



# The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

## Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at Thorley Church on Tuesday March 3rd 2020 at 6:30pm

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

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

### **184/2019 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from IW Cllr S Hutchinson

### **185/2019 PUBLIC FORUM:**

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

**February Boat Numbers 2020:** Overnight visits show a decrease on the previous year of 68% and similar decrease in short stay figures. Adverse weather has had a significant impact on visitor traffic which has impacted negatively on the Harbours income for the month. This, I suspect has been felt by local businesses too. Yarmouth experienced relatively minor flooding when compared to other parts of the country, with no major property damage to local residents and businesses as a result of tidal surges. The marshalling yard and linkspan approaches together with the river embankment path and dinghy park experienced the worst of it. The Community Flood Team did not need to take action in this instance but will continue to monitor the warnings and work closely with the IOW emergency team and the Environment Agency so that Yarmouth residents can be notified as early as possible should there be any further extreme events.

**Harbour Works Men's shower block:** Phase 1 of the shower block refurbishment is due for completion mid-March.

**Dinghy Park & Parking Facility:** Phase 1 (southern half) of the dinghy park resurfacing project is complete. The aim of the project is to provide dinghy park users with an upgraded facility and tidy up the area generally. The project has created 40 additional parking spaces for Harbour users which will be allocated to annual mooring licence holders with additional parking spaces allocated to LTVs and Yarmouth Sailing Club in due course. Stakeholders will now be able to park closer to their vessel or activity of choice. Dinghy park users (previously not entitled to use YHC car parks) will be allocated short stay permits limited to 8 hours. The new annual fee has risen to £230 or £3.90 per week and is an increase of 70% in comparison to previous years. The reason for the increase is to discourage people from dumping unwanted vessels in the park which has become a common occurrence due the fact it was cheaper to pay the storage fee than dispose of the vessel.

As a result, those genuinely using the facility for the purpose it was designated for, benefit from a wide range of upgrades and services, including but not limited to:

- CCTV
- Gated security
- Night watch patrols (summer)
- Berthing Master assistance 7 days a week
- VHF monitoring (in the event of an emergency)
- Police presence onsite
- Shower and toilet facilities
- Electric winch for assisted launching
- Short Stay Parking
- Dredging
- Lighting
- Waste/ rubbish collection
- Waste oil facility
- Use of 4 slipways
- Customer refreshment lounge

The northern half of the park will be resurfaced at the end of the year/beginning of next year.

Several Councillors and a member of the public raised the issue of the increase in dinghy park fees, which it was felt was imposed without proper consultation, and was detrimental to local stakeholders, particularly the elderly and those less well off. The YHC representative responded that better facilities were now offered, and the new fees represented good value compared to fees elsewhere – charges were still in the bottom 25% of the UK - and were more realistic in the current marketplace.

Discussion also took place about the abolition by YHC of the 7 mile residence limit qualifier for berthing in the Harbour, and it was argued that this opened up facilities for use by non-residents. The YHC response was that long-term stakeholders were important for the future prosperity of the Harbour because of the ongoing need to improve facilities and infrastructure.

Cllr Corbett raised the issue of new windows which had been installed on the balcony above the 'Terrace' restaurant, which, it was generally felt, were too contemporary in a historic area. The YHC representative responded that the windows had needed replacement, but was unaware of the manner in which this had taken place and agreed to consult with the Commissioner about this issue. *[A response was received from YHC next day indicating that the development had taken place with no reference to The Commissioners, who agreed that the appearance is not in keeping with either the building or the location, and steps will be taken to rectify the matter at the earliest opportunity]*

## ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report was available due to the absence of Cllr Hutchinson on holiday abroad.

**iii) THORLEY ISSUES**

There were no Thorley issues.

**iv) YARMOUTH ISSUES**

Cllr Cronin reported that there were 5 places along the Cycleway where erosion had occurred, including an area by the bridge which had been reported to Island Roads last month, and the enquiry closed by them without taking any action. The Clerk was asked to raise this issue again with Island Roads in the hope it will be expedited.

Concern was also raised about chunks of concrete which had been exposed where the Cycleway crosses Wilmingham Lane.

Cllr Cronin also reported hedges growing across the concrete path on the western edge of the Common, and the Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of Yarmouth Town Trust.

Sylvia Mence asked about arrangements for VE Day. CHOYD plan to hold a coffee morning and reception, the Yacht Club a gala and BBQ, and the Town Council will be arranging, with the Fire Service, for a lighting of the beacon along the Common.

A member of the public reported that the trees on the corner of Tennyson Road and St James Street are in need of trimming, and the Clerk was asked to arrange this with Brighstone Landscaping.

Cllr Devine reported an area of ground movement on the south side of Bouldnor Road near the site of recent Island Roads works, and the Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of the latter.

**v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Discussion took place about planning application 20/00273/FUL which a member of the public present had instigated. Councillors were supportive of the business initiative, but were concerned about the lack of toilets, car parking and the establishment of a precedent for development within an AONB.

**186/2019 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

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	
D McCleary		Yarmouth School

**187/2019 MINUTES**

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the monthly Town Council held 4/2/20

**188/2019 FINANCE****189/2019.1 Payment of Accounts**

RESOLVED: To approve the following payment of accounts for March 2020:

2274	Delphi Lakeman Trust	Legal costs Yarmouth School conpaign	5000.00
2275	IWALC	Annual subscription	220.17
2276	SSE	Reposition electricity meter Pavilion	276.00
2277	B Jacobs	Clerk's salary February	683.56
2278	CHOYD	Broadband	17.40
2279	R Corbett	Display stands telephone kiosk	87.71
DC	Cartridge People	Print cartridges	198.80
DC	GIFFGAFF	Office phone	6.00
DC	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary February	189.63
DC	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	2.76
DC	Post Office	Postal charges	7.42

**189/2019.2 Bank Reconciliation**

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for 28/2/2020

**190/2019 PLANNING ISSUES****190/2019.1 Planning Applications:**

The following applications were considered:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Consultation Dates
20/00083/HOU	Mill Creek House Mill Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0QY	Proposed replacement roof to existing kitchen extension and proposed cladding	Tue 10 Mar 2020

20/00191/LBC	The Towers High Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0PN	Listed building consent for provision of a new internal door within the existing cottage kitchen north elevation to link with the external WC/store lean-to building, the insertion of a timber framed window in existing lean-to external opening and the re-positioning of part of an existing garden wall adjacent.	Fri 06 Mar 2020
20/00273/FUL	Land North (opposite) Windy Ridge Bouldnor Road Shalfleet Isle Of Wight	Use of land for the stationing of a container to be used as a refreshment kiosk including sitting out area and bicycle parking	Thu 12 Mar 2020

**RESOLVED:**

20/00083/HOU: No objections, but concern was expressed about possible light pollution from the rooflights in a dark skies area.

20/00191/LBC: No objections

20/00273/FUL: This development was not considered appropriate in an AONB and on the perimeter of flood plains. There was concern about the impact of parked vehicles for custom or supply, especially considering this area has only recently acquired parking restrictions following a long campaign against obstruction caused by parked vehicles.

The following were noted:

**190/2019.2 Other Planning issues:**

To note the following:

**Permission Granted:**

Application No	Location	Proposal
19/01341/RV	Off The Rails Station Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0QT	Variation of condition 12 on P/01081/13 to include fried food

**Permission Refused: None**

**Temporary Event Notices: None**

## **TPOs:**

**Site:** St James House St James Street Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, PO41 0NU Conservation

**Area:** Yarmouth Tree Works: T1 Pittosporum situated as detailed in the application is to have a 1 stem removed and the remaining crown reduce by 30% T2 Holly situated as detailed in the application is to be reduced by 30%.

## **Street Trading Application**

**Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Schedule 4**

Application for: **Street Trading Consent - New Mobile Trader for Cowes Fruitful Yogurts, Whole Island**

## **191/2019 PUBLIC TOILETS**

The Clerk confirmed that Danfo was preparing the planning submission for the 2 toilet blocks.

## **192/2019 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND**

The minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee meeting of 13/2/20 were noted. The Clerk reported that Brighstone Landscaping would be clearing and levelling the round around the concrete store and digging a trench in preparation for SSE to relocate the electricity supply.

## **193/2019 SCHOOLS CLOSURE**

Concern was expressed about the proposed increase in the size of Yarmouth School prior to its closure. Councillors were encouraged to attend the 'Cabinet on the Road' meeting at CHOYD on 12/3/20

## **194/2019 VE DAY 2020**

Mayor Cowley undertook to arrange for the approval and lighting of the beacon by the local Fire Service at 8pm on 8/5/20.

## **195/2019 CLERK'S REPORT**

### **195/2019.1 ANNUAL LEAVE AND MEETINGS CALENDAR**

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk could carry forward 17 hours leave allocation to 2020/21.

### **195/2019.2 ADVICE FIRST AID**

The proposed presentation was noted.

## **196/2019 CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence received during February was noted.

## **197/2019 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Public toilets

Risk Analysis

Grants

Tenders

**198/2019 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 7/4/20