



# The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

## Minutes of a virtual meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 6:30pm

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Sarah Turvill (Harbour Commission  
Representative Brian Jacobs

### 10/2020 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P Cronin and IW Cllr Hutchinson

### 11/2020 PUBLIC FORUM:

#### i) HARBOUR ISSUES

**Boat numbers:** Following a difficult start to the season, visitor numbers for August increased by 2% over the previous August. In September, visitor nights were 777 more than September 2019, which was a record. Lunchtime visits were also up by 253 on last year, another record. Long-term visitors showed an increase of 531 nights. Thus, August/September went some way towards offsetting the April-July deficit caused by Covid-19.

**Building Work:** Women's shower blocks are about to be refurbished and due to be completed early February 2021. In the meantime, toilet and shower facilities will be available to the general public as well as the launderette.

**Trinity House audit:** The Harbour's navigation facilities were found to be in good order. Cllr Corbett raised the issue of the new windows in The Terrace restaurant, and the Clerk reminded the Council that the Commissioners were unable to compel the lessees to replace these with more suitable fittings because no breach of the lease or planning regulations had occurred. Sarah undertook to confirm this with YHC.

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

IW Cllr Hutchinson was unable to attend due to IWC commitments, and reported that he had continued to assist individual residents with issues both Council and Covid related, but there was nothing new of significance to report so far for the Yarmouth area.

**iii) LOCAL ISSUES**

Mayor Cowley expressed concern that the film company which had recently been active in Yarmouth had failed to compensate local businesses for inconvenience caused by filming. No briefing had been received by some businesses in spite of promises from the company concerned. Mayor Cowley planned to meet with representatives of the company the following day. The Mayor felt that they had failed to meet their responsibilities, and also that unauthorised photographs had been taken. Sarah undertook to speak to the Harbour Commissioner about this issue.

Cllr Corbett reported that resurfacing of South Street would begin 13/10.

**iv) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There being no further questions from members of the public the Public Forum concluded at 18:45.

**12/2020 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

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| S Cowley   | Yarmouth Town Trust<br>CHOYD<br>Shalfleet PC              | Lee Farm                                   |
| R Corbett  | Yarmouth Town Trust                                       |  |
| J Allen    |   | Multi-Service Marine<br>River Yar Boatyard |
| G Head     | British Horse Society<br>RSPB<br>Shalfleet Parish Council | National Trust                             |
| S Devine   | RSPB  |  |
| D McCleary |   | Yarmouth School                            |

**13/2020 MINUTES**

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the virtual Town Council meeting held 11/8/20

**14/2020 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS**

It was proposed by Mayor Cowley, seconded by Cllr Allen and carried unanimously that Jenny Jackson be co-opted to YTC.

**15/2020 FINANCE**

**15/2020.1 Payment of Accounts**

RESOLVED: To approve payment of accounts for August-September as presented

## 15/2020.2 Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: the financial statement for 30/9/20 was approved

## 16/2020 PLANNING ISSUES

### New applications:

The following application was considered, and no objections or comments were proposed, other than to corroborate those made by Island Roads.

| Application No | Location   | Proposal   | Dates           |
|----------------|--|--|-----------------|
| 20/01499/HOU   | Crosstrees Main Road Thorley Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0SS | Demolition of existing extensions; proposed extension at first floor level to form additional living accommodation, new vehicular access | Fri 23 Oct 2020 |

The following were noted:

### Permission Granted:

| Application No | Location   | Proposal  |
|----------------|--|---|
| 20/00926/HOU   | Goldings Main Road Thorley Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0SN | Proposed detached oak framed garage/storage barn  |
| 20/01076/HOU   | Ruston Victoria Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0QW       | Demolition of existing garage/outbuilding; proposed two storey rear extension and single storey extension on front elevation; alterations; proposed replacement garage/outbuilding; parking |

|                              |   |   |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| 20/00191/LBC                 | The Towers High Street Yarmouth<br>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 |
| 20/01042/FUL<br>20/01052/FUL | Yarmouth Public Convenience<br>Bridge Road Yarmouth & High st | Public toilets conversion & replacement   |

**Street Trading Application:**

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Schedule 4  
Application for: Mobile Street Trading Consent for Plaza Ices, Island Wide

**17/2020 PUBLIC TOILETS**

The Clerk reported that the refurbishment of the 2 toilet blocks was proceeding, and a project and payment plan was awaited from Danfo.

**18/2020 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND**

The minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee were reviewed.

The Clerk reported that he was waiting for Brighstone Landscaping to carry out a number of tasks at the Recreation Ground, and undertook to find out when these would be carried out.

The Mayor referred to a suggestion made by a Yarmouth resident to turn part of the Recreation Ground into a wild flower meadow; he had followed through with a plan which had been circulated to members of the Recreation Ground Committee. He also made reference to completing the access through to the Cycleway and a accessing a drain which ran underneath it.

The Mayor also referred to possible additional facilities like Petanque, crickets nets, hard tennis courts and an outdoor gym which had been suggested at the Rec by a consultation in 2019. He suggested the Recreation Ground Committee considered these alternatives and make a recommendation to full Council.

Cllr Corbett reported that he had received a suggestion from a resident for allotments to be provided.

It was recognised that mole infestation in the area was likely to preclude many of the suggestions made. The Clerk reported that Cllr Cronin was due to meet with Hillbans to discuss this issue.

The Clerk undertook to complete the award of a meal voucher to a member one of the public who had made suggestions for facilities as part of the survey in 2019.

**19/2020 RISK ASSESSMENT**

RESOLEVD: To confirm the 2020/21 risk analysis as presented.

**20/2020 STREET FURNITURE AUDIT**

The results of the recent street furniture survey were reviewed. Cllr Allen reported that he was compiling an estimate for the items up at the Mount and would present that to Council. The Clerk informed that he was meeting with a tradesman the next day to obtain a quotation for the other items which required attention.

**21/2020 CLERK'S REPORT**

**21/2020.1 REMEMBRANCE DAY 8/11/20**

Cllr Corbett undertook to erect the stand in Yarmouth and lay a wreath on behalf of YTC, and Cllrs Devine and Head agreed to do lay a wreath at Thorley. The Clerk will thus order 2 wreaths.

**21/2020.2 PLANNING**

20/01543/FUL: It was RESOLVED to object to this application as it represents a loss of an important facility to Yarmouth.

**22/2020 CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence report for March-September was noted.

**23/2020 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Loveshore Lane parking and access [Clerk emailed RoW 12/10 to confirm status]

**24/2020 NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be virtual on 3/11/20 at 18:30.