

The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at Yarmouth Town Hall on Tuesday November 7th 2017 at 6:30pm

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

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

The Mayor delivered a vote of thanks to former Councillor Alan Ingram for his valuable contribution during his time as Councillor for the Thorley Ward of Yarmouth Town Council.

110/2017 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jackson and Cnty Cllr Hutchinson

111/2017 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Visiting boat numbers: (To date up to and including the 31 October). Overnight visits to the harbour in comparison to 2016 show a total of 16,878 a decrease of 5% or 917 nights. Short stays or lunchtime visits amounted to 5,078 a decrease of 9%. This is largely due to poor weather conditions throughout the year.

Long Term Visitors (LTVs) have increased 36% on last year or 4,096 vessel nights totalling 15,441 nights to date.

Total visits to the harbour amounted to 37,397 an increase of 2,687 boats or 8%.

Harbour Works: Works to paint the pier square toilets and Gossips café are nearing completion Resurfacing of the passenger walkway at the ferry terminal is complete.

The replacement of ten green heart piles with tubular steel piles south of the bridge is due to commence on the 20th November.

The temporary tender pontoon at the dinghy park will also be upgraded to a more robust pontoon similar to those used in the harbour already.

Following a bathymetric survey conducted on Monday YHC conclude that it will not be necessary to dredge the inner harbour or the estuary this year

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In the absence of Cnty Councillor Hutchinson, there was no report

iii) THORLEY ISSUES

There were no Thorley issues.

iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES

Sylvia Mence presented details of the Yarmouth flood plan, and reported that a flood alert from the Environment Agency had taken place 20/10/17, when sandbags had been distributed and temporary flood barriers erected in the Harbour area and surrounding streets. As the barriers were insufficient, wooden boards had been manufactured on site by operatives and placed across thresholds to supplement the sandbags, and Vykoma barriers had been erected across the Wightlink slipway. Sylvia called upon all businesses in the flood area to inform about the process taking place, which had not been entirely free of faults, and lessons had been learned.

Tim Company of Hampshire and Isle of Wight police reported about the problem of graffiti at Bridge Road toilets, explaining the difficulties of apprehending the culprit. A CCTV camera would be deployed in the street outside the toilets to assist in doing so.

Local resident Paul Atkinson gave a verbal presentation about his activities and suggestions in connection with the Town Green Recreation Ground football pitch and pavilion. He informed that he has been a local resident for some 7 months, and has carried out some voluntary repairs in the pavilion, as well as cutting the grass on the football pitch. He has contacted the Yarmouth & Calbourne Football Club, and is attempting to canvass support via Facebook for improving facilities. Cllr Corbett explained about local fundraising efforts for improving the pavilion, and emphasised YTC's desire to make use of the pavilion and football pitch as inclusive as possible.

Cllr Allen agreed to remove the rubble left by Y&CFC to his premises to store until required.

After assuring Mr Atkinson of YTC support in carrying out his activities in a controlled manner, it was proposed by Mayor Cowley to co-opt him to the Recreation Ground Committee, and this was carried unanimously.

Cllr McCleary reported that the repainting of Yarmouth bus station had resumed and was continuing. Cllr Allen reported that he had added 'Yarmouth' to the buoy outside Yarmouth CE School.

Cllr Corbett reported that the gate to the Rec has been removed on several occasions by lifting it off its hinges and not replaced, and that the chain is currently unattached. Cllr Allen undertook to weld the chain to the gate, and to secure the hinges so that it could not be removed to allow unauthorised vehicular access.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to contact Y&CFC and Brighstone Landscaping to remind them of access arrangements for the Rec.

Cllr Corbett reported the following issues:

Sea Lane adjacent to the Towers: A hole has appeared in the Quay Wall at the bottom of the Sea Lane adjacent to the Towers. RESOLVED: To authorise Cllrs Corbett and Cronin to repair the hole with suitable material.

This Lane, which is unadopted on IWC road maps, has been known by a variety of names throughout its existence, and Councillors agreed with Cllrs Corbett's suggestion to permanently rename it 'Refuge Lane', reflecting the recorded historic existence there of a Knights' Templar refuge. Cllr Corbett undertake to discuss the matter with the owner of the Towers.

Town Pump: He has received assurances from the developer of the property outside which the town pump is located, that there is no intention to remove or relocate the pump.

Ommaney Road: He suggested that the vintage kerbs and gutters should be preserved when Island Roads resurface the roadway in Ommaney Road. RESOLVED: The Clerk to ascertain from Island Roads when this is scheduled for.

Mill Cottage: He expressed concern that contractors HGVs associated with rebuilding works to the Cottage might be causing damage to the access track. RESOLVED: The Clerk will bring this to the attention of Island Roads

Remembrance Sunday: The Clerk advised that wreaths would be delivered to Cllr Corbett and undertook to remind the organiser of this.

Play Area: It has been reported that the top strap of the Board Rider had been removed, and that its replacement would cost £208, which could make it necessary to make an insurance claim. Before proceeding with a repair, Paul Atkinson suggested that he might know the whereabouts of the missing item, and undertook to investigate it and notify the outcome to the Clerk by email.

Bridge Road toilets: There are several lights requiring bulb replacement and the Clerk undertook to arrange for this.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There being no further questions from members of the public, the Public Forum concluded at 19:30

119/2017 CO-OPTIONS

It was agreed to bring forward this item from later in the agenda.

An additional vacancy exists in Thorley Ward as a result of the May elections, and that vacancy can be filled forthwith. It was proposed by Mayor Cowley to accept Sue Devine's offer to be co-opted for this vacancy, seconded by Cllr McCleary, and carried unanimously.

112/2017 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor	Personal	Pecuniary
D McCleary	Any issue involving Yarmouth CEP School	
R Corbett	Yarmouth Town Trust	
J Allen		Multi-Service Marine River Yar Boatyard

113/2017 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the Monthly Town Council held 3/10/17

114/2017 FINANCE

114/2017.1 Payment of Accounts.

RESOLVED: To approve the following payments of accounts for November:

DC	Amazon Prime CD 1210	Dishonest enrolment in Amazon }	£7.99
DC	Amazon Prime CD 1210	Prime (has been refunded) }	
			£7.99
DC	Island Computers	Office laptop	£42.00
DC	Maplin	Refund computer cable	-£9.99
DC	Amazon UK Retail CD 1210	Anti-virus software	£19.99
DC	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	£1.56
2028	Thorley Church	Hire of church June & Dec	£50.40
2029	Andy Figgins Inspections }	Play Area inspection 2016 -	
		replace cheque lost	£325.00
1958	Andy Figgins Inspections }	Cheque cancelled	-£325.00
2030	Island Roads	Play Area street signs	£1,001.98
2031	IEH	Sanitary bins public toilets	£28.80
2032	All Round Cleaners	Maintenance public toilets	£823.80
2033	DARES Ltd	Unblocking Common toilets	£90.00
2034	Brian Jacobs	Clerk's salary October	£993.66
2035	Post Office Ltd	PAYE Clerk's salary October	£326.23
2036	Brighstone Landscaping	Yarmouth cemetery, Rec,	£870.40
		Mount & green areas	
2037	Brian Jacobs	Expenses	£25.20

114/2017.2 Bank Reconciliation.

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for October 2017

114/2017.3 Draft Budget 2018/19

The draft budget for next year as presented was noted. Further discussion will take place in the next 2 meetings.

Mayor Cowley proposed the idea of funding an event in 2018 to celebrate the end of World War 1, and asked councillors to consider this and submit their ideas to a future meeting.

115/2017 PLANNING ISSUES

115/2017.1 Planning Applications:

The following applications were considered:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Comments due
TCP/33231 - P/01209/17	Bramleys, Station Road, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410QT	Householder Application - Demolition of exististing conservatory to be replaced with single storey flat roof extension, with balcony, and internal alterations	Comments Due By: 03/11/2017
TCP/32210/H - P/01223/17	Tapnell Farm, Newport Road, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410YJ	Proposed extension to cafe	Comments Due By: 17/11/2017
TCP/30728/C - P/01227/17	Royal Solent Yacht Club, The Square, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410NS	Householder Application - Demolition of exististing conservatory to be replaced with single storey flat roof extension, with balcony, and internal alterations	Comments Due By: 03/11/2017

RESOLVED: To record the following comments on the IWC website:

P/01209/17: No objections

P/01223/17: No objections

P/01227/17: Cllr Allen declared a personal interest in this issue and took no part in the voting, though he did provide some information about the application.

Councillors wished to object that the height of the proposed conservatory was out of proportion to the main building

P/01310/17: Defer to next meeting

115/2017.2 Other Planning issues

The following were noted:

Permission Granted:

Application No	Location	Proposal
TCP/19316/A - P/01031/17	Easterholme, Tennyson Road, Yarmouth, PO14	Demolition of existing garage and

	OPR	summerhouse; proposed detached dwelling
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Permission refused: None

Appeal allowed: None

Temporary Event Notices: None

TPOs:

116/2017 SEA LANE

Progress on the application for a Modification Order for this sea lane was discussed. A gate has been erected across the Lane, and is an unambiguous attempt to block the lane and annexe that part of the lane beyond it – the gate is certainly not temporary, it has been professionally installed, and the lane beyond it has been planted with grass.

Cllr Corbett has obtained 20 witness statements that the Lane has always been a right of way, and the Clerk will submit this to IWC to obtain a Modification Order to re-open the Lane.

117/2017 DRAFT CHOYD LEASE

Mayor Cowley withdrew from this discussion, due to his personal interest in CHOYD, and Cllr Allen assumed the Chair.

The draft tenancy agreement has been submitted to Robinson, Jarvis Rolfe who will use it to prepare a formal document.

As a result of difficulties in arranging a new telephone line through BT, and the cheaper and more practical alternative of using a dedicated contract mobile phone, it was RESOLVED to proceed with the latter via Vodafone or O2.

Mayor Cowley resumed the Chair.

118/2017 APPLICATION FOR AN ADDITIONAL TREE AT COMMUNITY ORCHARD

RESOLVED: To approve the application for an additional commemorative tree at the Local Heroes Community Orchard.

120/2017 TOWN GREEN RECEPTION GROUND PATH

A complaint was discussed which had been received from a member of the public about the path leading into the Town Green from Victoria Road. However, it was established that the path is on property owned by Southern Housing Group, and the Clerk will advise the plaintiff of this.

121/2017 PUBLIC TOILETS

- Persistent blockages at the Common toilets have been caused by an ill-advised decision by IWC some time ago to plant shrubs directly in front of the toilet block, the roots of which had penetrated the drain. These have now been removed, and Dyno-Rod has done a heavy jet wash to blast out the remaining roots. Further work is required to line the waste pipes to prevent further deterioration at a cost of £756+VAT, but it was RESOLVED to defer this work until next Spring, when the toilets re-open.
- Consideration was also given to dealing with this flower bed in future. RESOLVED: To request Brighstone Landscaping to line the soil surface with membrane, and cover with slate chippings, the work to be carried out next Spring.
- Improvements to the gents' toilets at Bridge Road was discussed, and Mayor Cowley undertook to investigate appropriate contractors.
- It was reported that a number of light bulbs had blown at the Bridge Road toilets, and the Clerk will arrange for their replacement.

122/2017 CLERK'S REPORT

122/2017.1 RURAL SERVICES NETWORK SEMINAR

It was noted that a Rural Places, Rural Challenges seminar is scheduled for Wednesday, 22nd November 2017, 10.15am - 2.45pm, University Centre Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury, but no Councillors wished to attend.

122/2017.2 APPLICATION FOR MEMORIAL BENCH

Elizabeth Coates-Evans would like to erect memorial bench at the Town Green in memory of her late husband Barry (see attached). There are a number of undedicated benches (mainly backless) on site which would benefit from a replacement.

RESOLVED: To approve this application. Mayor Cowley will arrange a site visit with Mrs Coates-Evans to discuss the most appropriate bench and where to site it.

122/2017.3 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2018/19

RESOLVED: To approve the calendar for the coming council year as presented.

122/2017.4 GRANT APPLICATION IW MUSIC & DRAMA FESTIVAL

It was noted that the above organisation has applied to YTC for a grant of an unspecified amount.

122/2017.5 NEWPORT HARBOUR WORKSHOP

It was noted that the Isle of Wight Council's regeneration team will be hosting workshops to update people and creatively engage on how Newport Harbour might be transformed into a vibrant and prosperous place, the first of which is taking place in the evening on 14 November 2017 at the Bargemen's Rest, Newport.

122/2017.6 IW SECTION OF THE ENGLAND COAST PATH (ECP) SCHEME

It was noted that the Local Access Forum will be holding a series of Islandwide drop-in sessions from November to seek the views of landowners over which the new National Trail will run and that the Yarmouth session will be at CHOYD 9/11/17 from 3pm-7pm.

122/2017.7 PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS

YTC has experienced problems in using Andy Figgins for the annual Play Area inspection.

RESOLVED: To use RoSPA to carry out an inspection in May/June 2018, and annually thereafter, and to re-issue a cheque for Andy Figgins 2016 bill of £325, with a deduction of £25 to cover the time and trouble caused by the payee's repeated loss of previous cheques.

122/2017.8 FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE

It was noted that a special 'field of remembrance' will once again be opened to the public at Carisbrooke Castle this month (November) on Saturday 11 November and Sunday 12 November.

122/2017.9 WEST WIGHT REGENERATION MEETING

It was noted that the IWC regeneration team are holding a West Wight Regeneration Meeting on the 23rd November at 6pm at the Sports Centre.

123/2017 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED: To accept the correspondence list for October as presented

124/2017 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were agreed for the next agenda:

- Budget 2018/19
- Mayor's Award
- Public toilets
- Memorial bench
- Sea Lanes

125/2017 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To note the date, time and venue of the next monthly meeting at CHOYD, 6:30pm 5/12/17

126/2017 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.....