour increased by 22% or 986 vessels nights.

The reception refurbishment: The redesign of the reception is complete and has been well received by visitors to the harbour who wish to use the customer lounge for charging devices, watch the morning news or waiting for crew members to finish using the shower facilities before heading into town.

The Pier Tale Project: YHC were successful in their application for the Heritage Lottery Fund grant and were awarded £778,000. The money will be used to support the Pier's Tale project, which will not only restore the pier's wooden structure, but help highlight the part it has played in the town's life for the past 140 years. The project is due to be officially launched at the Yarmouth Spring Festival, on April 29 and restoration work will start early next year and be completed by the summer.

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hutchinson reported that IWC has been awarded an additional £6.5M for adult social care. The policy is currently under review; care is currently institution based, but is likely to move to home based. Other changes in social care are under consideration, and a report on this issue is in preparation.

£9.5M has been granted to alleviate traffic flow in Newport, and various sites are being considered to effect this.

IWC call centre response rates have improved, and call waiting time is now down to 2.5 minutes. Calls relating to social care are given priority, which can give problems for call queuing.

Cllr Corbett queried the granting of residential-only planning approval for the former police station, adding that several local residents had felt let down by the absence of shops in the proposed redevelopment. Cllr Hutchinson responded that he did raise this issue with the planning officers involved, but was told that, as the original building had no retail facilities, and the site had been sold on the open market, it would have been difficult to impose conditions, which would have been unsupportable on appeal.

Cllr Corbett also referred to 'incremental' planning submissions, such as at Florins, where successive applications were registered for the same property, each representing a further development. Cllr Hutchinson reported that IWC could lose central government grants if plans were rejected and subsequently allowed on appeal.

Cllr Hutchinson reported that IWC were considering the issue of affordable housing, and looking at various opportunities, including the construction of pre-fabricated buildings, which would provide payback to IWC; 200 units at various Island sites would go some way towards addressing local housing problems. He cited a scheme in St Ives where new properties are earmarked for local residents.

iii) THORLEY ISSUES

It was reported that the recent resurfacing of Wilmingham Lane has created a deep trench along the roadside.

iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES

Cllr Corbett reported that fly-tipping at the Riverway car park recycling area is continuing. RESOLVED: The Clerk to report this once again to Island Roads, and request that they re-anchor the sign which warns against dumping waste outside the recycle bins.

It was reported that the lights in the bus station shelter had now been repaired.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There being no further questions, the public forum ended at 19:20.

3/2017 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor	Personal	Pecuniary
S Cowley	Yarmouth Town Trust CHOYD	
P Cronin	Shareholdings in BT	
R Corbett	Yarmouth Town Trust	
J Allen		Multi-Service Marine River Yar Boatyard

4/2017 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the Monthly Town Council held 7/3/17.

5/2017 FINANCE

5/2017.1 Payment of Accounts.

RESOLVED: To approve payment of the following accounts for April 2017:

1951	Thorley Church	Churchyard maintenance	£350.00
1952	Thorley Church	Hire of church for March meeting	£25.20
1953	Brightstone Landscaping	Yarmouth Cemetery	£408.00
1954	Yarmouth Town Trust	6 months rental Recreation Ground	£350.00
1955	IWC	Rates Bridge Road toilets	£751.63
1956	B Jacobs	Clerk's salary February	£606.31
1957	Post Office Ltd	PAYE Clerk's salary February	£162.64
DC	Post Office Ltd	Postage	£25.52
DC	Microsoft	Office 365	£1.56
DC	Microsoft	Office 365	£1.56
DC	Amazon	Print cartridges	£38.01
DC	Hursts	Padlock & chain Rec	£49.50
DD	Microsoft	Helpdesk subscription	£85.00
DD	Souther Electric	Electricity public toilets	£25.80
DC	Post Office Ltd	Postage	£18.34

5/2017.2 Bank Reconciliation.

RESOLVED: That the bank reconciliation for March 2017 is accepted.

6/2017 PLANNING ISSUES

6/2017.1 Planning Applications:

The following applications were considered:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Comments due
TCP/32997 - P/00274/17	land at Tapnell Farm Newport Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41	Proposed Six Sunken Shoot Stands Air Rifle Range Reception Building Store and	Comments Due By: 07/04/2017

		Associated Parking	
TCP/32210/G - P/00268/17	Tapnell Farm Barn Newport Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41	Proposed part material change of use to the land as a seasonal campsite running from 1st May to 30th September per calendar year proposed toilet and shower block with ancillary infrastructure and landscaping	Comments Due By: 14/04/2017
TCP/26763/S - P/00095/17	Goldings Main Road Thorley Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO410SN	Householder Application Demolition of log store proposed detached garage greenhouse and shed (revised plans)(readvertised)	Comments Due By: 31/03/2017

RESOLVED:

P/00274/17: No objections

P/00268/17: Objections are raised as it was felt that the application involves development beyond the original farmstead and represents a visual intrusion within and from an area of outstanding natural beauty

P/00095/17: No comments were raised, as no differences were evident from the previous submission which had previously been considered

6/2017.2 Other Planning issues

The following were noted:

Permission Granted:

Application No	Location	Proposal
TCP/29034/E - P/01537/16	West Ridge Bouldnor Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO410UP	Householder Application Formation of new vehicular access
TCP/19823/J - P/00117/17	Florins High Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO410PN	Variation of condition 2 on P/00435/16 TCP/19823/H to allow conversion of loft space to habitable space with additional 2 no. dormer windows and 2 no. rooflights

Permission refused: None

Appeal allowed: None

Temporary Event Notices: None

TPOs: None

Licensing Act 2003:

The following applications have been accepted by the licensing authority:

Application for a Minor Variation to the premises licence at Jireh House, Yarmouth

Application for a Full Variation to the premises licence at Yarmouth Old Gaffers Festival

Street Trading Application:

Application for: Mobile Street Trading – (Grant) for Drews Brews, Island Wide

The licensing authority can only consider comments relating to the following:

7/2017 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

Cllr Cronin reported that agreement is awaited from Yarmouth Town Trust on a donors display plaque for the Play Area, and suggested that a sign should be erected by the Tennyson Close entrance indicating that dogs were not allowed in the Play Area and unauthorised vehicles were barred from the Recreation Ground.

A quotation was considered from Brighstone Landscaping for levelling the Play Area, and it was decided to wait 2 weeks for a response from NALC to a question about Playdale’s liability before proceeding further on this issue.

A volunteers’ day on 23/4/17 has been set for final clearance of the area around the Pavilion.

8/2017 RUBBISH AT RECYCLING AREA, RIVERWAY CAR PARK

This had been dealt with in the Public Forum.

9/2017 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The ATM is arranged for 6:30pm on 18/4/17 at CHOYD.

10/2017 CLERK’S REPORT

10/2017.1 HALC TRAINING COURSES

A list of HALC training courses this year was noted, but there were no applicants.

10/2017.2 CIVIC DAY NATIONAL EVENT

It was noted that the Isle of Wight Society, affiliated to the national Civic Voice, is organising a Celebration of Conservation Areas on the Island as part of the Civic Day National Event.

10/2017.3 APPLICATION FOR MEMORIAL BENCH

The Clerk made a verbal report about the condition and disposition of benches in Yarmouth with regard to a recent application for a memorial bench. All benches and seats are perceived to be in reasonable condition, apart from that by the High Street toilets, which Cllr Allen is dealing with. It was therefore concluded that there is

currently no space for an additional memorial bench, and the Clerk was instructed to notify this to the applicant.

10/2017.4 FINANCE TRAINING

It was noted that a course is to be held about Local Council Finance for Officers' at Eastleigh on 6/4/17, but the Clerk declined to attend owing to insufficient notice.

10/2017.5 IWALC/IWC MEETING

No issues were raised for the next meeting between IWALC and John Metcalfe and Councillor Dave Stewart for Wednesday 12 April.

11/2017 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED: To accept the correspondence list for March as presented.

12/2017 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Presentation by the IWC Regeneration Team (May)
- Co-options (May)
- Grants (June)
- Tenders (June)

13/2017 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next monthly meeting at will be at CHOYD, 6:30pm 2/5/17, preceded by the Annual Council Meeting, and the Annual Town Meeting at CHOYD 18/4/17 6:30pm.

14/2017 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

Signed..... (Town Mayor)

Date.....