

The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at Thorley Church on Tuesday June 5th 2018 at 6:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Tim Adams (Yarmouth Harbour Commission Representative), Cnty Cllr S Hutchinson and 1 members of the public.

34/2017 APOLOGIES

Apologies for were received from Cllr R Corbett

41/2018 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Visitor boat numbers were the highest recorded in three sectors, sailing schools, LTVs and short stays which coincides with the hottest May since records began in 1910, Short stays or lunchtime visits were up by 145 boats or 23% at 785 visits. Overnight visits to the harbour show an increase on 2017 of 24% or 463 boats totalling 2414 visits. Sailing school visits are up by 29%. Long Term Visitor (LTVs) are up 10%, totalling 1682 nights. Year to date up to the end of May 2018 Total visitor boat numbers at 13,284 show an increase on 2017 figures of 552 visits or 4%.

Harbour Works, The Pier: The works are going well. There have been some hold ups due to inclement weather, the contractors are not running to schedule and will complete their works a little later than predicted. However, the Piers Tale project in general is on budget and on time.

The grand opening ceremony will be on the 13th August.

Cllr Cronin raised the issue of a tree which required trimming on the Green behind Yarmouth School, and the incorrect, recently-installed signage.

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hutchinson reported on the following issues:

Fire Service: The Island Fire Service is required to consult on a combined fire service with Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton, and the Police and Crime Commissioner has the authority to take control of the Service if it doesn't improve efficiency and reduce costs. The consultation is due to start in the next few weeks and a decision will be made 6 months from then.

IWC Budget: The actual results for 2017/18 came in £3M (1.6%) under target, which will allow some cuts to be restored. However, the improved result still leaves £16.5M expenditure reductions to be found over the next 3 years.

Meeting with Chinese delegation: IW County Councillors have signed a memorandum of understanding with a delegation from the office of the Mayor of Enshi, China. The agreement outlined the proposed partnership, which will focus on sharing knowledge, promoting collaboration between the two territories, and looking to develop a programme of exchange between businesses, students and organisations.

Floating Bridge: Although a member board should be set up for every major contract, this did not happen with the purchase of the new chain ferry. Mechanical issues had been fixed at the manufacturer's expense. It appears that the new breakwater beyond the Shrape has disturbed water flow at spring tides, which, combined with a lower depth of water caused by a lack of dredging in the Median estuary, has led to the present suspension of the service during spring tides. A local company has been appointed to address these issues, which have led to £850K in lost revenue.

iii) THORLEY ISSUES

It was reported that the recent renovation by Island Roads of Thorley bus shelter was less than satisfactory, with rotten wood painted over, and the soffit not painted. Also, the interior had not been cleaned out. RESOLVED: The Clerk and local Councillors will bring this to the attention of Island Roads.

Cllr Devine reported that a mirror was needed at the junction of Tattells Lane and Thorley Street, where hedge growth from the adjoining land was impairing visibility, and needs to be cut.

There is a large wet area in the middle of the field between Tattells Lane and Hill Place Lane, which represents a health hazard. RESOLVED: The Clerk to bring this to the attention of Rights of Way Department at IWC.

It was decided that YTC would have no objections to a scheme by a local resident to improve the local telephone kiosk.

iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES

It was reported that the light above the entrance to the gents' toilet in Bridge Road is faulty, and it was RESOLVED the Clerk to arrange for its repair.

Cllr Allen reported that he had cut down the tree on the corner of South Street/Tennyson Road.

Cllr McCleary reported that overgrown hedges and weed growth were obstructing the footway along Tennyson Road outside Easterholme and the Cemetery. RESOLVED: The Clerk to contact Island Roads and arrange for the vegetation to be cut back.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Martin Scotcher gave a short presentation in support of the request for a grant by Yarmouth Gig Rowing Club.

42/2018 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

43/2018 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting and the May Monthly Town Council held 8/5/18.

To approve the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting 24/4/18

44/2018 FINANCE**44/2018.1 Payment of Accounts**

RESOLVED: The following accounts are approved for payment in June 2018:

DC	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	£1.80
DC	Post Office	Postage	£14.79
DC	GIFFGAFF	Office phone	£7.50
DC	Business Stream	Water usage the Common	£61.53
DC	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary May	£179.67
2099	Adam Walsh	Mole clearance Recreation	£145.00
2100	Ashridge Nurseries	Replacement trees Community	£89.90
2101	B Jacobs	Clerk's salary May	£654.89
2102	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning services public toilets	£950.18
2103	Clean Island Ltd	Dyno-Rod services April	£156.00
2104	Playsafety Ltd	ROSPA inspection Play Area	£92.40
2105	Came & Co	Addition insurance premium new play equipment	£191.85
2106	WWSC	Annual grant	£6,800.00
2107	CHOYD	Annual grant	£1,000.00
2108	YTC	Annual grant	£375.00

44/2018.2 Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for May 2018 as presented.

45/2018 PLANNING ISSUES**45/2018.1 Planning Applications:**

RESOLVED: To raise no objections to the following applications:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Comments due
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TCP/11303/H - P/00487/18	Hill Place, Hill Place Lane, Thorley, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410XJ	Householder Application - Proposed additional garden store and glasshouse	Comments Due By: 01/06/2018
TCP/07657/F - P/00548/18	Little End, South Street, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410QH	Variation of condition 2 on P/00147/18 to allow alterations to fenestration on west elevation	Comments Due By: 15/06/2018

45/2018.2 Other Planning issues

The following were noted:

Permission Granted: None

Permission refused: None

Appeal allowed: None

Temporary Event Notices: None

TPOs: None

Other: None

47/2018 PUBLIC TOILETS

Cllr Allen reported that he was having difficulties contacting the contractors he had identified to carry out the work on the drainage at Bridge Road Toilets. It was RESOLVED to defer further action until the September meeting.

48/2018 SEA POLLUTION INITIATIVE

Cllrs Head and Devine will be starting a 7-week course at Yarmouth School, where plastic straws are being replaced with recyclable paper.

49/2018 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

The minutes of the last meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee were reviewed. Replacement of the Board Rider with a swing unit: The Clerk reported that he had arranged a meeting with Sovereign Playgrounds for 11/6/17.

Pavilion refurbishment: No further progress had been made, but Y&CFC still intend to replace the Pavilion.

It was noted that the Play Area has recently received its annual inspection from RoSPA, with no issues highlighted.

Fencing: Volunteers were called for to re-paint the Play Area fencing, and the Clerk, Cllr Cronin and Cllr Jackson put their names forward, and Cllr Allen offered one of his employees. Cllr Cronin will nominate a Sunday during July, and the Recreation Ground Committee will decide the colour of stain to be used.

50/2018 WEBSITE PRIVACY STATEMENT

RESOLVED: The Clerk to put the NALC model on the YTC website and will circulate the suggested Councillors and Employees Privacy Statement by email for confirmation, where possible.

51/2018 TELEPHONE KIOSK

The kiosk is in the process of being painted.

52/2018 CLERK'S REPORT

52/2018.1 HOLMES BOUNTY 2018

The ceremony will take place on 13/6/18 at 11am, and the Clerk will circulate invitations.

52/2018.2 RIGHTS OF WAY

It was noted that IWC have informed that strimming Yarmouth Rights of Way will be carried out in June and August

52/2018.3 GRANT APPLICATIONS

An application for a grant of £1000 has been received from Yarmouth Gig Rowing Club to assist with the purchase of a new gig.

A further request from Citizens' Advice has been received for an unspecified amount.

RESOLVED: To award £250 to each applicant

52/2018.4 ARMED FORCES DAY

The Chairman of the Isle of Wight Council, Councillor Lora Peacey Wilcox, has invited a representative to a ceremony to Fly the Flag on Monday 18 June at 11.00am, in support of Armed Forces Day. Cllr Head agreed to attend this event on behalf of Yarmouth Town Council and Shalfleet Parish Council.

52/2018.5 ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE

The IWC invite a representative to attend an Isle of Wight Environmental Conference on 26/6/18 at Cowes Yacht Haven. Mayor Cowley agreed to attend this event.

53/2018 CORRESPONDENCE

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

54/2018 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Isle of Wight Day

Bridge Road toilets drainage works

55/2018 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To note the date, time and venue of the and next monthly meeting which will be 3/7/18 at Yarmouth Town Hall, 6:30pm

56/2018 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)

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