



# The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

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

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Harbour Commission Representative, Cnty Cllr Stuart Hutchinson, and 3 members of the public

### 22/2019 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Jackson and D McCleary

### 23/2019 PUBLIC FORUM:

#### i) HARBOUR ISSUES

##### Boat numbers for April 2019:

- Overnight visits for April show an increase of 27% or 300 boat nights and totalled 1409 visits.
- Short Stays or lunchtime visits totalled 599, an increase on the previous year of 226 visits or 61%.
- Long Term Visitors totalled 1632 nights an increase on the same month last year of 366 nights or 17%.
- Total visits to the Harbour during April was 3,640 an increase on the previous year of 769 visits or 27%.

**Harbour Works:** A temporary plastic modular pontoon has been installed along the quay wall for our lunchtime or short stay customers. It was identified that customers, in particular RIB owners were not satisfied with mooring their vessels on the quay wall as the rough surfaces tend to damage the boats. It is hoped that the pontoon will encourage more short stay clients to use the harbour and visit the town. The new pontoon will also provide safer access by eliminating the need to use the ladders.

Cllr Corbett expressed his distaste for the plastic pontoon on the grounds of its appearance and because it excluded larger craft when deployed, in which he was

supported by a member of the public. Cllr Allen argued that the latter shouldn't present a problem, and, in any case, it was impractical to install a permanent pontoon.

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

**Bouldnor Road parking:** Cllr Hutchinson reported that this had been raised with the Isle of Wight Council, who had conducted a recent survey to establish a list for highway improvements outside the PFI contract, for which £1M had been earmarked. 358 suggestions had been received, which had been ranked in order of safety priority, determined by the number and severity of accidents. Smallbrook roundabout topped the list, and this was likely to absorb most of the budget. Bouldnor Road was not considered a high priority, though the recent fatality at Vittlefields Cross had countered this to some extent. Cllr Hutchinson detailed the options available for dealing with this issue; double yellow lines were the most likely, though this carried a price tag of up to £12K.

Mayor Cowley, supported by Cllr Corbett, repeated his suggestion that business owners in Yarmouth should be offered permits to park in Riverway car park at a reduced price, and Cllr Hutchinson was in favour of this.

**West Wight Schools reorganisation:** Cllr Hutchinson reported that the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Children's' services were considering the whole West Wight area, where there were diminishing pupil numbers with All Saints at Freshwater particularly deficient. There had been a large response to the recent survey carried out by IWC, and a new consultation document had been instigated. Federating 2 schools on one site was one option considered to take advantage of the economics of size and location. 69 of Yarmouth pupils lived in Freshwater, with only 22 coming from Yarmouth itself, so Yarmouth needed to put forward some very robust representations. Cllr Hutchinson was opposed to the suggestion of relocating Yarmouth School to the All Saints site but suggested that he was only 1 of 10 Cabinet members who were considering this issue. A decision could be made under delegated powers by the Scrutiny Committee.

Mayor Cowley said the Yarmouth/Shalfleet federation had worked well, and the additional distance Shalfleet pupils would need to travel to Freshwater was unacceptable. St Saviour's School was not prepared to participate in a federation.

## **iii) THORLEY ISSUES**

Cllr Head reported that she had been informed that Island Roads were assessing the safety problem with the poplars along Thorley Street.

## **iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES**

Cllr Allen reported Island Roads intention to close Yarmouth Bridge to river traffic for 6 weeks, possibly during the Autumn, which will be discussed at a forthcoming meeting between Island Roads and Yarmouth Harbour Commission. As this is likely to have a considerable impact on local businesses, Cllr Allen suggested the work on the Bridge, expected to last some 28 weeks, should be carried out in stages.

Cllr Corbett reported that the public bench by 'Off the Tracks' is in urgent need of replacement. Cllr Allen said he had the replacement at his business premises, but was

awaiting removal of the present bench to do so. The Clerk was asked to contact Brighstone Landscaping to see if they were able to carry out this work.

**v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A member of the public raised the ongoing issue of parking along Bouldnor Road. It was maintained that the approaches to each of the other Island ferry terminals were controlled by yellow lines apart from Yarmouth, and that the footway in this particular area of Bouldnor Road is narrow and likely to lead to a serious accident involving pedestrians. It was also pointed out that this parking could cause delays to emergency services such as the lifeboat.

**24/2019 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Personal</b>	<b>Pecuniary</b>
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	

**25/2019 MINUTES**

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the monthly Town Council held 2/4/19.

**26/2019 FINANCE**

## 26/2019.1 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: To approve the payment of accounts for May 2019:

2191	PPC Thorley	Best Kept Village Award	£100.00
2192	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning services public	£520.22
2193	CHOYD	Broadband services	£17.40
2194	Brightstone Landscaping	Grounds maintenance	£219.71
2195	Brian Jacobs	Clerk's salary April	£683.76
2196	Community Action IW	Paroll services 2018 & 2019	£156.00
2197	Gareth Hughes	Internal audit 2018/19	£185.00
2198	R Rice	Annual electrical inspection	£205.00
2199	SLCC	SLCC subscription 2019	£10.00
2200	Jenner Demolition	Removal western netting	£300.00
2201	Yarmouth Town Trust	Quarterly rental Recreation	£180.00
2202	S Devine	Flags D-Day Do	£7.83
DC	IW County Press	Advertising tenders	£75.60
DC	GIFFGAFF	Office phone	£5.00
DC	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary April	£184.80
DC	Stuartchamp	Bunting D-Day party	£41.94
DC	Amazon	Card for D-Day invitations	£10.30
DC	Forget-Me-Not	Card for D-Day invitations	£18.72
DC	Argos	Computer equipment	£105.98

## 26/2019.2 Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for April 2019

## 26/2019.3 2018/19 Final Accounts

RESOLVED: To approve the year-end results for the last council year and sign the Annual Governance Statement 2018/19

## 27/2019 PLANNING ISSUES

### 27/2019.1 Planning Applications:

RESOLVED: To record 'No comment' against the following application:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
TCP/32210/K - P/00271/19	Tapnell Farm, Newport Road, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410YJ	Proposed amenity/recreation pond; alterations to internal road layout/parking; proposed junction improvements	Comments Due By: 30/04/2019

### 27/2019.2 Other Planning issues

The following were noted:

**Permission Granted:**

Application No	Location	Proposal
P/00137/19	Elm Cottage, Ommanney Road, Yarmouth, Isle Of Wight, PO410QA	Proposed single storey side extension to form annexe

**Permission Refused:** None

**Appeal allowed:** None

**Temporary Event Notices:** None

**TPOs:**

**Location:** Eremue Cottage, High Street, Yarmouth, PO41 0PN

**No objection to the following:**

Silver Birch situated as detailed in the application is to be reduced by 1.5 metres.

Bay tree situated as detailed in the application is to be felled to near ground level.

Reason: The work is necessary as general maintenance of the trees in the garden.

**Breach of Planning Control:**

Tapnell Farm Barn: Description: Alleged breach of Planning control: `Glamping domes` not in accordance with bell tents as permitted under P/00268/17. Permission was granted for landscaping and screening for 30 tents and a utility block, which have been built with no landscaping or screening. They are really prominent and there are impacts on the Tennyson Trail opposite the site (to the south).

## **28/2019 PUBLIC TOILETS**

- It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should ascertain details from Cowes Town Council of the current redevelopment of the public toilets on the Parade, and prepare an application to the PWLB for funding for the proposed Yarmouth redevelopment.
- Willow tree by the Common toilets: Cllr Allen reported that he had arranged for a contractor to look at this problem, and it was RESOLVED that the contractor should carry out any work required within a budget of £500.

## **29/2019 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND**

Cllr Cronin reported on the recent meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee. The Board Rider had been relocated and the swings unit ordered. There was some confusion as to whether or not the meadow had been seeded, and it was proposed to arrange a sit meeting with Brighstone Landscaping.

## **30/2019 TELEPHONE KIOSK**

Cllr Corbett reported that there were insufficient clips supplied with the picture holders, and the Clerk undertook to obtain some more.

## **31/2019 LORD HOLMES BOUNTY**

Cllr Corbett and hi wife have worked on the list of ladies eligible for the Bounty and will forward it to the Clerk. Mayor Cowley will make arrangements with the vicar of St James Church to conduct the service.

### **32/2019 D-DAY COMMEMORATION**

It was reported that all the invitations had been sent out for the D-Day Tea, and 50 were attending. Flags and bunting had been purchased, and exhibitions and music arranged in CHOYD for the week. The Clerk was asked to order new flags – St George’s Jack, the Union Jack and the Town Flag.

### **33/2019 SCHOOLS CLOSURE**

It was RESOLVED to arrange an EGM to take place at CHOYD immediately before the ATM on 21/5 to discuss the proposed closure of Freshwater All Saints and its implications for Yarmouth School; an insert detailing this will be sent out with the Spring Newsletter. It was proposed to organise a local petition and posters will be displayed on the YTC noticeboards and outside CHOYD. Mayor Cowley will contact the IW County Press to arrange details of the campaign to be listed in ‘Village News’

### **34/2019 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

It was noted that the ATM has now been moved to May 21<sup>st</sup>, and the attached Newsletter will be distributed as soon as possible, together with a suggestion leaflet allowing residents to give their suggestions to YTC for alternative uses of the Recreation Ground.

### **35/2019 VITTLEFIELDS CROSSROADS**

Although not in the YTC area, other West Wight local councils are discussing the need for a joint approach to IWC following the fatal accident there recently. It was RESOLVED to defer further discussion until official reports were available.

### **36/2019 MOSAIC TOWN TRAIL**

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would email the group responsible for restoration of the above expressing YTC support for this scheme and asking for details of costs.

### **37/2019 ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

RESOLVED: to accept the latest risk assessment as presented

### **38/2019 STAR COUNCIL AWARDS**

It was noted that NALC is inviting nominations for community champions in the local council sector (and the organisations they represent) to receive national recognition for the real and positive difference they make locally.

### **40/2019 CLERK’S REPORT**

**40/2019.1 IWALC TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

No Councillor wished to attend this event on 21st June 2019

**41/2019 CORRESPONDENCE**

Details of correspondence received during April were noted.

**42/2019 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Public toilets

Schools reorganisation

Grants

Annual tenders

**43/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: To note the date, time and venue of the and next monthly meeting at Thorley Church at 6:30pm

**44/2019 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.

**45/2019 MINUTES**

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 2/4/19 (Part 2)