



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at Thorley Church on Tuesday March 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, Age Friendly Island representative and 2 members of the public.

197/2018 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence

198/2018 PUBLIC FORUM:

A presentation was made by **Age Friendly Island**. The aims and objectives of the organisation were explained, and details given of progress to date. Age-friendly training has been provided to a number of local organisations, and public forums and events have taken place. Progress has been made, such as setting up electronic call-boards in GP surgeries, 'Men-in-Sheds group, and the 'digital inclusion' project – IT training for those unfamiliar with computers, which has included a website, islefindit.org.uk, for advertising local events. A link is now available on the Yarmouth Town Council website to this.

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Boat numbers for February 2019:

- Overnight visits for the February show an increase of 42% at 211 visits.
- Short Stays or lunchtime visits totalled 172. an increase on the previous year of 84 visits or 95%. This figure is the highest on record for February and is attributed, in part to good weather.

- Long Term Visitors totalled 2016 nights an increase on last year of 392 nights or 24%. This figure is the highest on record.
- Sailing school traffic increased by 90% at 59 visits. This figure is the highest on record. Total visits to the Harbour during February was 2,399 an increase on the previous year of 538 visits or 29%.

Harbour Works: The new pontoon, set to be located on the piles south of the bridge next to the revetment which was originally scheduled for delivery at the end of February has been delayed and is expected to arrive at the Harbour on the 13th March.

Tourist Information Point: Phase 2 of the refurbishment of the reception area is now complete. This incorporates a new and improved tourist information point (TIP). The main aim of the works was to modernise the reception and promote Yarmouth and the west Wight as a destination. The TIP is split into 2 sections, an information wall, where customers can browse through pamphlets containing promotional material and information about destinations in and around the Isle of Wight and a section dedicated to promoting all that Yarmouth and the west Wight has to offer via a large map and touch screen display.

The touch screen display has been pre-loaded with the websites or contact details of pubs, eateries and businesses. Local traders and organisations are welcome to come to the Harbour and take a look and are invited to utilise the facility free of charge should they wish.

Self-service launderette: The Commissioners have upgraded their laundry service with 2 new front-loading industrial washing machines. The launderette is open for public use.

Linkspan repairs: Works to replace the wire ropes which support the raising and lowering of the linkspan are scheduled to commence on the 18th March. 7 days have been allocated for the works although it is expected that the works will be completed earlier. The ferry will use the main slipway to embark and disembark vehicles and passengers during this period via a transition barge. An alternative timetable has been published and can be found on Wightlink's website.

Fuel Berth: Major works to replace the original fuel carrying pipework between the Harbour office and the fuel dispensing berth are underway. The works are scheduled for completion on the 15th March however, it is possible that the contractors will finish earlier judging by the progress made so far. It is not possible to dispense fuel therefore; the fuel berth will be closed during this period.

In response to a question by Cllr Corbett regarding the opening of the Roundhouse, Sue Poston responded that she had no firm date at present, but the undersea cameras were currently being fitted.

Mayor Cowley asked if there were plans to publish the Pier's Tale lecture in book form, and offered a contribution from YTC towards such an initiative.

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

IWC Cllr Hutchinson reported about the Island Planning Strategy Draft 2018, indicating the IWC was obliged by the Government to submit this information. He expressed doubts about its practicality, as only 350 houses had ever been built annually compared to the Government target of 600, and the costs of meeting the overall Government target of 2000 houses in West Wight alone was likely to make it unachievable; the proposed Garden Village in West Wight was of particular concern – at present, the only operational development was at Shalfleet. Cllr Corbett asked where the facilities would come from to support these large developments, and Mayor Cowley questioned whether there was sufficient skill base on the Island to build them, bearing in mind an aging local workforce. Cllr Hutchinson replied that the IWC probably does not have the resources to undertake such a massive building programme. Also to be taken into account was that most young people locally couldn't afford even affordable housing. IWC has, for the last 2 years, been in negotiations with the Ministry of Justice to acquire the site of the former Camp Hill Prison and had created a £2M reserve to do so. With regard to the West Wight Schools Consultation, Cllr Hutchinson suggested that the proposed closure of Freshwater All Saints School was likely to create some controversy at the forthcoming 'Cabinet on the Road' sessions.

iii) THORLEY ISSUES

Cllr Head reported that Thorley noticeboard had now been resurfaced with pin-friendly material.

Cllr Head also reported that the white poplars, planted along Thorley Street between the junctions with Wilmingham Lane and Tattels Lane, are in a dangerous condition, susceptible to being blown down in heavy winds. The Clerk was requested to ask Island Roads for their comments on this issue.

Cllr Head reported that Thorley Church was now running a coffee morning on the second Saturday of each month between 10am and 12pm.

iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES

Some discussion took place about the railings which had been erected outside the former police station. Though this wasn't on the original planning submission, it was likely to be permitted development. It was suggested that the railings constituted obstruction of a public right of way, and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts IWC Rights of Way for their opinion, at the same time asking for the latest situation regarding Friars Lane.

Cllr Corbett reported that the storage door by the gents toilets at the common was unsecured [*subsequent inspection found that the reason for this was that the slide bolt on the door could not be moved*].

It was reported that the seat outside St James Church was in a poor, and possibly irreparable, condition. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk bring this to the attention of Island Roads, who are responsible for maintaining the bench, and ask that ownership is transferred to YTC if a replacement is necessary.

Cllr Allen expressed dissatisfaction with the work carried out on the flower bed at the Common. It was decided that an inspection would be carried out the following day.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public asked if there were any developments regarding the obstructive parking along Bouldnor Road, which led to a general discussion about parking in Yarmouth. It was reported that Yarmouth Harbour Commission might be making additional parking available on the areas it controls in the town, and Cllr Allen undertook to speak to the Harbour Commissioner about this.

A member of the public reported about the problem of egress from the cyclepath along Wilmingham Lane.

199/2018 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	

200.1/2018 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the monthly Town Council held 5/2/19.

200.2/2018 FINANCE

200.2/2018.1 Payment of Accounts

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

DC	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	£2.76
DC	GIFFGAFF	Office phone	£5.00
DC	Post Office	Postage	£5.05
DC	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary Febuary	£184.68
2180	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning Services Bridge Road ttoilets	£445.30
2181	Brighstone Landscaping	Prpreparation and seeding of meadow	£384.00
2182	Brian Jacobs	Clerk's salary February	£666.41
2183	Brian Jacobs	Clerk's expenses Dec-Mar	£63.00
2184	CHOYD	Broadband	£17.40

200.2/2018.2 Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for February 2019.

200.2/2018 PLANNING ISSUES

200.2/2018.1 Planning Applications:

The following applications were considered:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
TCP/26974/A - P/00060/19	Shepherds Brook, Main Road, Thorley, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410SS	Householder Application - Proposed lean to greenhouse on front elevation	Comments Due By: 01/03/2019
P/00137/19	Elm Cottage, Ommanney Road, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410QA	Proposed single storey side extension to form annexe	Comments Due By: 22/03/2019
P/00153/19	Little Orchard, Main Road, Thorley, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410SX	Demolition of car port/workshop; proposed replacement garage/car port	Comments Due By: 22/03/2019

It was RESOLVED to record the following comments:

P/00060/19: No objections

P/00137/19: The materials are incompatible with the surrounding properties, and the use of more sympathetic materials is recommended

P/00153/19: No objections

The following were noted:

200.2/2018.2 Other Planning issues

To note the following:

Permission Granted:

Application No	Location	Proposal
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

Permission Refused: None

Appeal allowed: None

Temporary Event Notices: None

TPOs: None

201/2018 PUBLIC TOILETS

- The Clerk reported that a meeting with Danfo had been arranged for the following day to discuss the possibility of a complete refurbishment of both toilet blocks.
- It was noted that the Wallgate maintenance contract has now finished, and replacement units will be £2700 each (2017 prices). A decision was deferred until the estimate from Danfo was available for consideration.
- Island Cleaning Solutions had voluntarily carried out a deep clean of the Common toilets as an example of their work, which had improved their condition, though the overall condition of the toilet block had inhibited any major change.
- Willow tree by the Common toilets: Cllr Allen undertook to arrange trimming of the branches, after which Brighstone Landscaping would be asked to remove the resulting (and existing) detritus when next the area is mown.

202/2018 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Cronin presented a report about the last meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee, informing that Brighstone Landscaping have now cleared all the meadow, removed the elm tree and sown grass seed.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk approach Yarmouth Town Trust to secure 50% funding for the cost of relocating the Board Rider in the Play Area to the meadow, and replacing it with a swings unit. It is estimated that the overall cost of this will be £6K.

203/2018 TELEPHONE KIOSK

The mounting of the display frames in the kiosk was under way.

204/2018 BOULDNOR ROAD PARKING

This issue had been dealt with in the Public Forum.

205/2018 D-DAY COMMEMORATION

Cllr Devine reported that invitations to the CHOYD tea party are to be circulated. There were to be displays mounted in CHOYD, and local businesses are to be approached to see if they will mark the event. Bunting will be ordered for CHOYD, and the flags of relevant nations will be displayed.

206/2018 INFORMAL MEETING WITH IWC CABINET - 14 MARCH 2019

It was noted that the IWC Cabinet has invite Freshwater, Shalfleet, Totland and Yarmouth Town and Parish Councillors to an informal meeting to be held in private on Thursday 14 March 2019 following the Cabinet meeting which will as usual be held in public. The informal meeting will take place at West Wight Sports Centre and will start at 6.30pm or when the Cabinet meeting concludes.

The purpose of the meeting will be to share information about matters relating to the Town and Parish Councils in attendance a) to inform cabinet members of future plans and local issues and b) to enable cabinet members to share information about wider IWC matters which are currently being addressed.

207/2018 CLERK'S REPORT

207/2018.1 ISLAND ROAD ASSET MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

It was noted that Island Roads have extended an invitation to Councillors to their Annual Asset Management Workshop on Wednesday 27th March at St Christopher House, Daish Way, Newport

207/2018.2 GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN EVENT

It was noted that the Great British Spring Clean campaign takes place between 22nd March and 23 April this year and IWC are encouraging as many people on the Island to participate.

207/2018.3 THORLEY NOTICEBOARD AND DIFBRILLATOR UNIT

The noticeboard had been dealt with in the public forum.

It was agreed in principle to arrange for the installation of a defibrillator unit in Thorley, and a location will be discussed at the next meeting.

208/2018 CORRESPONDENCE

Details of correspondence received during February were noted

210/2018 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Thorley defibrillator

Swings unit and Pavilion

Refurbishment of public toilets

D-Day celebrations

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211/2018 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To note the date, time and venue of the and next monthly meeting which will be 2/4/19 at Yarmouth Town Hall, 6:30pm