



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at Thorley Church on June 4th 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), Tim Adams (Harbour Commissioner), Isle of Wight County Press, and 1 member of the public

46/2019 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Jackson and Cronin and IWC Cllr Stuart Hutchinson

47/2019 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

May Boat numbers: Overnights are down by 4% or 101 boats at 2345 visits largely due to a poor turn out from the Old Gaffers rally. LTVs show an increase of 7% or 125 nights at 1851. Short stays increased by 5% at 825 visits this is believed to be due in part with the new RIB/Short stay dock and possibly additional customers using the Hut and the George. Sailing schools at 134 visits resemble the same numbers as the year before.

The total of all visits to the Harbour through May was 5155 an increase of 1%

RIB dock: The new RIB dock is proving very popular with lunchtime visitors. It provides safer access for everyone, but in particular those with young children and people that are less able bodied than others. The harbour and the town welcome over 5000 short stay visitors a year and this dock as been well received. Hopefully the convenience and additional capacity will attract more visitors to the town.

Spice: The lease is in the final stages and the new tenants should occupy the restaurant by the end of the week.

Cllr Corbett reiterated his opposition to the new RIB dock, and commented that, had there been the usual number of Old Gaffers this year, not all could have secured a mooring.

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Due to the absence of IW Cllr Hutchinson, no report was presented.

iii) THORLEY ISSUES

Cllr Devine reported that Island Roads had informed her that greater prioritisation had been given to dealing with the poplars along Thorley Street following the recent damage created by falling boughs and added that more branches had fallen since.

iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES

Sylvia Mence presented a report about the recently announced Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) around Yarmouth. She expressed considerable disappointment that local opinions and recommendations had been ignored by the Government, and she will write to the new minister, pointing out the impact of the MCZ on the local economy, including fishing, visitors and yachting. Local MP Bob Seeley had spoken to the minister, Michael Gove, who indicated that the Yarmouth MCZ would be reviewed if it was demonstrated that it adversely affected local livelihoods, though the MCZ report made no mention of this. Mayor Cowley wondered how the MCZ would be enforced, given the difficulty of doing so, and that no funding for it had been identified.

Cllr Corbett reported that 3 apple trees in the Local Heroes orchard had died, and Mayor Cowley assured him that they would be replaced in the autumn.

Cllr Allen commented that Island Roads had so far failed to replace the bollard in the Square.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no further questions

48/2019 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	

49/2019 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting and May monthly Town Council held 7/5/19.

50/2019 FINANCE

50/2019.1 Payment of Accounts

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

DC	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	£2.76
DC	GIFFGAFF	Office phone	£6.00
DC	Amazon.co.uk	CHOYD print cartridges	£81.67
DC	Cartridge People	Office print cartridges	£176.80
DC	Hampshire Flag Company Ltd	YTS Flags	£266.33
DC	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary April	£189.43
DC	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary May	£189.63
DC	Overnight Prints	Newsletter	£95.64
DC	Colourcraft	Stationery Holmes Bounty	£21.95
DC	Stuartchamp	Bunting D-Day party	£33.99
DC	Post Office Ltd	Postage	£21.28
2203	CHOYD	Broadband	£17.40
2204	Wight Leaflets	Newsletter delivery	£195.00
2205	ROSPA	Playground inspection	£90.60
2206	B Jacobs	Clerk's salary May 2019	£683.56
2207	B Jacobs	Expenses Mar-Jun	£79.65
2208	Wight Digital Solutions	Repair office printer	£60.00

50/2019.2 Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for May 2019

51/2019 PLANNING ISSUES

51/2019.1 Planning Applications:

51/2019.2 Other Planning issues: None

The following were noted:

Permission Granted: None

Permission Refused: None

Appeal Lodged:

Location: South House

Victoria Road

Yarmouth

Isle Of Wight

PO41 0QW

Proposal: Proposed single storey extension

Temporary Event Notices: None

TPOs:

Windy Ridge, Bouldner Road, Yarmouth, PO41 0UP

Consent for the following:

Holm oak situated as detailed in the application is to have the eastern stem removed.
2 x Macrocarpa situated as detailed in the application is to be felled to near ground level.

The groups of bay and holm oak are to be reduced to 4 metres above ground level.

Reason: the work is necessary as general management and to make the trees safer.

52/2019 PUBLIC TOILETS:

- Progress on the refurbishment plan – The Clerk is awaiting a formal quote from Danfo in order to submit an application for permission to borrow from PWLB. [A subsequent telephone call with Jon Gilbey of Shanklin Council advised awaiting the outcome of discussions with Danfo which could result in an ‘Island Package’ involving several local councils]
- Willow tree by the Common toilets: Cllr Allen reported that he was awaiting the contractor to begin work.

53/2019 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

- It was noted that the recent RoSPA safety inspection of the Play Area gave a clean bill of health apart from a medium risk associated with the Swing Basket; it is not compliant with the requirements of the relevant standards because there is no secondary means of support to prevent the swing seat from collapsing if the primary support fails. However, after a protracted exchange of emails with them, they have advised that as the swing has been supplied by a reputable manufacturer, no modification is advised or required.
- It was advised that the grass needs cutting near the Board Rider and the Clerk undertook to arrange this with the contractors.

54/2019 TELEPHONE KIOSK

Cllr Corbett is to arrange for a contractor to quote for replacement of the ‘TELEPHONE’ signs

55/2019 LORD HOLMES BOUNTY

Mayor Cowley suggested 19/6/19, and will arrange this with the vicar of St James Church

56/2019 D-DAY COMMEMORATION

The exhibition has been mounted in CHOYD, and Cllr Allen undertook to mount the bunting.

Mayor Cowley recommended trimming of the sycamores outside CHOYD and the Clerk was tasked to arrange for this to be done by a local contractor.

57/2019 SCHOOLS CLOSURE

Mayor Cowley reported considerable local opposition to the IWC proposal to move Yarmouth School to Freshwater. He asked for Councillors' support for a response which he had prepared on behalf of Yarmouth Town Council; it was PROPOSED by Cllr Allen to support this response, seconded by Cllr Corbett and agreed unanimously.

58/2019 DOG FOULING

It was noted that a local resident has complained about the proliferation of dog mess in and around Yarmouth, and the Clerk was asked to display a poster which he had prepared on the YTC noticeboard.

59/2019 ANNUAL GRANTS

The following grants were agreed:

£500 towards costs of the Yarmouth Shanty Festival: Proposed Cllr Corbett, seconded Cllr Allen and carried unanimously

£1000 towards costs of re-upholstery of chairs for CHOYD: Proposed Cllr Allen, seconded Cllr Head and carried unanimously

£395 towards cost of hiring Yarmouth Town Hall for Yarmouth Town Trust: Proposed Cllr Corbett, seconded Cllr Head and carried unanimously

£7140 towards operational costs of West Wight Sports Centre: Proposed Mayor Cowley, seconded Cllr Devine and carried unanimously

£250 towards operational costs of Citizens Advice Bureau: Proposed Cllr Head, seconded Cllr Devine and carried unanimously

60/2019 CLERK'S REPORT

40/2019.1 IWALC TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Cllr Head agreed to attend the event on 21st June 2019

61/2019 CORRESPONDENCE

Details of correspondence received during May were noted.

62/2019 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Public toilets

Schools reorganisation

63/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To note the date, time and venue of the and next monthly meeting at Yarmouth Town Hall at 6:30pm 2/7/19

64/2019 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.

Signed..... (Town Mayor)

Date.....