



# The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

## Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at CHOYD on Tuesday February 5th 2019 at 6:30pm

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** B Jacobs (Town Clerk), County Yarmouth Harbour Commission Representative, IW Cllr S Hutchinson and 2 members of the public.

### **180/2018 APOLOGIES**

### **181/2018 PUBLIC FORUM:**

#### **i) HARBOUR ISSUES**

##### **Boat numbers for January 2019**

- Overnight visits for the January show an increase of 28% at 99 visits.
- Short Stays or lunchtime visits totalled 151 an increase on the previous year of 81 visits or 1150/0. This figure is the highest on record for January and is an indication of good weather.
- Long Term visitors totalled 2,369 nights an increase in last year of 463 nights or 24%. This figure is the highest on record.
- Sailing school traffic increased by 17% at 28 visits.

Total visits to the harbour during January was 2,619, an increase on the previous year of 566 visits or 28%.

**Harbour Works:** The new pontoon, set to be located on the piles south of the bridge next to the revetment has been ordered and is scheduled for delivery and installation at the end of February.

**Tourist Information Point:** The Harbours tourist information point is close to completion. Works are expected to finish by the end of the week. Thin main aim is to promote Yarmouth and the west Wight as a destination. Businesses that wish to utilise the facility should contact the harbour.

Cllr Corbett asked if the 'Pier's Tale' would be available in the form of a book, and the YHC representative reported that the costs of doing so were being explored.

#### **ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

IWC Cllr Hutchinson commented that he wished the two IWC controlled harbours currently up for sale, Ryde and Ventnor, were faring as well as Yarmouth.

**Education:** Better news was available regarding the Isle of Wight Education Service which, having been assessed by Ofsted a few years ago as underperforming, was rated as good in the most recent Ofsted report.

**Fire Service:** Cllr Hutchinson announced that the IWC intends to merge the local fire service with that of Southampton, Portsmouth and Hampshire, and this was supported by the FBU. Cllr Corbett queried whether this was good for the Island; Cllr Hutchinson responded that the present arrangements are too expensive, and, if the merger didn't go ahead, it was likely that the Police & Crime Commissioner would take it over. Cllr Corbett felt that Island would be under-represented and would be paying for unnecessary services.

**Budget:** Cllr Hutchinson reported that £5.5M savings had been identified, but there would still be a 2.99% increase in Council Tax. It was forecast that £14M capital investments would yield earnings, of which £2.3M would be applied to adult social care. A recent consultation had aroused little public interest. Mayor Cowley suggested that IWC was not listening to local opinion, but Cllr Hutchinson disagreed, saying that IWC had taken on board public opinion about car parking, and that a Government-led initiative was being rolled out whereby small traders with less than £50K turnover will get a full refund of business rates for 2 years.

**Network Highway Improvements:** A survey has been launched asking for public feedback on the services being provided by Island Roads as part of its work to improve the highways network on the Island. This had been circulated to Yarmouth Councillors by the Clerk.

Cllr Allen raised the issue of business car parking, on which he had been approached by several local traders who were concerned about the replacement of the £40 residents parking permit with £500 car park annual fee, referring to the under-use of Riverway Car Park. Cllr Hutchinson was concerned about non-uniform treatment across the Island which will be reviewed in 2019 and referred to a pilot project under way in Cowes, and problems with commuter parking. Consideration was being given by IWC to buying land for a more extensive Park & Ride at Cowes.

### iii) **THORLEY ISSUES**

Cllr Head asked if any progress had been made with improving Thorley noticeboard. The Clerk reported that he had recently chased up the contractor involved and would do so again.

### iv) **YARMOUTH ISSUES**

Sylvia Mence reported on a Community Resilience meeting at Sandown on 31 January for Town & Parish Councils and organised by the Environment Agency and the IWC Emergency Department. Yarmouth Community Flood Plan was presented as an example of best practice and was represented at the meeting by Tim Adams (Harbour Master & Co-ordinator of the Plan) and herself.

## v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no further questions and the Public Forum ended at 19:10.

## 182/2018 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

## 183/2018 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the monthly Town Council held 8/1/19.

## 184/2018 FINANCE

### 184/2018.1 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: To approve the following payment of accounts for February 2019:

DC	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	£2.76
DC	GIFFGAFF	Office phone	£5.00
DC	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary January	£184.68
2170	B Jacobs	Clerk's salary January	£666.41
2171	C Waddington	Christmas tree	£210.00
2172	Thorley Church	YTC meeting October	£25.20
2173	CHOYD	Annual office rental	£1,400.00
2174	CHOYD	Broadband	£17.40
2175	IWALC	Subscription	£218.66
2176	Island Road	Waste bin Play Area	£84.60
2177	Clean Island	Dyno Rod CCTV services	£330.00
2178	Jenner Demolition	Netting structure	£300.00
2179	Business Stream	Water Services	£333.80

### 184/2018.2 Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for January 2019 as presented.

## 185/2018 PLANNING ISSUES

### 185/2018.1 Planning Applications:

No objections were raised to the following applications:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
TCP/10401/F - P/01089/18	Hampshire Constabulary, Yarmouth Police Station, High Street, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410PL	Variation of condition 2 on P/00066/16 to allow alterations to design	Comments Due By: 01/02/2019
TCP/33194/A - P/01441/18	Easterholme, Tennyson Road, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410PR	Householder Application - Demolition of detached garage & timber chalet; proposed two storey side extension; detached garage	Comments Due By: 01/02/2019

The following were noted:

### 185/2018.2 Other Planning issues

To note the following:

#### Permission Granted:

Application No	Location	Proposal
P/01254/18	Tanners, High Street, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410PN	Demolition of outbuilding; alterations; proposed rear single storey extension
TCP/33668 - P/01303/18	Parking area adjacent to 9 Wellington Square, Heytesbury Road, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO41	Proposed block of four garages

**Permission Refused:** None

**Appeal allowed:** None

**Temporary Event Notices:** None

## 186/2018 PUBLIC TOILETS

- A report by the Clerk about refurbishment of the public toilets was considered. Mayor Cowley referred to the public toilets at Bembridge which were

redeveloped at less cost than the Shanklin ones the Clerk had reported on. Cllr Corbett reported that he had received a complaint about the condition of the paintwork at Bridge Road toilets.

It was resolved that the Clerk would arrange for Danfo to provide an estimate of the cost of refurbishing the 2 toilet blocks in Yarmouth.

- It was noted that All Round Cleaners have now carried out a deep clean of Bridge Road toilets.
- Willow tree by the Common toilets: The recent CCTV survey by Dyno-Rod indicating root ingress in the drains, as well as a number of foreign objects deliberately rammed down the gents' toilet, were discussed. Cllrs Allen and Cronin will attempt to remove the objects. It was felt that some work on the willow could not be avoided.

### **187/2018 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND**

- The draft minutes of the last meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee were considered.
- It was RESOLVED to accept the estimate by Brighstone Landscaping for moving the Board Rider to the meadow and erecting and installing a swings unit. It was also decided to ask them to remove the remaining elm suckers on the western boundary of the meadow.
- The notice of termination from Yarmouth & Calbourne Football Club was noted, and it was RESOLVED: that the Clerk will arrange with Jenner Demolition to remove the remaining netting structure, and bill Y&CFC for removal of the 2 structures.

### **188/2018 TELEPHONE KIOSK**

There had been no further progress in renovating the old kiosk in Pier Square, but Cllr Corbett will undertake preparation of the photographs to be prepared.

### **189/2018 BOULDNOR ROAD PARKING**

There had been no further developments with this issue.

### **190/2018 IWC CONSULTATION ON ISLAND PLANNING STRATEGY**

Mayor Cowley and Cllr Head had attended the IWALC Planning Training of 30/1 and identified 2 concerns:

- The area opposite the stone barn in Thorley has been earmarked for 16 houses, of which 35% would be affordable.
- The proposal by IWC for a garden village in the Wellow/Thorley/Shalfleet area.

Concern was expressed about the absence of any proposals by IWC about infrastructure to support these developments. It was also felt that the houses should be constructed of locally-sourced materials of good quality. Cllr Corbett emphasised

the importance of social housing to help in encouraging local young people to remain in the area, and provision of adequate off-road parking.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would prepare a submission to the IWC, in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, conveying the following points:

Yarmouth Town Council supports the IWC proposals subject to the following issues being addressed:

- There should be satisfactory infrastructure defined in the proposals
- An agreed number of properties should be made available for local families
- YTC has concerns about the logistics of building a garden village and associated infrastructure, such as the problem of adequate access from existing roads in this area

## **191/2018 CLERK'S REPORT**

### **191/2018.1 ARMED FORCES DAY**

Royal British Legion are seeking sponsorship for the event in Newport 22/6/19, but the Clerk reported that no funds are available in the current year's budget.

### **191/2018.2 D-DAY COMMEMORATION**

An event to mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day on 6/6/19 was discussed. Cllr Devine suggested an event at CHOYD along the lines of the WW1 commemoration in 2018 to get the town involved, and asked for Councillors to agree to fund the event. Cllr Allen proposed the motion, it was seconded by Cllr Head, and carried unanimously. Cllr Allen agreed to help with logistics, and Mayor Cowley reported that WW2 artefacts will be displayed in the town and harbour, such as a motor torpedo boat.

### **191/2018.3 THORLEY DEFIBRILLATOR UNIT**

It was noted that a unit and cabinet will cost around £1,000-1500 + installation costs

## **192/2018 CORRESPONDENCE**

Details of correspondence received during January were noted.

## **193/2018 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

D-Day commemoration

Newsletter

Toilets refurbishment and willow

Defibrillator unit for Thorley and Thorley noticeboard

Recreation Ground meadow

## **194/2018 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: To note the date, time and venue of the and next monthly meeting which will be 5/3/19 at Thorley Church, 6:30pm

**195/2018 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.

**196/2018 MINUTES**

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 8/1/19 (Part 2)

Signed.....(Town Mayor)      Date.....