



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at CHOYD on Tuesday February 6th 2018 at 6:30pm

PRESENT: Councillors S Cowley (Mayor), P Cronin, J Allen, S Devine, J Jackson, G Head, D McCleary

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Cnty Cllr Stuart Hutchinson, Yarmouth Harbour Commission Representative

171/2017 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Corbett

172/2017 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Visiting boat numbers January: Overnight visits to the harbour show a decrease of around 52 boat nights at 77 visits. Short stays are down by 26 visits. Sailing school visits are down by 4 boat nights at 24 visits. Long Term Visitors (LTVs) are up by 294 nights at 1,836. The total for the month is 2,007 visits, up by 212 or 12%.

The Tender Pontoon: The tender pontoon replacement south of the bridge is now complete. The east side of the dock towards the southern end will be dedicated to tenders which should reduce congestion. Modifications to replace the cleats for a solid bar in order to accommodate the tenders is underway. A safety ladder has been installed on the southern end and the life saving device, or Perry Buoy, remains in position. Power, water and lighting will be installed in due course.

The Pier: The pier restoration works are underway. The maintenance team are removing the deck furniture and the round house ahead of the arrival of the main contractors, who are due to start work on the 19th February. The contractors will be occupying an area in the overflow carpark and the dinghy park to store materials and tools. A temporary office will be in use in the dinghy park for the duration of the project. An exclusion zone of 30 metres restricting marine based activities will be in force for the duration of the works. Three yellow special beacons mark the exclusion zone in the vicinity of the pier head. A Notice to Mariners has been published and can

be found on the YHC website. The Pier will be closed to pedestrians and anglers until works are complete.

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cnty Cllr Hutchinson reported that preparation and consideration of the IWC Budget was now complete. Setting the Budget was complicated by an additional 1% Council staff pay rise, which added a further £900K to IWC spend. The maximum precept rise permitted is 2.99% (without going to referendum), an additional 1% above the previous year's ceiling, which allows spend to increase by £750K. Each IWC service has been given a weighted allocation of expenditure reductions to find; an additional £7.5M must come from discretionary spend.

In spite of these difficulties, the IWC has achieved a legal budget, and will be able to do so for 3 years, though next year an additional £10M needs to be saved. Reserves will be used to smooth out the impact of these reductions, so savings of £5.5M will need to be found in each of the next 3 years.

IWC have entered into a council tax grouping with Southampton and Portsmouth (the latter being in a similar financial position as the Isle of Wight), which will allow the three authorities to share business growth, and provides a cushion of £1M for 1 year.

2 areas of significant savings are in council tax support, which has been reduced to 70%, and disability allowances, which will now be means-tested, though a hardship fund has been set up for deserving cases, who are guaranteed support.

There are, as yet, no proposals to close Yarmouth fire station, but this could change in the event of a higher than anticipated pay award for fire service staff.

iii) THORLEY ISSUES

There were no Thorley issues.

iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES

Cllr Cronin reported that the Mobile Recycling Unit will be in Yarmouth on 14/2/18 and 27/3/18. The IWC have set up a garden waste scheme to which 3000 signed up in the first 3 months, and which has raised an additional £90K for the IWC.

It was also reported the contractors carrying out the pier restoration work will have an office in Riverway car park.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no further questions, and the Public Forum ended at 18:55

173/2017 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor	Personal	Pecuniary
S Cowley	Yarmouth Town Trust CHOYD	Lee Farm
J Allen		Multi-Service Marine River Yar Boatyard
G Head	National Trust WWSCC British Horse Society RSPB	
S Devine	RSPB	

174/2017 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the Monthly Town Council held 9/1/18

175/2017 FINANCE

175/2017.1 Payment of Accounts.

RESOLVED: To approve the following payments for February 2018

DC	Post Office Ltd	Postage	£7.84
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DC	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	£1.80
DC	SUK RETAIL LTD	Office Furniture	£179.98
DC	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary Dec 2017	£182.92
DC	Cartridge People	Print cartridges Office printer	£151.58
DC	Amazon	Compuiter keyboard & mouse	£19.74
DC	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary Jan 2018	£183.12
2063	Adama Walsh	Molecatching (replaces cancelled cheque 057)	£250.00
2064	Business Stream	Water services Common toilets	£92.15
2066	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning Services Dec/Jan toilets	£1,790.58
2067	IEH	Sanitary bins public toilets	£36.00
2068	Brian Jacobs	Clerk's salary January	£654.89
2069	Brian Jacobs	Clerk's expenses January	£90.00
2070	CHOYD	Broadbans quarterly charge	£65.52
2071	Brighstone Landscaping	Maintenance CHOYD hedge & Rec	£144.00
2072	WBS	Office furniture & stationery	£260.73

175/2017.2 Bank Reconciliation.

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for January 2018 as presented

176/2017 PLANNING ISSUES**176/2017.1 Planning Applications:**

Application No	Location	Proposal	Comments due
TCP/33231/A - P/00039/18	Bramleys, Station Road, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410QT	Householder Application - Demolition of existing conservatory; proposed single storey flat roof extension with balcony over; internal alterations (revised scheme)	Comments Due By: 09/02/2018

RESOLVED: To record objections based on the invasion of privacy and loss of light to neighbouring properties, which would not be remedied by the proposed wooden screen, which would not prevent noise pollution.

The following were noted:

176/2017.2 Other Planning issues**Permission Granted:**

Application No	Location	Proposal	Comments due
TCP/22441/C - P/01394/17	Mill Creek Cottage, Mill Lane, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410QY	Variation of condition 2 on P/00775/16 to allow alterations to windows and removal of first floor balcony	Comments Due By: 05/01/2018

The new applications just registered will be dealt with next month.

Permission refused: None

Appeal allowed: None

Temporary Event Notices: None

TPOs:

Trees in Tree Preservation Order TPO/1980/16 G2

Location: 28 The Vineyard, Bouldnor, Yarmouth, PO41 OXE

Consent for the following: To fell the two *Macrocarpa* detailed in the application

Reason: The two trees are becoming a nuisance to the area and inappropriate for the space they are located in.

Conditions: It is a condition of this consent that a replacement tree is planted. These are to be two compact hornbeam of at least half-standard size (as defined in British Standard 3936) to be planted in a location/s as may be agreed in writing by the Council.

Reason: In the interests of the amenity of the area and to comply with the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that requires replacements for felled trees to be planted.

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

177/2017 SEA LANE

The Clerk reported that a further 50 witness statements, collected by Cllr Corbett, had been deposited with the IWC.

178/2017 OFFICE RELOCATION

The Clerk reported that the establishment of the YTC in CHOYD was now complete, though there were ongoing IT issues to be resolved. The Clerk undertook to record opening hours of Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:30-12:30 on the YTC website.

179/2017 PUBLIC TOILETS

The Clerk was tasked to remind Dyno-Rod to supply the recent CCTV video made of Bridge Road drains.

180/2017 SEA POLLUTION INITIATIVE

Mayor Cowley distributed a poster which had been prepared to campaign against plastic drinking straws, and reported that YHC has commissioned a logo for the clean seas initiative. It was suggested that a stamp should be prepared containing this logo.

181/2017 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT

Cllr Cronin has found a swing unit online to replace the Board Rider, cost around £3K + installation charges.

182/2017 CELEBRATIONS TO COMMEMORATE THE END OF WW1

The Mayor proposed that a high tea be organised at CHOYD for local families who have direct links through 3 generations to those who were caught up in the 1914-18 conflict. The aim would be to involve all generations (around 100 people), and to provide 1918-style food. This event would be followed by a themed evening from 6pm onwards. The estimated budget would be around £500.

183/2017 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

RESOLVED: To defer the ATM to 24/4/18. There will be a presentation 'The Pier's Tale'. It was also RESOLVED that the Clerk should prepare a newsletter in advance of the ATM to include the following topics:

- Public toilets
- Clean seas initiative
- Sea Lanes
- Play Area

184/2017 CLERK'S REPORT

184/2017.1 REGENERATION WORKSHOP

Mayor Cowley will attend the IWC next area regeneration on Thursday 8th February at West Wight Sports and Community Centre in Freshwater.

184/2017.2 MEMORIAL BENCH

Mayor Cowley has visited RVN with regard to the recent application for a bench at the Town Green Recreation Ground in memory of Barry Coates-Evans. RVN can supply the concrete ends, and another supplier must be sought for the reconstituted plastic slats, which the Mayor will investigate.

184/2017.3 IWALC TOPIC MEETING 15TH FEBRUARY

It was noted that there will be an IWALC topic meeting on 15th February to cover grass cutting contracts with guest speaker IWC Recreation and Public Spaces Manager Lee Matthews.

184/2017.4 CIVIL MILITARY PARTNERSHIP

It was noted that the next meeting is due to take place on the 10th of May 2018 at 13:00hrs at County Hall.

184/2017.5 IWC INITIATIVE DIGITALLY ACTIVE TOWNS

It was noted that IWC are promoting a social media campaign in February to help increase footfall to our local high streets.

184/2017.6 LGA WORKSHOP - HEALTH OUTCOMES AND PREVENTING ILL HEALTH

It was noted that the IWC is running a LGA workshop about how elected members can help to improve Public Health within their communities.

184/2017.7 GRANTS 2018

Councillors were reminded that Y&CFC will be applying to YTC for a grant of £2,500 towards its Pavilion. RESOLVED: The Clerk to notify Y&CFC that YTC pledges its support to this project, subject to significant input from the Club itself, and to suitable project and business plans.

184/2017.8 OFFICE PHONE

It was noted that a mobile phone on the O2 network has been set up, and the number is 07714654331.

185/2017 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED: To accept the correspondence list for January as presented

186/2017 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following were agreed:

Memorial Bench

Play Area equipment

Public toilets renovation

Sea pollution initiative

Sea Lanes

Celebrations to commemorate the end of WW1

187/2017 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To note the date, time and venue of the next monthly meeting at Thorley Church, 6:30pm 6/3/18

188/2017 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.....