



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Don Tredgear (Yarmouth Harbour Commission Representative), and 2 members of the public.

121/2018 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Devine

122/2018 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Boat numbers (October):

- Overnight visits totalled 906 an increase on the previous year of 102 boat nights or 13%.
- Short Stays or lunchtime visits totalled 403 an increase on the previous year of 42 or 12%.
- Long Term Visitors totalled 2,126 nights an increase on last year of 251 nights or 13%.
- Sailing School visits increased by 24 boats or 19% totalling 150 visits.

Visitor numbers year to date up to and including the 31st October:

- Overnight visits are up 2% or 398 boat nights totalling 17,284.
- Short Stays are up 5% or 236 visits totalling 5,314.
- Sailing Schools are up 17% or 165 visits totalling 1,123.
- Long Term Visitors are up 19% or 2,910 nights totalling 18,389.

Harbour Works:

Dredging YHC recently conducted a bathymetric survey throughout the Harbour. The survey identified some shallow areas on the approaches to the harbour entrance that, if left untreated would in time cause a hazard to navigation for larger vessels, in particular the passenger ferry. Therefore, in the interest of safe navigation dredging

works will commence the week beginning the 5th November for a duration of approximately two weeks.

It is not financially viable to bring in dredging equipment to knock off a few high spots within the Harbour approaches therefore, the areas both North and South of the bridge that have been identified as requiring attention will be targeted.

The Commissioners are aware that this is very short notice for Harbour users and apologise for any inconvenience caused. The short notice period is due to limited availability of the dredging plant and vessels.

Reception: Phase 2 of the reception renovation project has begun. The aim of the upgrade is to create a modern, comfortable and inviting area for our customers and provide a tourist information service or portal for all visitors to Yarmouth. The information portal will focus predominantly on west Wight businesses and attractions for the benefit of local tourism.

Cllr Corbett asked if the Harbour Commission could give consideration to refurbishing the antique commercial signs on the wall adjacent to the old telephone kiosk in Pier Square. The YHC Representative agreed to pass this request on to the Harbour Commissioner.

Cllr Jackson had concerns about the possibility of the YHC installing pontoons above Yarmouth Bridge. Mr Tredgear responded that YHC were considering some changes were planned due to increasing visitor numbers, including the installation of additional pontoons, but full consultation with river users would be carried out before any decision was taken.

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hutchinson was unable to be present, so the Clerk read out an email report he had sent prior to the meeting:

I have only minor local issues to report, which is that the housing development at Bouldnor has now started - strictly speaking that's in Shalfleet Parish, but looks more to Yarmouth and secondly that I have asked for the new ward which was designated by the boundary commission as Freshwater North to be renamed as Yarmouth ward. That request will be included in the revised submission to the commission going out next week.

Finally on a more general note there is a proposal going before Cabinet this Thursday to set up either (or perhaps both) a special company to build affordable housing, and/or setting up our own housing revenue account so that we can control the building of affordable homes. Developers are just not delivering. We had just 19 starts the year before last and 35 last year. We need about 200 a year across the Island. Currently we have 2000 families waiting for a home and 170 families in B&B accommodation which is completely unacceptable as well as being costly. The financial resilience we have built into budget in the current year and we aim to have in next years budget will provide finance to enable us to get that off the ground.

iii) THORLEY ISSUES

Cllr Head repeated her concern from last month of speeding in Thorley

iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES

Cllr Corbett expressed his disappointment that IWC had ignored YTC’s suggestion of using public car parks to accommodate local traders’ second allotted parking spaces, which was impacting on the on-street parking in Yarmouth.

Cllr Allen reported that Island Roads had still not responded to the YTC request to change the recently installed plastic bollards outside ‘Treasure Chest’ with metal ones. The Clerk informed that this had been raised with Island Roads though with no response and agreed to resubmit the complaint.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public expressed concern about the number of properties along the north side of Tennyson Road which has been purchased by non-residents for second homes. Mayor Cowley said that he was aware of concerns and asked the Clerk to bring the issue to the attention of Cllr Hutchinson.

This lead on a discussion about affordable housing, and Mayor Cowley reported that only 9 such units were part of the first phase of the Bouldnor development, which actually meets Shalfleet PC’s requirements. Recent indications from IWC suggest that IWC could be basing its housing requirements on the West Wight as a whole rather than individual areas.

123/2018 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	

124/2018 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the monthly Town Council held 2/10/18.

125/2018 FINANCE

125/2018.1 Payment of Accounts

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

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	Harwoods	Cable clips	£3.65
DC	Argos	Replacement tablet	£482.95
DC	There But Not There	Metal silhouette (covered by grant YTT)	£818.04
DC	Post Office	Postage stamps	£28.92
DD	Business Stream	Water services public toilets	£404.64
2143	R Corbett	Misc phone box	£59.84
2144	SLCC IW	Annual subs	£10.00
2145	M Renwick	Clearance plant beds	£90.00
2147	Clean Island Ltd	Dyno-Rod services	£156.00
2148	B Jacobs	Clerk's salary October	£666.41
2150	Brighstone Landscaping	Grasscutting Rec, Mount, green areas	£659.12
2150	Brighstone Landscaping	Rec ditching	£228.00
2150	Brighstone Landscaping	CHOYD hedgecutting	£72.00
2150	Brighstone Landscaping	Yarmouth Cemetery	£1,113.60
2151	IEH	Sanitary bins public toilets	£64.80

125/2018.2 Bank Reconciliation

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

125/2018.3 Draft Budget 2019/20

The first draft of the above and accompanying report was noted.

126/2018 PLANNING ISSUES

126/2018.1 Planning Applications:

The following application was considered:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
P/01177/18	Love Shore House, High Street, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410PN	Proposed replacement garden room and boundary wall along western boundary + LBC	Comments Due By: 23/11/2018

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would record the following comments on the Planning website:

The following objections are raised:

- The proposed new gateway into Loveshore Lane is inappropriate for a Right of Way
- The proposed materials for rebuilding the existing wall do not match exiting ones

- The proposed glass roof is higher than the existing structure, and is not in accordance with the IWC 'dark skies' policy

YTC would like to be assured the pedestrian access to Loveshore Lane is guaranteed at all times

126/2018.2 Other Planning issues

The following were noted:

Permission Granted:

Application No	Location	Proposal
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

Permission Refused:

Appeal allowed: None

Temporary Event Notices: None

TPOs: None

Street Furniture Application:

Highways Act 1980 Section 115E

The following application has been accepted by the licensing authority:

Application for a Street Furniture Permit for Bank House Antiques Emporium, Pier Street, The Square, Yarmouth

127/2018 ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Mayor Cowley reported that the 10 WWI silhouettes had been distributed, and Cllrs Corbett and Cronin will arrange for the delivery of the wreath stand to Yarmouth Square, and for suitable netting to cover it. Hi-vis jackets will be collected from the Clerk. Mayor Cowley and Deputy Mayor Allen will expedite the installation and lighting of the beacon.

A celebratory tea party will take place at CHOYD.

128/2018 PUBLIC TOILETS

Cllr Allen reported that the drainage improvement works for Bridge Road toilets will commence 8/11/18.

Cllr Jackson expressed concern about access to the disable toilet at the Common, and Cllrs Allen and Cronin agreed to investigate this issue.

The removal and replacement of the willow tree by the Common toilets was considered. The Clerk had not yet received a response from IWC re his enquiry about

TPO status, but it was agreed to defer further action until the possibility of root-proof drains was investigated.

129/2018 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

The draft minutes of the last meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee were considered. Committee Chair Cllr Cronin reported that he had been in contact with Kompan, and is considering their current offer of 25% match funding for play equipment.

The Clerk reported that Brighstone Landscaping had been asked to complete the clearance of the meadow and to grass it with low-grade seed when conditions are suitable (with a good quality seed applied next spring), and to remove the existing waste created by the clearance to date.

Yarmouth & Calbourne Football Club: The Pavilion has now been boarded up, and is reasonably secure. With regard to the request by the club to waive its annual rental this year, it was RESOLVED that billing must take place under the terms of the License Agreement. If there is no agreement on immediately repairing/removing the eastern netting structure, YTC will arrange for this and bill the Club.

130/2018 TELEPHONE KIOSK

Cllrs Corbett and Jackson have completed the repainting of the old kiosk in Pier Square, and the interior is now ready for the installation of the interior display stands. The Clerk will investigate the purchase of these via the WWW.

131/2018 SEA LANES

The issue of when YTC can proceed with gravelling Loveshore Lane was considered under 126/2018.1 above.

132/2018 WEST WIGHT COUNCILS TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED: To agree the group's Terms of Reference as presented.

133/2018 BOULDNOR ROAD PARKING

There were no further developments regarding this issue

134/2018 PRESENTATION OF BEST KEPT MEMORIAL TO THORLEY CHURCH

Mayor Cowley will discuss arrangements for the above with Andrew Johnson of Thorley Church.

135/2018 CLERK'S REPORT

135/2018.2 FLOWERBEDS

The quote from M Renwick for renewing the timbers at the Mount flowerbed was considered, but Councillors rejected the suggestion of using scaffold boards, and asked

that the Clerk request Mr Renwick to visit Chessell Woodyard to investigate possible alternatives.

135/2018.3 OVERGROWN HEDGE TENNYSON ROAD

It was noted that the above issue has now been resolved.

135/2018.4 REPAINTING COMMON TOILETS

All Round Cleaners offer to repaint the public toilets at the Common was considered but rejected. It was RESOLVED to re-visit this issue in the spring.

135/2018.5 PLANNING APPLICATION HALLET CHUTE

The planning application for development of West Bat Club, Halletts Shute was noted.

135/2018.6 NETWORK INTEGRITY – YARMOUTH

The above IWC document, recently circulated to Councillors, was noted, and it was RESOLVED to add traffic calming in Thorley to the list.

136/2018 CORRESPONDENCE

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

137/2018 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Annual Budget & Precept
- Demolition netting struct Yarmouth Rec
- Willow tree at Common toilets
- Bridge Road toilets improvements
- Presentation of cheque to Thorley Church
- Bouldnor Road parking
- Mayor’s Award

138/2018 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To note the date, time and venue of the and next monthly meeting which will be 4/12/18 at CHOYD, 6:30pm

139/2018 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.....