



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at Yarmouth Town Hall on Tuesday September 4th 2018 at 6:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Brian Mitchell (Harbour Commission Representative), IW Councillor Stuart Hutchinson, and 4 members of the public

79/2018 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Devine

80/2018 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Boat numbers (Summer Summary)

- June — Visitor numbers were up in all sectors by 8% or 398 visits
- July - Visitor numbers were up in all sectors by 14% or 803 visits
- August — Visiting boat numbers collectively show an increase of 5% or 304 visits. However, due to the downturn in weather conditions during the month overnight visits are slightly down on 2017.

Visitor numbers year to date up to and including the 31st August.

- Overnight visits are up 0.4% or 53 boat nights totalling 14,345.
- Short Stays are up 2% or 83 visits totalling 4,265.
- Sailing Schools are up 17% or 119 visits totalling 840.
- Long Term Visitors are up 16% or 1960 nights totalling 14,102.

Harbour Works The Piers Tale Project

The restoration of the piers structure is complete. The team is now focusing on creating a discovery centre within the Roundhouse. The Centre will house monitors which will relay live underwater footage of an area below the pier head, footage of habitat projects conducted by Bournemouth University and time-lapse footage of the restoration project itself. Display boards will be mounted to the internal walls describing the history of the pier and Town. YHC intend to continue to engage with local schools throughout the year and beyond. The public have been able to gain access to a

large section of the pier although the pier head remains closed while the Roundhouse undergoes these works. The Waverly arrives for their first visit to Yarmouth on the 7th September and the pier head will be opened temporarily to allow passengers access. The grand opening ceremony has been put back to allow for the additional works and will now be on the 24th September. Invites will be sent out shortly.

Yarmouth Cleans Seas Initiative Refill Scheme

As part of the Yarmouth Clean Seas initiative Yarmouth Harbour Office is now registered as a refill station for people to refill their water bottles free of charge. There is a water dispenser in reception dispensing filtered water at cool or ambient temperature. The Refill initiative promotes the use of free water refill stations throughout the country with the aim of reducing the consumption of single use plastic bottles. The initiative has been featured on national TV and recently on the local BBC TV service.

People can download an App to their phone and find the nearest Refill station to fill their water containers free of charge. Currently Yarmouth Harbour Office is the only refill station in the town.

Waste disposal: Following the Isle of Wight Council's decision to remove the recycling facilities at the Harbour office YHC has replaced their waste collection contractor with an alternative service provider. The original contractor sent all waste to land fill however the new service segregates and recycles 70% of all refuse collected sending minimal amounts of general waste to land fill.

Health: YHC have allocated a car parking space for use by the IOW Chamber Health mobile team on the 5th of September. The team are providing free health checks outside the Harbour offices for people between 40-74 years old. No booking is required but you must be a resident of the island and not have received an NHS health check in the past five years.

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Ward boundaries: The Boundary Commission has submitted its report to IWC, which is still under discussion.

Budget: Work carried out over the last 18 months has proved to be very productive, and £5.5M savings have been achieved by shaving money from contracts, with a further £400K from VAT challenges; suitable investments are still under consideration. Council tax increases have yielded £2.3M, though adult social care remains a problem – 1 challenging case alone cost some £360K.

Mayor Cowley asked about the implications for Yarmouth of the latest car park regulations. Cllr Hutchinson answered that as parking income must not exceed spend, no increase in parking charges or reduction in free parking hours is envisaged, but it is unlikely that Yarmouth will be designated as residential on-street parking because the centre of the town is classified as a business area.

Cllr Corbett raised the issue of commuter parking opposite the Common, where there is considerable local concern that car numbers have recently increased dramatically, causing traffic obstructions and resultant accidents. He reiterated earlier suggestions

by Yarmouth Council that double yellow lines, or even a single yellow line, should be extended to the junction with Thorley. Cllr Hutchinson replied that Island Roads has been asked to carry out an assessment on this area, but that the classification of urban clearway or the raising of a Traffic Regulation Order were very difficult to achieve.

iii) THORLEY ISSUES

Cllr Head reported that the redundant telephone box in the middle of Thorley has now been removed, and that Island Roads have carried out further painting of the adjacent bus shelter, though the interior remains in an appalling state.

iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES

Sylvia Mence that the latest submission about the proposed Yarmouth Marine Conservation Zone had gone very smoothly, and the local MP had met with the DEFRA minister on 30/7/18, at which realistic views had been expressed on both sides; a visit to the DEFRA offices is anticipated. Mayor Cowley, who also attended the meeting, confirmed that the discussions were very positive. Only 3 MCZs out of the 41 proposed had raised issues, and priority was being given to socio-economic implications.

Mayor Cowley commented on the recent consultation by the Boundaries Commission which will result in changes to Island wards, one of which could be Norton becoming part of Freshwater North.

Cllr Corbett asked if it was possible to arrange for the walls in the Common toilets to be steam cleaned or power washed, as they have become discoloured. The Clerk responded that the cleaning contractors had carried out steam cleaning, to little effect, and had advised that power washing would damage the existing wall surface.

Cllr Corbett also asked if Island Roads could be persuaded to replace the recently installed plastic bollards outside 'Treasure Chest', and if the metal direction signs in the town could be replaced with cast iron ones.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public raised the issue of a recent accident at Wightlink which resulted in suspension of the ferry service for 2 hours, which he felt was due to poor disaster planning by the company. He also criticised the fact that there was often an issue with spaces allocated for multilink ticket holders and general capacity problems. The Mayor agreed to write to Wightlink to bring their attention to all these issues.

There being no further questions, the Public Forum ended at 19:20.

81/2018 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 Shalfleet Parish Council	
R Corbett	Yarmouth Town Trust	

82/2018 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the monthly Town Council held 3/7/18.

83/2018 FINANCE

83/2018.1 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED To approve the following payments for September 2018:

DC	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	£3.60
DC	Post Office	Postage	£5.05
DC	GIFFGAFF	Office phone	£15.00
DC	HMRC	PAYE C June/July	£380.37
2120	West Wight Youth FC	Grant	£50.00
2121	Helen Gibbs	Sponsorship	£50.00
2122	IEH	Sanitary bins	£86.40
2123	IWC	Environmental Officer	£260.00
2124	CHOYD	Broadband services	£67.92
2125	M Renwick	Grounds maintenance	£1,042.00
2126	Brighstone Landscaping	Grounds maintenance	£885.92
2127	Brian Jacobs	Clerk's salary July 2018	£666.41
2128	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning services public toilets	£890.78
2129	PK Littlejohn	External audit	£360.00
2130	IEH Ltd	Sanitary bins	£64.80
2131	B Jacobs	Clerk's salary August	£666.41
2132	Island Roads	Play Area waste bin	£62.04
2133	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning services public toilets	£963.26

83/2018.2 Bank Reconciliation

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

83/2018.3 External Audit

It was noted that the Annual Return has been signed off by the external auditors with no issues arising.

83/2018.4 Precept and referendum principles

It was noted that in 2018-19, the Government intends to continue the deferral of setting referendum principles for town and parish councils.

84/2018 PLANNING ISSUES

84/2018.1 Planning Applications:

The following applications were considered:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
TCP/14521/R - P/00696/18	La Cucina, High Street, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410PL	Removal of 2 air conditioning units; Installation of 3 air conditioning units	Comments Due By: 24/08/2018
TCP/33558 - P/00901/18	9 The Mount, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410RB	Householder Application - Proposed replacement windows and cladding to the front elevation to match the rear elevation; division of existing garage to form garage and studio including new external bi-fold door and new timber style decking area to match existing	Comments Due By: 24/08/2018

The following was RESOLVED:

P/00696/18: The following comments to be recorded on the WIC website:

Yarmouth town council has no objection to the re-siting of the air conditioning units; however, within the application no reference is made to the installation of an extraction flue. There are concerns over the odour, noise and visual nuisance to the properties to the east and south of the property. The application is unclear on the type and effectiveness of the extraction filtration and therefore level of odour and noise that will be emitted. The application makes no reference to the visual appearance of the flue. YTC would like to see further evidence of effectiveness and design of the proposed flue.

P/00901/18: No objections

84/2018.2 Other Planning issues

The following were noted:

Permission Granted:

Permission Refused:

Appeal lodged against the following refusal:

Application No	Location	Proposal
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
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Appeal allowed: None

Temporary Event Notices: None

TPOs:

Protection, Trees in Yarmouth Conservation Area

Location: St James Church, St James Street, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight

Following the Officer’s site visit on 6 June 2018, it is confirmed:

No objection to the following: Consent to remove the bay tree detailed in the application and reduce the holly in the manner detailed in the application.

Reason: The bay is damaging the surround grave stones and the holly is to be reduced to improve its form.

85/2018 CAR PARKING IN YARMOUTH

This matter had already been discussed within the Public Forum.

86/2018 PUBLIC TOILETS

It was RESOLVED to proceed with the quotation supplied by contractors C Judd to improve the drainage at Bridge Road toilets.

87/2018 SEA POLLUTION INITIATIVE

An invitation to the IOWC Community Plastic/Environmental Forum 27 September 2018 16:30-18:00 Room 5, 4th Floor, County Hall, Newport was noted, but no Councillor wished to attend.

88/2018 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

The minutes of the last meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee were noted.

Cllr Cronin, Committee Chairman, reported that there had been no response received yet from Kompan regarding the cost of replacing the Board Rider with a swing unit, and work to prepare the meadow, in spite of several phone calls to the company.

Cllr Allen agreed to undertake clearance of the elm suckers in the meadow but stipulated that it would only be worthwhile if it could be followed up with grassing the area to inhibit further weed growth.

No further progress was reported on the Pavilion refurbishment.

The Clerk reported that the netting structure at the eastern end of the football pitch was in a dangerous condition with several of the supports rusted through and only prevented from falling by the netting itself. He read out a report received from Yarmouth & Calbourne Football Club received in response to an email request to repair the structure and render it safe, which indicated the Club did not consider it their responsibility. It was agreed that this was contrary to the terms of the License, and RESOLVED that the Clerk would email the Club, setting a 2 month deadline for it to meet its obligations and repair the netting, or the Council would arrange for the structure to be dismantled.

89/2018 TELEPHONE KIOSK

Repainting of the door has now been completed and Cllr Allen will re-attach it.

90/2018 STREET FURNITURE AUDIT

The results of the recent audit and agree action plan were noted. Cllr Allen reported that the replacement bench for the one by Off the Rails had arrived, and inspection was welcomed. He will remove the old bench and substitute the new one.

The Clerk was asked to bring to the attention of Island Roads that the benches at the bottom of Riverway were in a dilapidated condition and required maintenance.

It was RESOLVED to ask Ollie Dewar to restore the Stein bench at the Recreation Ground.

91/2018 LOVESHORE LANE GRAVELLING

It was noted that the gravelling Loveshore Lane cannot proceed as repair work to the garden wall of the adjacent property has not yet been carried out. This will be kept under review and discussed at a future meeting.

92/2018 COUNTY FIRE SERVICE CONSULTATION

Cllrs Corbett and Head will attend the meeting on Tuesday 25 September at the Freshwater Memorial Hall to discuss the recent Fire Service consultation and will present a report to the next YTC meeting.

93/2018 WEST WIGHT COUNCILS TERMS OF REFERENCE

The report on this issue had not yet been received.

94/2018 CLERK'S REPORT

94/2018.1 REQUEST FOR GRANT WEST WIGHT CHURCHES

It was RESOLVED to make a grant of £100.

94/2018.2 BEST KEPT VILLAGE AWARDS

No Councillors wished to attend this presentation.

94/2018.3 THORLEY BUS SHELTER

This matter had been discussed in the Public Forum

94/2018.4 NHS HEALTH CHECK

It was noted that IW Chamber and IW Chamber Health have organised a mobile unit offering a free NHS health check to qualifying residents on 5/9/18 outside YHC offices.

94/2018.5 SPONSORED BENCH

It was RESOLVED to allow a local resident, Steve Sherwood-Rogers, to dedicate an unadopted bench at the Mount to the memory of his wife. The Clerk will suggest that

the applicant orders a suitable plaque and arranges for it to be installed on the bench. Should there be any problem, YTC will provide whatever assistance is necessary.

95/2018 CORRESPONDENCE

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

96/2018 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Love Shore Lane gravelling
Netting structure and Pavilion Recreation Ground

97/2018 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To note the date, time and venue of the and next monthly meeting which will be 2/10/18 at Thorley Church, 6:30pm

98/2018 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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