

The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at Yarmouth Town Hall on Tuesday September 5th 2017 at 6:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Sue Poston (Yarmouth Harbour Commission Representative), Cnty Cllr S Hutchinson and 1 member of the public

72/2017 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr McCleary

73/2017 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

The Harbours weather station shows that in August 2017 there were 15 dry days, this of course means that it rained for 16 days throughout the month, which has a direct impact on boat numbers. However the harbour still accommodated 3954 overnight visiting yachts and just short of a thousand lunch time visitors throughout the month of August.

Visiting boat numbers: (To date up to and including the 31st August) Overnight visits to the harbour in comparison to 2016 show a total of 14,285 a slight decrease of 2%. Short stays or lunchtime visits amounted to 4178 a decrease of 4%.

Long Term Visitors (LTVs) have increased 38% on last year or 3,331 vessel nights totalling 12,142 nights to date.

Total visits to the harbour amounted to 30,605 an increase of 2,776 boats or 10%.

Quayside Bins: Due to the high volume of tourists in Yarmouth throughout the summer months YHC have supplied four additional bins at the ferry terminal and quay side for public use.

Signage: YHC are currently in the process of updating all signage on harbour property this will include 'No cycling' signs along the green to the Mill.

Cllr Corbett pointed out that the one of the 'No Cycling' signs had snapped, and recommended that it should be backed. This was agreed by Mrs Poston.

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hutchinson reported about ongoing problems with the new Cowes Floating Bridge, which had now been withdrawn from service due to tidal issues, chains, ramp angles and noise. Although the vessel has not yet been paid for, its withdrawal has resulted in a significant loss of income, exacerbated by the necessity to provide a limited launch service.

Cllr Hutchinson also reported about problems with residents occupying part-time holiday accommodation on a full year basis, and said that consultants had been employed to investigate and resolve this problem.

The Isle of Wight Council is considering purchasing property for rental, which it was hoped would generate a considerable income to partly offset the impact of £7.5M reductions within £120M spend in this financial year.

IWC is also promoting home care for the elderly and disadvantaged, which appears to be successful, though problems had been experienced in co-ordinating with the NHS.

Measures were also being considered to reduce IWC call waiting times, and 4 further staff were being recruited to increase the call centre work complement to 16. 95% calls are now dealt with within 2 minutes 20 seconds, and the aim is to further reduce this as part of the philosophy of running IWC like a business.

Cllr Corbett raised the issue of parking in Yarmouth, citing the 2 parking spaces allocated to each business as part of the problem, as well as parking on double yellow lines, and suggested that traders should be compelled to use the Riverway car park, which was seldom full, for one of their vehicles. Cllr Hutchinson agreed that there were insufficient parking spaces locally, but that IWC did not have sufficient resources to advertise TRO changes on a street-by-street basis. Parking was an Island-wide problem, and seemingly intractable. To carry out Cllr Corbett's suggestion would require special arrangements for Yarmouth alone; however, he agreed to consult the IWC member responsible for parking, and suggested that he might attend a YTC meeting to discuss this matter.

Cllr Hutchinson gave details of proposed changes to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme, the effect of which would be to reduce the percentage from 85 to 75, thus achieving a £250K saving, which could be used to improve services, contribute to the £7.5M expenditure reductions, or to help in funding needy cases – he himself had suggested a scheme to assist all hardship cases.

Further discussion took place about parking on double yellow lines along Thorley Road, though elimination of this issue could simply move parking problems to elsewhere in the area.

Cllr Hutchinson gave details of a proposal received by IWC for a new ferry route between Portsmouth continental ferry port, and an area to the west of Ryde, adjacent to the golf course, though it appeared that the underlying reason for the proposal was to create additional housing in the area at Ryde.

iii) THORLEY ISSUES

There were no Thorley issues.

iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES

Sylvia Mence reported that the West Wight Coastal Strategy had now gained national approval and was available online. She requested a temporary replacement for Mayor Cowley, who would be unable to attend the next meeting on 28/9/17, and Cllr Allen agreed to stand in.

Cllr Corbett informed that a new Union Jack was needed and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk would arrange for this.

Some discussion took place about a threat by a local property developer to remove the old pump in South Street. RESOLVED: The Clerk to arrange with Historic England for the pump to be declared a listed artefact.

Friars Lane: Cllr Allen advised that the owner of Florins had told him that there was no intention to permanently gate off the sea lane; there is considerable concern in the town about this possibility.

Cllr Cronin raised the issue of the overgrown tree on the corner of St James Street and Tennyson Road. RESOLVED: The Clerk to arrange for Brighstone Landscaping to prune the tree.

Cllr Allen commented about the growth of TV aerials and satellite dished within the Yarmouth conservation area, which it is understood, are prohibited.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There being no further questions, the Public Forum concluded at 19:30.

74/2017 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

75/2017 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the Monthly Town Council held 4/7/17.

76/2017 FINANCE

76/2017.1 Payment of Accounts.

RESOLVED: To approve the following payments of accounts for August/September 2017:

1993	CHOYD	Contribution to construction of YTC office	£500.00
1994	St James Church PCC	Replacement cheque 1981 Messy Church	£360.00
	Messy Church	Cheque cancelled - wrong payee	-£360.00
1995	YTT	Recreation Ground Rental	£175.00
1996	Brian Jacobs	Clerk's salary July	£646.81
1997	The Post Office	PAYE Clerk's salary July	£179.46
1998	Brighstone Landscaping	Grounds maintenance Rec & green areas	£659.12
1998	Brighstone Landscaping	Level Play Area swings	£330.00
1998	Brighstone Landscaping	Drainage works, Recreation Ground	£2,340.00
2000	Forest View Nursery	Bus station planters	£300.00
2001	IWC	Environmental Officer	£260.00
2002	Oliver Dewar	Street furniture maintenance	£682.82
2003	DARES	Unblocking public toilets at Common	£90.00
2004	IEH	Sanitary bins, public toilets	£28.80
2006	P Fitzsimmons Ltd (Dyno-Rod)	CCTV inspection, Bridge Road toilets	£114.00
2007	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning services public toilets	£1,220.10
2008	Came & Co	Annual insurance	£1,022.59
2009	IEH	Sanitary bins, public toilets	£36.00
2010	DARES	Unblocking public toilets Bridge Road	£60.00
2011	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning services public toilets	£942.00
2012	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning services public toilets	£866.20
2013	Brighstone Landscaping	Remove shrubs Common toilets	£240.00
2014	BDO	External audit	£480.00
2015	Brian Jacobs	Clerk's salary August	£647.01
2016	The Post Office	PAYE Clerk's salary August	£179.26
2017	Brian Jacobs	Clerk's expenses	£86.00
DD	SSE	Electricity, public toilets	£361.18
DC	The Lock Shop	Additional keyed lock, Recreation Ground	£76.40
DC	Avangate	Data holding charges re Yarmouth & Thorley Voices	£18.43
DC	Elite Industrial	Hi-vis vests, green areas volunteers	£44.12

DC	Island Computers	Repairs office computer	£35.00
DC	Island Computers	Replace faulty monitor and notebook	£318.00
DC	Maplin	Computer cables and batteries	£19.98
DC	Amazon	Computer cable	£5.59
DC	Post Office	Postage	£9.54

76/2017.2 Bank Reconciliation.

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for August 2017

76/2017.3 Conclusion of external audit

It was noted that BDO have sent notice of unqualified conclusion of audit.

76/2017.4 Council Tax Reduction Scheme

No comment was made about the IWC consultation on proposals to reduce CTR spend in order to meet Government spending restrictions.

77/2017 PLANNING ISSUES

77/2017.1 Planning Applications:

The following applications were considered:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Comments due
LBC/30078/B - P/00882/17	Jireh House The Square Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO410NP	Proposed replacement rear single storey conservatory	Comments Due By: 25/08/2017
TCPL/30078/A - P/00881/17	Jireh House The Square Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO410NP	Householder Application Demolition of garden room proposed single storey rear extension	Comments Due By: 25/08/2017
TCP/32997 - P/00274/17	land at Tapnell Farm Newport Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41	Proposed Shot Gun Clay Target Shooting Range Six Sunken Shoot Stands Reception Building Store and associated parking (revised plans)(additional information noise report)(revised description)(readadvertised)	Comments Due By: 8/09/2017
TCP/10401/D - P/00955/17	Hampshire Constabulary Yarmouth Police Station High Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO410PL	Variation of condition 2 on P/00066/16 to allow alterations to approved design	Comments Due By: 8/09/2017

TCP/33173 - P/00917/17	Ingleton Station Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO410QT	Householder Application Single storey rear extension to replace existing	Comments Due By: 01/09/2017
TCP/19316/A - P/01031/17	Easterholme, Tennyson Road, Yarmouth, PO14 0PR	Demolition of existing garage and summerhouse; proposed detached dwelling	Comments Due By: 22/09/2017

RESOLVED: THE Clerk to record the following responses:

P/00882/17: No objections

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P/00274/17: Yarmouth Town Council wishes to record the following objections:

- 1) This application represents an overdevelopment in an area adjacent to an AONB
- 2) The nature of this application is inappropriate in an area adjacent to an AONB
- 3) There is likely to be significant noise pollution arising from the use of firearms
- 4) There are safety implications, as the proposed facility is in close proximity to a public footpath

P/00955/17: Yarmouth Town Council wishes to record the following objections:

- 1) Condition 2 which this variation seeks to amend, i.e. rendering the top storeys of the development, was introduced in response to local concern about a reduction in the ambient light in this area caused by the use of brickwork, but is completely ignored by this variation. Rendering the bottom story and leaving the top as bare brick will significantly darken the High Street.
- 2) There is concern that this development encroaches upon the public footway

P/00917/17: No objections

P/01031/17: No objections

77/2017.2 Other Planning issues

The following were noted:

Permission Granted:

Application No	Location	Proposal
TCP/32031/A - P/00376/17	Saxonbury St. James Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO410NU	Householder Application Demolition of porch proposed replacement porch

Permission refused: None

Appeal allowed: None

Temporary Event Notices: None

TPOs:

Location: The Old Rectory, St James Street, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, PO41 ONU

No objection to the following:

Consent to fell the tree in question to near ground level

Reason: The tree is in a poor condition and should be removed to enable better landscaping of the area.

78/2017 REMOVAL OF PARKING SPACE, VICTORIA ROAD

No objections were raised to the IWC intention to remove a parking space along Victoria Road.

79/2017 SEA LANE

The email from IWC regarding obstruction of Friars Lane was discussed, and it was advised that YTC would need to confirm regular use for 20 years to achieve a Modification Order pursuant to s53 Wildlife and Countryside Act.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will request an application pack from IWC, and Councillors will canvass local residents for evidence of use.

80/2017 DECOMMISSIONING OF OLD TELEPHONE BOX YARMOUTH

YTC is able to buy this kiosk for £1 (though it must remain in situ), and Councillors considered suggestions for a possible use for this structure.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to apply for purchase, with a view to using the box as a display for old pictures of Yarmouth. It will be kept locked.

81/2017 ISLE OF WIGHT DAY BUNTING

Bunting is to be supplied free of charge for Isle of Wight Day on 23/9/17.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to arrange for the bunting to be delivered to Cllr Corbett.

82/2017 IWC CORE STRATEGY

It was noted that IWC are asking local councils to complete a Web-based questionnaire about its Core Strategy, but Councillors not wish to participate.

83/2017 SHORT STORY COMPETITION

It was noted that the IW Society for the Blind is requesting local councils to support entries to the competition by pupils within the council area.

84/2017 DRAFT CHOYD LEASE

Mayor Cowley declared an interest in this item as a Trustee of CHOYD, and took no part in the discussion.

The reservations of Cllr Corbett to the following clauses were noted: 17a, 20, 41c

RESOLVED:

To amend '1 year' in Clause 9 to '5 years, with a break at 3 years'
The Clerk to arrange for a rent valuation with an independent agent
The tenancy agreement to be submitted to a solicitor for checking

85/2017 CLERK'S REPORT

85/2017.1 IWALC AND HALC EVENTS

There were no applicants for the IWALC Autumn Seminar for the 12 September at the Riverside Centre or HALC's 2018 programme.

85/2017.2 RURAL SERVICES QUESTIONNAIRE

The online survey by Rural Services Network was completed.

85/2017.3 COUNCIL TAX SCAM ALERT

The warning from IWC about the above was noted.

85/2017.4 BARNARDO'S CONFERENCE

Cllr Jackson will attend a conference about local services for children and adults on Tuesday 26 September 2pm at the Memorial Hall Freshwater (Tennyson Suite).

85/2017.5 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

It was noted that the Royal British Legion West Wight Branch Annual Service of Remembrance will be held at the Totland War Memorial on Sunday 12 November.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to order 3 wreaths, and place an item on the next agenda to discuss arrangements

85/2017.5 IWC SEMINAR FOR TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Dave Stewart, has expressed a wish to hold a seminar for all town and parish councils and has requested local councils to notify up to three concerns.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to advise YTC's choice of street car parking and planning enforcement.

85/2017.6 ISLE OF WIGHT FIRE SERVICE

It was noted in an email subsequent to this meeting that the above are looking to bring together stakeholders with a drive to deliver effective and varied Falls Prevention.

86/2017 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED: To accept the correspondence list for July/August as presented

87/2017 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Remembrance Sunday
Office lease

88/2017 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To note the date, time and venue of the next monthly meeting at Thorley Church, 6:30pm 3/10/17

89/2017 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.....