

The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at Thorley Church on Tuesday June 6th 2017 at 6:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Yarmouth Harbour Commission Representative, and 2 members of the public.

34/2017 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cnty Cllr Stuart Hutchinson

35/2017 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Visiting boat numbers: (To date up to and including the 31st May). Overnight visits to the harbour show an increase of 513 boat night's or 14%. Short stays or lunchtime visits show an increase of 1%. Long Term Visitors (LTVs) have increased 50% on last year. Total visits to the harbour amounted to 13,233 an increase of 3,003 boats or 29%.

The Gaffers Festival: The festival went well. The harbour experienced no major incidents on the water. Congratulations to Debbie Cotton and her team for a job well done.

Trees on the green: YHC commissioned a survey to determine the condition of the trees on the green. Previous surveys indicated that some of the trees were dying and therefore would eventually present a danger to the public from falling branches particularly in high winds. The report indicated that two of the trees were in critical condition and it was recommended that they were removed immediately. The tree officer at the IOW council gave his consent and the trees were felled Wednesday and Thursday of last week before the festival.

Cllr Jackson asked if the number of Gaffers attending during the Festival were down, but was told that numbers were similar to the last Festival. Cllr McCleary enquired about the YHC policy regarding cancellations, and the YHC representative agreed to find out the information and report back.

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Clerk read out the following report: 'After all the politicking and changes of the next few weeks I am taking a break for a couple of weeks from Monday, to go and lie in the sun at a friend's villa in Spain, drink cold beer and ignore emails!

'As far as my report to YTC is concerned, then you will of course be aware that I was returned as Ward Councillor at the elections on 4th, so thank you to all who voted for me. As of course I don't know who that was, perforce I shall have to be nice to everyone!

'At the first Council meeting on 18th May we made appointments to the various Cabinet positions and mine are those as listed at the sign-off below. We also made a start at streamlining the decision making within the Council. There will be a reduction in the number of full Council Meetings, from 9 to 6. This saves money and reduces the amount of time we spend pontificating and shouting at each other. It's about the same number of meetings as the much bigger County Councils on the mainland have (well still actually one more).

'We have cut the number of reports that have to be prepared, and have given Cabinet Members the power (and responsibility) for making decisions without having to wait until there is a meeting. Decisions have to be made within budget and policy and will still be subject to call in, which is an essential democratic requirement, but for those few that are called in, if it is decided that they will still stand (which on past practice in this council and others under various administrations is most of them) it will only delay implementation by a maximum of 5 days.

'Personally I have spent the last couple of weeks meeting the heads and senior managers of the 7 major services I'm responsible for, to understand the problems and challenges we face, and the opportunities for improvement - which are many'.

iii) THORLEY ISSUES

Andrew Johnson of Thorley Church asked if YTC was able to assist with the cost of renovating the war memorial. RESOLVED: YTC will contribute £270, and suggested that the contractors invoice YTC directly to allow VAT to be reclaimed.

Cllr Ingram reported a resurgence of the problem with brambles at Thorley telephone kiosk, and Mayor Cowley agreed to arrange for Ian Brett to dig them out.

iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES

Cllr Corbett reported that the 's' was missing in the Loveshore Lane sign. RESOLVED: The Clerk to contact Island Roads.

Mayor Cowley thanked Cllr Corbett for lowering the flags at the Common in response to the recent terrorist outrages.

Cllr Jackson reported that parking by the cycleway where it crossed Thorley Road was proving a hazard. RESOLVED: The Clerk to contact Island Roads to ask if there was any way to preserve the grass verge in this area.

Cllr Corbett again raised the issue of parking by commercial proprietors in Yarmouth, which was adding to the shortage of parking locally. He was assured Cllr Hutchinson was investigating this matter.

Cllr Cronin reported that the ditch along the southern boundary of the Town Green Recreation Ground, adjacent to the Victoria Road entrance, is blocked and needs clearing. RESOLVED: The Clerk to arrange for Brighstone Landscaping to carry this out. Cllr McCleary expressed concern about speeding along Tennyson Road. RESOLVED: The Clerk to bring this to the attention of the Safer Neighbourhoods Team.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Council’s attention was drawn to a visibility problem along Wilmingham Lane, at the brow of the hill after the junction with Thorley Street, caused by overgrown hedging. RESOLVED: The Clerk to report this to Island Roads.

There being no further questions, the Public Forum concluded at 19:12

36/2017 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	
D McCleary	CHOYD Any issue involving Yarmouth CEP School, or the Bugle	
J Allen		Multi-Service Marine River Yar Boatyard

37/2017 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting and the Monthly Town Council held 2/5/17, and to approve the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held 18/4/17

38/2017 FINANCE

38/2017.1 Payment of Accounts.

The following payments of accounts are authorised for June 2017:

DC	Microsoft	Office 365	£1.56
DC	Post Office Ltd	Postage	£9.10
DC	Post Office Ltd	Postage	£13.44
DC	Lock & Quay	Additional padlock Rec	£10.99
1967	Brian Jacobs	Clerk's salary May 2017	£646.81
1968	Post Office Ltd	PAYE Clerk's salary May 2017	£179.46
1969	Cross Country Services	Undergrowth clearance, Rec	£600.00
1970	Ventnor Town Council	Wallgate contract public toilets	£321.60
1971	P J Day	Plumbing repairs public toilets	£99.78
1972	Dares Ltd	Drain clearing Bridge Road toilets	£90.00
1972	Dares Ltd	Drain clearing Bridge Road	£150.00
1973	All Round Cleaners	Publictoilets cleaning	£962.41
1974	IEH	Sanitary bins, public toilets	£36.00
1975	Brighstone Landscaping	Weeding flower beds	£300.00
1976	Island Signs (IW) Ltd	Recreation Ground sign	£90.00
1977	Yarmouth Town Trust	Annual Grant	£375.00
1978	W W Sports Centre Trust	Annual Grant	£6,700.00
1979	West Wight Timebank	Annual Grant	£200.00
1980	YOGOFF	Annual Grant	£500.00
1981	Messy Church	Annual Grant	£360.00
1982	The Wave Project	Annual Grant	£100.00
1983	Age UK	Annual Grant	£100.00

38/2017.2 Bank Reconciliation.

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for May 2017

39/2017 PLANNING ISSUES

39/2017.1 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 Associated Parking (revised plans)(readvertised)	Comments Due By: 02/06/2017
TCP/33073 - P/00547/17	The Gamble Station Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO410QX	Householder Application Proposed cladding of front and part side elevations in Fortex	Comments Due By: 02/06/2017

		weatherboarding	
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RESOLVED: To record no objections to the above two applications.

39/2017.2 Other Planning issues

The following were noted:

Permission Granted:

Application No	Location	Proposal
TCP/33040 - P/00399/17	11 The Mount Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO410RB	Householder Application Detached timber framed garden room)
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
TCP/33049 - P/00427/17	6 The Mount Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO410RB	Householder Application Proposed extensions and alterations alterations to garage

Permission refused: None

Appeal allowed: None

Temporary Event Notices: None

TPOs:

Protection: Trees in TPO/1971/3, TPO/1975/6 & TPO/2000/23 Tree Preservation Order, Trees in Yarmouth Conservation Area

Location: The Towers, High Street, Yarmouth

Consent to the following:

Magnolia x 2: Reduce the canopy of the tree back to previous pruning points.

Yew Tree: Raise the crown of the yew to achieve a crown clearance of 5.5 metres and prune the remaining crown back from the neighbouring property by achieve a crown clearance from the gutter line of 1.5 metres.

Birch: The crown of the tree is to be lifted to 5 metres.

Reason: The tree work is necessary to as part of the general arboricultural management of the grounds.

Protection: Trees in TPO/1988/1 Tree Preservation Order

Location Yarmouth Green

Consent for the following: Consent to fell the 2 white poplars T4 and 6 and remove the split limb of T12 as detailed in the application.

Reason: The work is necessary to remove dangerous trees and limbs from a public area.

Conditions: All work must be carried out to a minimum of BS3998 2010

"Recommendations for Tree Work" or current industry "best practice". Working

practices should comply with guidance and regulations issued by the Health & Safety Executive.

Reason: To ensure the health and future amenity value of the trees.

Licensing Act 2003: None

Street Trading Application: None

40/2017 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

Cllr Cronin reported that he and Cllr Corbett had been to A J Wells to order the new sign for the Play Area.

A clearance weekend had been undertaken to tidy up the area around the Pavilion, but it was disappointing that no members of Yarmouth & Calbourne Football Club had participated.

Cllr Corbett reported that an unauthorised van had been parking in the Recreation Ground. It was decided that a second keyed padlock was needed, with the keys restricted to certain individuals, who would then only release the keys under signature for specific purposes. It was RESOLVED to purchase such a lock for an estimated cost of £70, and to allow Brighstone Landscaping to have the combination for the other lock.

The Clerk was requested to remind Brighstone Landscaping of the need to carry out the drainage ditch on the western boundary.

41/2017 SIGNING DECLARATIONS OF OFFICE

New signed-off Declarations of Office for the new Council period were handed to the Clerk.

42/2017 RUBBISH AT RECYCLING AREA, RIVERWAY CAR PARK

There had been no further problems in this area, though it was noted that a wheelie bin had been left there.

43/2017 TENDERS

Consideration was given to a tender for street furniture, and it was noted that the cost of repair for many of the benches was in excess of the cost of replacement. It was decided to convene a working party of councillors to inspect each of the benches to decide a priority list for repair/replacement, the party to consist of Cllrs Allen, McCleary, Corbett and Cronin, as well as the Clerk, and that an inspection would be carried out 21/6/17 at 2pm.

It was also RESOLVED that the Clerk would arrange for hi-vis jackets for the volunteer group who are kindly maintaining the green areas of Yarmouth.

44/2017 YARMOUTH TOWN TRUST

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr McCleary, seconded by Cllr Cronin and carried unanimously, to nominate Cllr Jackson as a YTC representative for YTT to replace

Sylvia Mence. A decision on a replacement for Mike Dorey was deferred pending clarification of his intentions to resign or continue.

45/2017 ISLE OF WIGHT FESTIVAL OF THE SEA 23rd JUNE - 9th JULY

IWC has asked if Yarmouth Town Council Had plans to participate in this festival. It was decided that Yarmouth Old Gaffers Festival constituted a very effective nautical celebration.

46/2017 CLERK'S REPORT

46/2017.1 APPLICATION FOR GRANT

Victim Support Group have requested a grant. RESOLVED: To grant £100.

46/2017.2 WIGHT IN BLOOM

RESOLVED: YTC to enter any of category 6, and to ask Brighstone Landscaping to quote per bed for perennial plants and shrubs.

46/2017.3 INTRODUCTION OF 20MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS

IWALC is concerned about the difficulty members have had engaging with the Isle of Wight Council over the introduction of 20 mph speed restrictions. A meeting is to be held with the Leader of the Council as well as officers of the PFI Contract Management Team and Island Roads to try and take this forward. However, it was RESOLVED not to attend this meeting.

46/2017.4 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Cllr Cowley will attend the initial meeting for the West Wight Locality Management Team for Community Partnerships (involving My Life a Full Life); the provisional date for this is Thursday 29th June at 6.30 pm.

46/2017.5 ADDITIONAL LOCK RECREATION GROUND

The provision of a suitable second lock for the norther entrance to the Recreation Ground had already been discussed.

46/2017.6 PLANT A TREE CHARTER

The Council does not wish to become a Charter Branch.

46/2017.7 MERCHANT NAVY DAY

Seafarers UK is encouraging organisations to display the Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Date 5/9/17. It was felt that this event is already adequately covered by Yarmouth Town Trust and Yarmouth Harbour Commission.

46/2017.8 FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

A ceremony to Fly the Flag on Monday 19 June at 11.00am, in support of Armed Forces Day for the Armed Forces, Monday 19 June 2017 was noted.

46/2017.9 THORLEY WAR MEMORIAL

This issue had already been dealt with in the Public Forum.

46/2017.10 PUBLIC TOILETS

The Clerk reported about weed incursion into the waste pipe at the Common toilets, possibly caused by decorative shrubs planted above them. The issue of continual blockages at the Bridge Road toilets was also discussed, and it was felt that action must be undertaken to prevent this happening in future.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to instruct Brighstone Landscaping to replace the existing shrubs with annual plants at the Common, and to request Dyno Rod to carry out a camera survey of the waste pipes at the Bridge Road toilets.

47/2017 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED: To accept the correspondence list for May as presented

48/2017 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Public toilets
Council office at CHOYD

49/2017 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To note the date, time and venue of the next monthly meeting at Yarmouth Town Hall, 6:30pm 4/7/17

50/2017 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.....