

The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at Thorley Church on Tuesday October 2nd 2018 at 6:30pm

PRESENT: Councillors J Allen (Deputy Mayor and acting Chair), P Cronin, S Devine, G Head, D McCleary, R Corbett

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Yarmouth Harbour Commission Representative, Cnty Cllr S Hutchinson and Isle of Wight County Press reporter

100/2018 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mayor Cowley, Cllr Jackson and Cllr Devine (delayed arrival)

101/2018 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Boat numbers (September):

- Overnight visits totalled 2,019 an increase on the previous year of 229 boat nights or 12%.
- Short Stays or lunchtime visits totalled 645 an increase on the previous year of 106 or 17%.
- Long Term Visitors totalled 1,914 nights an increase on last year of 452 nights or 31%.
- Sailing School visits increased by 21 visits or 19% totalling 132

Visitor numbers year to date up to and including the 30th September:

- Overnight visits are up 2% or 286 boat nights totalling 16,368.
- Short Stays are up 4% or 194 visits totalling 4,911.
- Sailing Schools are up 17% or 141 visits totalling 973.
- Long Term Visitors are up 19% or 2,599 nights totalling 16,203.

Harbour Works, The Piers Tale Project:

The pier was opened officially on the 24th September.

Fishing permits are now on sale both at the harbour office and at Black Rock Charters. YHC are in the process of creating a small discovery centre in the round house with literature on the history of Yarmouth and the pier restoration project displayed on boards on the internal walls of the building together with underwater footage of the

pier head and time-lapse video of the restoration project shown on monitors. The round house will remain closed until these works are complete.

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Bouldnor Road parking problem: Island Roads is currently carrying out an assessment of parking opposite the Common in the wake of two recent accidents, though the problem has recently diminished as fewer cars park there following the latest accident.

Boundary Commission Report: A response to Government proposals is still under consideration by the IWC, though there is little confidence that its views will materially affect these proposals. IWC will ask for some descriptions to be amended, eg 'Yarmouth' instead of 'Freshwater North'.

Cabinet on the Road: The first of these local meetings was held for East Wight and proved to be a lively affair. It was followed by a closed meeting with local councillors. The next one scheduled is Ventnor.

Other issues: IWC will be focussing on affordable housing – only 35 were built on the Island last year. A feasibility study is to be undertaken into restoring the Undercliff Drive.

Cllr Corbett referred to the recent Fire Authority consultation meeting in West Wight which had only been attended by him and Cllr Head. This was extremely disappointing in view of the potential impact on the Island's firefighting capabilities, and re-iterated the points detailed in his report (below). Cllr Hutchinson responded that the IWC is offering an open forum via its website, that a merger with Hampshire Fire Authority was likely, and that the Police and Crime Commissioner has the authority to force this if necessary.

iii) THORLEY ISSUES

Yarmouth Town Council has been presented with an award for best-kept war memorial at Thorley Church under the recent Best Kept Village Awards for the third time, previous successes having been achieved in 2006 and 2013. Cllr Corbett suggested that the Church should be presented with the £100 prize money, and it was RESOLVED that arrangements for this will be discussed at the next monthly meeting.

Cllr Devine reported about the problem of speeding in Thorley, and the Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of the local police.

iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES

Concern was expressed about the incursion onto the footpath of weed growth at the currently vacant property of Easterholme along Tennyson Road, and the Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of Island Roads.

The Clerk read out an email received from Debbie Cotton detailing the reasons for the demise of the Old Gaffers Festival, and thanking all those involved who had contributed to its past successes. She invited submissions from local organisations to use the remaining funds for projects which will benefit the local community. Considerable

gratitude was expressed for her efforts in organising this Festival, and a letter of thanks will be sent from the Mayor.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There being no further questions, the Public Forum concluded at 19:00.

102/2018 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

103/2018 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the monthly Town Council held 4/9/18.

104/2018 FINANCE

104/2018.1 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: To approve the following payment of accounts for October 2018:

DC	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	£1.80
DC	Post Office	Postage	£5.05
DC	GIFFGAFF	Office phone	£7.50
DC	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary August	£184.68
DC	Kaspersky	Anit-virus	£40.50
DD	SSE	Electricity public toilets	£199.44
2134	P Cronin	Preservative, Play Area fence	£138.98
2136	Ringway Island Roads	Waste bin Play Area	£62.04
2138	B Jacobs	Clerk's salary September	£666.41
2139	Clean Island Ltd	Dyno-rod	£156.00
2140	Yarmouth Town Trust	Recreation Ground rental	£175.00
2141	West Wight Churches	Grant	£100.00
2142	B Jacobs	Clerk's expenses	£59.00

104/2018.2 Bank Reconciliation

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

105/2018 PLANNING ISSUES

105/2018.1 Planning Applications:

No objections were raised to the following application:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
TCP/33049/A - P/01035/18	6 The Mount, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410RB	Variation of condition 2 of P/00427/17 to include 2x additional Juliet balconies and windows	Comments Due By: 12/10/2018

The following were noted:

105/2018.2 Other Planning issues

To note the following:

Permission Granted:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
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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
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It was noted that account had been taken of flue issues, that some restrictions had been imposed, and that Environmental Health will issue the final compliance certificate.

Permission Refused:

Appeal allowed: None

Temporary Event Notices: None

TPOs: None

106/2018 ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

It was RESOLVED to arrange for 2 wreaths this year and the Clerk will contact the coordinator accordingly. Cllr Corbett will arrange for the wreath stands to be deployed to the usual location in Yarmouth.

The 10 WW1 soldier silhouettes will be deployed following discussions between the Clerk, Cllr Corbett and Jill Cowley.

107/2018 PUBLIC TOILETS

Cllr Allen will contact the Contractor to arrange for the new drainage work to be carried out to Bridge Road toilets within the next two months. He will also ask the Contractor to take all necessary action to resolve the problem with the urinals and renew the existing cover panel.

It was agreed to go ahead with felling the willow by the Common toilets to prevent any further damage to the drains, and the Clerk was asked to ascertain if the tree is covered

by a TPO. It will be replaced by a less invasive tree of a native species, planted at a suitable distance from the toilets.

108/2018 SEA POLLUTION INITIATIVE

There has been no further progress on the above, though this issue seems now to be in the hands of Yarmouth Harbour Commission, who have also made available an Android App for finding locations where water containers can be filled.

109/2018 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

The minutes of the last meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee were circulated by the Clerk and the Committee Chairman, Cllr Cronin, reported on the issues involved. He informed that repainting of the fence by the Play Area had now been completed and thanked the volunteers who had carried this out.

With regard replacement of the Board Rider with a swing unit, he had been unable to speak to the engineer involved at Kompan but will continue to try to get in touch with him.

He thanked Cllr Allen for his work in clearing the meadow of brambles and elm suckers. Cllr Allen undertook to deal with the disposal of the resultant waste matter and will see to the application of weed killer to any new weed growth arising.

The response from Y&CFC to the last reminder to secure their structures was noted, and it was RESOLVED to review their annual rental at the next YTC monthly meeting. There had been no progress on the Pavilion refurbishment/replacement, and replacing the building with an alternative structure was being considered by the Recreation Ground Committee, subject to obtaining funding.

110/2018 TELEPHONE KIOSK

Cllr Corbett reported that he had rubbed down the paintwork on the kiosk and will now administer undercoat and topcoat.

111/2018 SEA LANES

YTC can still not proceed with gravelling Loveshore Lane as work on the garden wall of the adjacent property has yet to be carried out.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would write to the Delphie Lakeman Trust supporting a proposal to the Crown Commissioners for the reinstatement of two 'haul-off' posts for local dinghies in support of the YTC initiative to keep the sea lanes open for the public. Friar's Lane: The Clerk reported that an email had been received from IWC indicating that it is to begin work on the Modification Order applied for in respect of Friar's Lane. The recommended notice will be laminated and displayed at each end of the Lane.

112/2018 WEST WIGHT COUNCILS TERMS OF REFERENCE

It was RESOLVED to deal with this at the next meeting.

113/2018 FIRE SERVICE CONSULTATION

Cllr Corbett reported on a poorly-supported meeting he had attended on 25/9/18 about the Fire Service consultation, and to presented his recommendations for the YTC response to the consultation.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would record Cllr Corbett's comments as presented, on the relevant website, and to send a copy of the comments to Cllr Head.

114/2018 BOULDNOR ROAD PARKING

It was noted that another accident has taken place along Bouldnor Road by the Common as a result of commuter parking.

115/2018 CLERK'S REPORT

115/2018.1 RESIDENTS PARKING ZONES

It was noted that, at a recent IWC Scrutiny Meeting attended by the County Officer of IWALC, it was agreed that the Cabinet be recommended to include a default setting of not marking parking bays to provide additional space for parking, and that the committee supported the increasing need for Resident Parking Zones but recognised that permit holders cannot always be guaranteed to be able to park outside of their home.

115/2018.2 SHERWOOD-ROGERES MEMORIAL BENCH

Stephen Sherwood-Rogers has now made a written application for a memorial at the Mount for his wife, and wishes to nominate a picnic table. It was RESOLVED that Mr Sherwood-Rogers could elect whichever article of furniture he wished to install his plaque.

115/2018.3 REQUEST FOR GRANT LEAVING CARE

It was proposed by Cllr Corbett, seconded by Cllr McCleary and carried by a majority that it was RESOLVED to grant the organisation £50, and to make provision in the following year's budget for a similar sum

116/2018 CORRESPONDENCE

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

117/2018 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Recreation Ground Rental

Annual Budget

Football pitch rental

Willow tree at Common toilets

Work on Bridge Road toilets

Presentation of cheque to Thorley Church

Bouldnor Road parking

West Wight Terms of Reference

118/2018 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To note the date, time and venue of the and next monthly meeting which will be 6/11/18 at Yarmouth Town Hall, 6:30pm

119/2018 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)

Date.....