



# The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

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

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Harbour Commission Representative, West Wight Men in Sheds representatives, and 5 members of the public

### **67/2019 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Mayor Cowley

### **68/2019 PUBLIC FORUM:**

#### **A presentation by West Wight Men in Sheds**

Two representatives from West Wight Men in Sheds gave a verbal presentation of the aims and objectives of their society

#### **A presentation by a local action group to resolve the Bouldnor Road parking issue**

Local resident Maggie Young reported on the formation of a local pressure group formed with the object of resolving the parking issue along Bouldnor Road. This problem, on which Yarmouth Town Council itself has been campaigning for some while, was met with full approbation by the Councillors, who agreed that the Clerk would undertake any necessary printing on behalf of the Group.

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

**June Boat numbers:** Overnight visits are down in comparison to last year by 14% or 408 boats at 2,476 visits. Short stays show a decrease of around 5% at 833 visits.

Poor weather in the first half of the month had a direct impact on visitor numbers.

Long Term Visitors show an increase of 10% at 1,997. Sailing school visits at 134 is an increase of 17%.

**Yar Bridge:** Works to repaint the bridge are underway. Island roads are erecting scaffolding which is to be suspended under the bridge and wrapped with plastic sheeting in preparation for shot blasting. An exclusion zone has been designated, restricting marine traffic in the area of the works. A notice to mariners has been issued.

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

In the absence of IW Cllr Hutchinson, the Clerk read out an emailed report received from him:

*IWC now has formal conformation from the Electoral Commission that the new ward will span the river, and be called Freshwater North and Yarmouth.*

*On housing, the Planning Department has been instructed to challenge the requirement for the high number and I have said that I will find the money if extra resource is needed to do that effectively. We do not want such high numbers included in the final plan if we can avoid it.*

*On West Wight schools issue the draft proposal following the latest consultation is expected to be published on 3rd. I have a meeting with Steve and others on 5th about this.*

*On the main road parking problem I continue to seek a resolution and will use the next budget round as leverage to try and get the issue higher up the agenda for resolution. At the moment, the Vittlefields crossing is the one receiving priority for this area*

**iii) THORLEY ISSUES**

There were no Thorley issues.

**iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES**

Cllr Head reported on a recent informal contact with the Island Fire Chief, in which he expressed confirmation about the continued maintenance of Yarmouth Fire Station. Cllr Corbett observed that recruitment of local fire service volunteers was still disappointing.

Cllr McCleary reported that there was considerable weed growth outside Easterholme and the cemetery, and the Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of Island Roads. Councillors expressed dissatisfaction with the recent replanting of the containers by the bus station, and the Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of the contractor, and arrange for a more attractive display.

**v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Peter Spink, Vice Chairman of West Wight Villages Resident's Association, commented about the recent draft Island Plan which had suggested extensive building on the Island, including a garden village in the West Wight area, as part of the National Planning Policy Framework. MP Bob Seeley, West Wight Villages Resident's Association and the Campaign for Rural England are opposed to this, and IW Cllr Hutchinson had indicated in his report to this meeting that the Isle of Wight Council intends to challenge the requirement for so much additional housing. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would

confirm with Cllr Hutchinson that IWC is seeking a formal exception from the Framework.

### 69/2019 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor	Personal	Pecuniary
D McCleary		Yarmouth School
R Corbett	Yarmouth Town Trust	
J Allen		Multi-Service Marine River Yar Boatyard
G Head	British Horse Society RSPB Shalfleet Parish Council	National Trust

### 70/2019 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the monthly Town Council held 7/5/19 and the EGM 21/5/19, and to approve the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting 21/5/19 (previously circulated).

### 71/2019 FINANCE

#### 71/2019.1 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: Payment of the following accounts is approved for July 2019

DC	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	£2.76
DC	GIFFGAFF	Office phone	£6.00
DC	Post Office Ltd	Postage	£5.30
DC	Cash	Lord Holmes Bounty	£150.00
DD	PWLB	Loan repayment	£1,787.10
DC	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary June & July & accumulated overtime	£538.80
2210	Thorley Church	Church hire 4.6.19	£25.20
2211	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning services public toilets April & May	£1,774.70
2212	WW T&PC Assoc	Clerk's salary contribution	£76.00
2213	CHOYD	Premises hire D-Day party & broadband	£125.40
2214	Brighstone Landscaping	Grounds maintenance & bench removal	£456.18
2215	Vision ICT	Website hosting	£132.00
2216	WBS	Stationery	£115.57
2217	Came & Co	Insurance	£983.91
2218	Kompan	Swings unit	£2,863.80
2219	B Jacobs	Clerk's salary June & July & accumulated overtime	£1,746.02
2220	Yarmouth Shanty Festival	Annual grant	£500.00
2221	CHOYD	Annual grant	£1,000.00

2222	Yarmouth Town Trust	Annual grant & Rec Ground Rental	£575.00
2223	West Wight Sports Centre	Annual grant	£7,140.00
2224	Citizens Advice Bureau	Annual grant	£250.00

## 71/2019.2 Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for June 2019

## 72/2019 PLANNING ISSUES

### 72/2019.1 Planning Applications:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
19/00428/HOU	Brettargh Cottage Station Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0QT	Proposed alterations and two storey and single storey rear extension including roof terrace.	Comments due by 19/7/19
19/00004/FUL	Newclose Farm Hill Place Lane Yarmouth Isle Of Wight	Proposed storage building for agricultural machinery and implements; alterations to site access	Comments due by 19/7/19

RESOLVED: To record the following comments on the Planning website:

**19/00428/HOU** – Yarmouth Town Council wishes to record concern about the privacy of neighbouring properties.

Cllr Head withdrew from voting on the following application, as it is a neighbouring property to her own.

**19/00004/FUL** – No comment

### 72/2019.2 Other Planning issues

The following were noted:

**Permission Granted:** None

**Permission Refused:** None

**Temporary Event Notices:** None

**TPOs:** None

## 73/2019 PUBLIC TOILETS

- Progress on the refurbishment plan: The Clerk reported that he was awaiting a response from Danfo which would detail an Island-wide offer for toilet refurbishment. The new flushing units at Bridge Road appeared to be working satisfactorily.
- Willow tree by the Common toilets: Cllr Allen reported that he was waiting for the contractor to begin work, and undertook to contact him.

## 74/2019 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Cronin reported that Brighstone Landscaping had put down further soil at the meadow to smooth the access. The Clerk reported that he was awaiting confirmation from them that the new swings unit had been received. [5/7/19: The swings unit had been received and installation had begun]

Cllr Cronin suggested recommending to Yarmouth Town Trust that West Wight Men in Sheds be offered that Pavilion to refurbish in view of their success at Totland.

#### **75/2019 IWC LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME CONSULTATION**

Councillors discussed the above consultation (previously circulated by email/hard copy 11/6/19) and undertook to provide the Clerk with any views.

#### **76/2019 SCHOOLS CLOSURE**

A recommendation from IWC about the proposed closure of Freshwater All Saints and its implications for Yarmouth School was anticipated. [3/7: The recommendation was to proceed with the ultimate closure of Yarmouth School].

#### **77/2019 CELEBRATING AGE FESTIVAL 2019**

Councillors noted this forthcoming event, but no recommendations were advanced.

#### **78/2019 CLERK'S REPORT**

##### **78/2019.1 OFFICE CLOSURE**

It was noted that, due to works at CHOYD and the Clerk's annual leave, the office will be closed for at least 2 weeks at the beginning of August, though it's possible this could extend to the beginning of September.

##### **79/2019.2 OFFICE PHONE**

It was noted that the Clerk has now acquired a dual-SIM mobile, so calls can be made to 07714654331 or 07979964300.

##### **79/2019.3 NEW PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AT BOULDNOR MEAD**

It was noted that Vectis Housing Association are holding an Open Event on Thursday 9th July 2019. 4pm – 6pm at the Community Hall of Yarmouth and District, St James Street, Yarmouth.

##### **79/2019.4 IWC REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

The Isle of Wight Council is obliged to carry out a review of Polling Districts and Polling Places every five years to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of electors in their local area. Councillors were unable to recommend alternative premises in Yarmouth and Thorley.

#### **79/2019 CORRESPONDENCE**

Details of correspondence received during June were noted

#### **80/2019 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Annual tender

Public toilets

Schools reorganisation  
Bouldnor Road parking  
Draft Island Plan

**81/2019      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 3/9/19

**82/2019      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..... (Deputy Town Mayor)**

**Date.....**