



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at Yarmouth Town Hall on Tuesday April 2nd 2019 at 6:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Harbour Commission Representative, Cnty Cllr Stuart Hutchinson, and 4 members of the public

1/2019 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received for absence

2/2019 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Boat numbers for March 2019

- Overnight visits for March show a decrease of 17% at 316 visits, largely due to inclement weather during the first 3 weeks of the month.
- Short Stays or lunchtime visits totalled 200, an increase on the previous year of 91 visits or 83%.
- Long Term Visitors totalled 2134 nights an increase on last year of 366 nights or 21%.

Total visits to the Harbour during March was 2,650 an increase on the previous year of 392 visits or 17%.

Harbour Works: The new pontoon located on the piles south of the bridge next to the revetment has been installed and is fully booked with customers due to arrive this month. Currently there is no electricity on the pontoon but this will be installed in due course.

Linkspan repairs: Works to replace the wire ropes which support the raising and lowering of the linkspan are complete and the linkspan is now operational. The works were completed a day earlier than scheduled.

Fuel Berth: Major works to replace the original fuel carrying pipework between the Harbour office and the fuel dispensing berth are complete. In addition, both the diesel and petrol tanks were cleaned. Fuel is now available at the fuel berth.

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Bouldnor Road Parking: IW Cllr Hutchinson reported that the Isle of Wight Council Highways Department had received 4000 requests for minor highway improvements outside the PFI section of the Budget, a sum of around £300K, and it is proving difficult to prioritise suggestions. Some local councils have offered to fund improvements within their areas, and some Section 106 monies are available. The Bouldnor Road parking issue is not regarded as a high priority, and is likely to prove expensive, because restrictions would need to be continued as far as the Viewport car park to be effective. A member of the public asked why it should be such a long process, and Cllr Hutchinson advised that a Traffic Regulation Order would be required, which would be a very expensive and involved process – there are 5 stages in the process, each of which involves a considerable period of time, and the whole process can take up to 2 years. Unfortunately, the volume of traffic along Bouldnor Road did not warrant classification as an urban clearway. Another member of the public reported that it had recently take 20 minutes to get from the Viewpoint car park to the middle of Yarmouth.

Although accidents have taken place along this stretch of road, none had become the subject of a police report, as no injury was involved. Cllr Hutchinson advised that, ironically, raising the speed limit to 40mph would actually improve the chances of achieving the desired outcome.

Mayor Cowley reported that he had made representations to IWC about parking concessions in the under-used Riverway car park.

West Wight Schools: All 5 schools in the area are under consideration. All Saints is considered most vulnerable because of its poor inspection record and low take-up of places.

Island Planning Strategy: IWC has no option but to comply with the requirements to conduct this exercise, along with all other similar authorities through the UK, and all are set the same criteria. It is recognised in the IWC that these criteria are impractical for the Island, due to its isolation, lack of infrastructure, and limited skill base. There has been a lack of interest from private developers, and neither they nor housing associations have been delivering the number of houses required by the Government. Cllr Hutchinson cited the example of a local housing association which was offered land at a substantial discount to develop affordable housing, but tried to reduce the price so much that the IWC eventually decided to carry out the development itself. The Island MP is endeavouring to get the IW recognised as an exception. Mayor Cowley informed that the last planning consultation had taken 3 years to finalise.

Cllr Corbett asked about boundary changes and the naming of the Yarmouth area as Freshwater North and Yarmouth. Cllr Hutchinson reported that representations had been made on this issue, and an official response is expected in June.

iii) THORLEY ISSUES

Cllr Head asked if Island Roads had responded to the recent complaint about the dangerous state of the line of white poplars along Thorley Street between the junctions with Wilmingham Lane and Tattels Lane, but the Clerk reported in the negative.

iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES

There was some discussion about parking on Coastguard’s Green, and it was pointed out that the management listed on the ‘no parking’ plaques no longer seemed to be involved with any site on the Island. It was recognised that the problem of parking in this area is not policeable or resolvable.

Sylvia Mence reported that Yarmouth residents had been updated about the Flood Plan, and a review about it had begun with Yarmouth Harbour Commission.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no further questions.

3/2019 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	

4/2019 MINUTES

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

5/2019 FINANCE

5/2019.1 Payment of Accounts

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

2185	CHOYD	Broadband	£17.40
2186	Brian Jacobs	Clerk's salary March	£666.41

2187	IWC	Rates Bridge Road toilets	£810.15
2188	IEH	Sanitary bins Bridge Rd	£3.60
2189	Thorley Church	Hire fees March meeting	£25.20
2190	IW Mole Control	Molecatching services Recreation Ground	£225.00
DC	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	£2.76
DC	GIFFGAFF	Office phone	£5.00
DC	Post Office	Postage	£7.50
DC	Post Office	Postage	£13.92
DC	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary March	£184.80
DC	Amazon	Print cartridges	£124.22
DC	Argos	Office equipment	£99.99
DD	Southern Electric	Electricity Bridge Road toilets	£174.60
DD	Southern Electric	Electricity Common toilets	£35.71

5/2019.2 Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for March 2019

6/2019 PLANNING ISSUES

6/2019.1 Planning Applications: None

6/2019.2 Other Planning issues

The following were noted:

Permission Granted:

Application No	Location	Proposal
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

Permission Refused: None

Appeal allowed: None

Temporary Event Notices: None

TPOs: None

7/2019 PUBLIC TOILETS

The Clerk reported that he had now received a quote from Danfo for refurbishing the two public toilet blocks in Yarmouth, which came to a capital cost of just under £150K. This was favourably received by Councillors, and the Clerk was asked to update the existing project estimate and outcomes in the light of these figures and circulate a report to Councillors.

In the meantime, the Clerk was requested to obtain a copy of the public toilets keys from the cleaning contractors.

Cllr Allen reported that work on the Willow tree by the Common toilets is in hand. The Clerk advised that the urinals appear to be operational in spite of the bottles which had been jammed in the trap.

8/2019 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

- The draft minutes of the last meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee were noted
- It was RESOLVED to proceed with replacing the Board Rider with a swing unit, and the Clerk was asked to place the order with Kompan and arrange delivery in consultation with Brighstone Landscaping, who will then proceed with the installation of the swings and moving of the Board Rider.

9/2019 TELEPHONE KIOSK

Cllr Corbett reported that the framework for the photographs had been installed in the kiosk, and photos will now be selected to mount. He also proposed an advertisement for the two local history books sponsored by YTC.

10/2019 AGE FRIENDLY ISLAND

There were no candidates who wished to be nominated as an Age Friendly Champion.

11/2019 D-DAY COMMEMORATION

Mayor Cowley circulated a report he had prepared about the tea party on 6/6/19.

Cllr Devine undertook to liaise with the Clerk about purchase of the bunting for CHOYD.

12/2019 SCHOOLS CLOSURE

Councillors considered a report about the proposed closure of Freshwater All Saints and its implications for other schools in the West Wight area. It was RESOLVED that YTC would support Yarmouth School which, though it is currently in no danger of closure, could be affected by other options which were under discussion. It was considered that Yarmouth School was well integrated with the local community and that a low profile should be kept regarding it during the current discussions.

13/2019 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

It was RESOLVED that the ATM is moved to 21st May to allow preparation of proposals in connection with the public toilets and the pavilion.

14/2019 ANNUAL TENDERS

It was RESOLVED to agree the requests for tenders for public toilets, grounds maintenance and street furniture maintenance as presented, and to advertise the tenders in the County Press notices.

15/2019 BOULDNOR ROAD BUS SHELTER

The quote of £3.5K from Island Roads for a pathway along Bouldnor Road from the bottom of Hill Place Lane to the newly-installed bus shelter, hitherto thought to be in Shalfleet's domain, was considered. However, it was felt that the issue was one of comfort and convenience rather than necessity, and it would appear that the present access has caused little problem hitherto; it was therefore RESOLVED to take no action on this issue.

16/2019 CLERK'S REPORT

16/2019.1 LGRC/NALC LOCAL COUNCIL EXPO

There were no volunteers for this event

16/2019.2 PLASTIC REFILL STATIONS

Planet Aware is seeking to promote multiple-use plastic bottles by, inter alia getting local councils to provide refill points for plastic bottles at council offices. Yarmouth Harbour Commission already provide such a facility, and Councillors agreed to consider making this facility part of the proposed redevelopment of the public toilets

16/2019.3 RAILINGS OUTSIDE FORMER POLICE STATION

It was noted that the Clerk has been advised by PFI IWC that the previous footpath was not part of the adopted highway, so it appears that it was part of the Police Station site. IWC Planning has also advised that no representations were made against the ground plan by third parties at the time of submission, and the railings are not considered to be a breach of planning control.

16/2019.4 COMMUNITY ACTION AWARDS 2019

There were no nominations for this award

17/2019 CORRESPONDENCE

Details of correspondence received during March were noted.

18/2019 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Lord Holmes Bounty
Annual grants and tenders
Risk Assessment
Public toilets refurbishment

19/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To note the date, time and venue of the and next monthly meeting which will be 7/5/19 at CHOYD following the Annual Council Meeting at 6:30pm

20/2018 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.....