



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a virtual meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held Tuesday November 3rd 2020 at 6:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Brian Mitchell (Harbour Commission Representative)

26/2020 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Peter Cronin, Cllr Jamie Allen and IW Councillor Stuart Hutchinson

26/2020 PUBLIC FORUM:

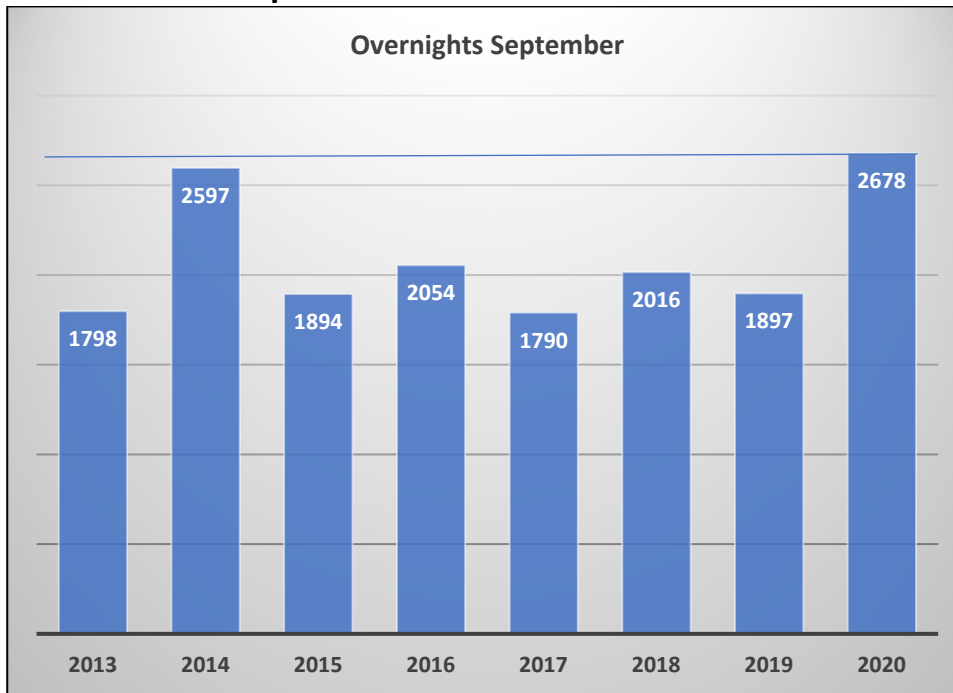
i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Since our last meeting with you the Harbour Commissioners have continued to hold regular (virtual) meetings and, indeed, even managed to fit in the AGM On 7th October which we think went very well.

Finance / Visitors: Figures for October are currently not available so soon after the month-end. Whilst we would not like to give the impression that it is “business as usual” we have been pleasantly surprised by how well our boat numbers have held up and even exceeded our original estimates. Indeed, income for the month was up against the original estimates and budgets.

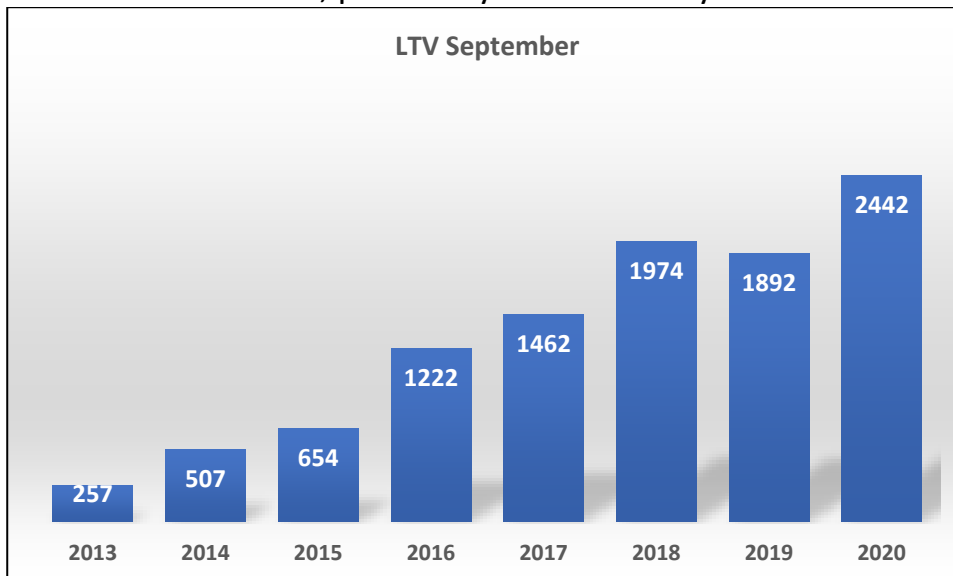
Works: Work has commenced (on time) on the complete refurbishment of the remaining shower block and this is scheduled to be completed in time for the start of the next season in Spring 2021.

Boat numbers September:

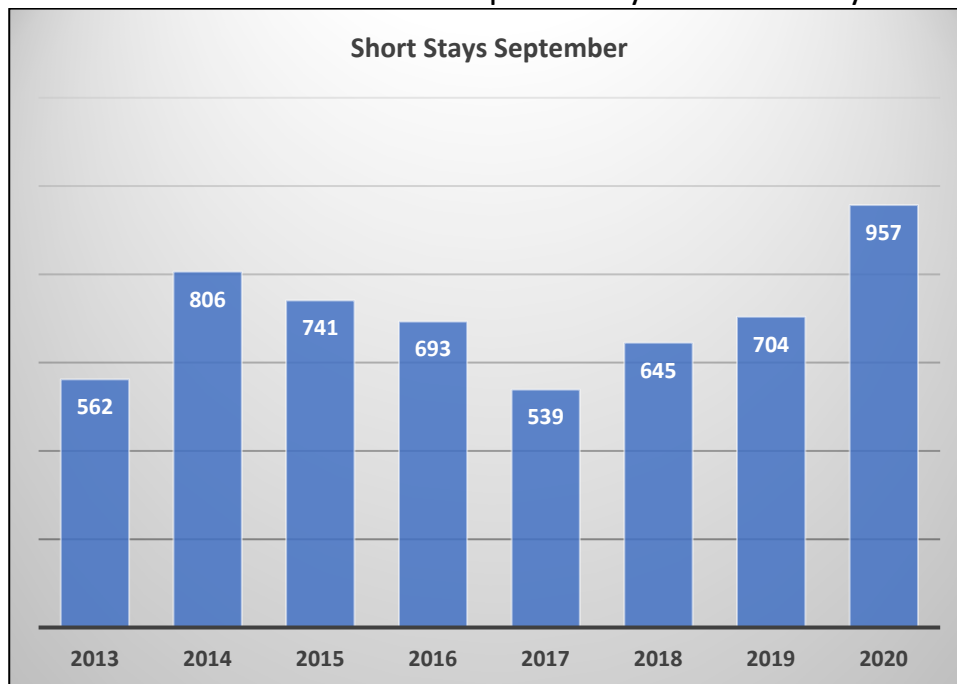


Overnights: September overnight traffic exceeded the previous year by 781 nights and exceeded the record previously set in 2014 by 81 boat nights. This is an achievement worth noting considering the increased level of LTV berthing allocations in the main harbour area.

Long Term Visitor Numbers: LTV boat nights exceeded the previous year by 550 and exceeded the record, previously set in 2018 by 468.



Short Stays September: September Short Stay visits exceeded the previous year by 253 boats and exceeded the record previously set in 2014 by 151 boat visits.



Safety / Port Marine Safety Code:

Now, whilst it is great to report such healthy visitor numbers the team still have their day job to do – running the harbour safely and efficiently.

As part of our Marine Safety Management responsibilities incidents, accidents and near misses are monitored. Incidents from a specific operation or in a specific area of the Harbour are identified usually through incident reporting and frequencies monitored through trend analysis which forms part of the annual review. It has been identified that there is a risk of collision in the vicinity of berth XXX created by a blind spot and in the past 2 years there has been 2 near misses and one collision in the same area. A risk assessment was conducted internally and the root causes of the incidents were identified as 1) poor seamanship and 2) obstructed visibility from the blind spot.

Our designated person was asked to conduct an independent review of all three incidents. His findings are similar to our own so mitigating measures will be implemented as soon as practicable:

- The vessels will be relocated, providing there is a suitable berth available and replaced with vessels of lower freeboard.
- A standing Notice to Mariners will be published highlighting the danger.
- Signage will be positioned warning vessels transiting this area of the Harbour both South to North and east to West.

Feedback: To end on a really positive note, despite everything that's going on (including facilitating a full-blown film set!!) our staff continue to impress in a way that hopefully is of benefit to the community as a whole.

Mayor Cowley commented on unfavourable reports he's received about the recent film crew in Yarmouth and Brian Chisolm agreed to pass those on to the Harbour Commissioner.

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr Hutchinson had emailed to say he was unable to make this meeting, but reported no significant issues for West Wight. His next priority will be the Budget for the coming year.

iii) LOCAL ISSUES

Thorley: Cllr Head asked the Clerk to notify Island Roads of hedging along Thorley St which was intruding onto the road.

Yarmouth: Cllr Corbett brought the Council’s attention to the delay in resurfacing South St.

iv) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public

27/2020 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

S Cowley	Yarmouth Town Trust CHOYD Shalfleet PC	Lee Farm
R Corbett	Yarmouth Town Trust	
G Head	British Horse Society RSPB Shalfleet Parish Council	National Trust
S Devine	RSPB	
D McCleary		Yarmouth School

28/2020 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the virtual Town Council meeting held 6/10/20.

The Clerk reported that the IWC had confirmed the status of Loveshore Lane as footpath Y15. Finalisation was still awaited on Friars Lane.

29/2020 FINANCE

29/2020.1 Payment of Accounts

The following accounts are approved for payment in November:

2309	Royal British Legion	Wreaths	75.00
2310	Wight Computers	Domain renewal	15.59
2311	Brighstone Landscaping	Grounds Maintenance	894.17
2311	Brighstone Landscaping	Cemetery Maintenance	399.92
2312	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning services Bridge Rd toilets	513.55
2313	Brian Jacobs	Clerk's salary	702.47
DC	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	2.30
DC	GIFFGAFF	Office phone	6.00
DD	Everflow	Water services public toilets	56.64
DC	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary oct	195.75

29/2020.2 Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for 31/10/20

29/2020.3 BUDGET 2021/22

The initial draft of the above was noted

30/2020 PLANNING ISSUES

New applications:

No objections were raised to the following applications:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
20/01689/LBC	Harwoods The Square Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0NS	Listed Building Consent for alterations to access door and lobby to facilitate wheelchair access	13/11/20
20/01701/LBC	The Cottage St James Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0NU	Listed Building Consent for adaption and refurbishment of first floor bathroom to form one bedroom and separate shower room	

The following were noted:

Permission Granted:

Application No	Location	Proposal
20/00451/HOU	Bank House Market Square Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0NS	Proposed loft conversion to include dormer windows and removal of chimney; balcony with balustrade and staircase; new bay window to north elevation (readvertised application)
20/01115/FUL	Russells High Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0PL	Alterations and conversion of shop to residential to incorporate into current dwelling
20/01099/FUL	Car Ferry Terminal Quay Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0PB	Extension of outdoor seating area with mini-post frame-less glass balustrade

31/2020 PUBLIC TOILETS

Planning permission has been granted for the refurbishment of the 2 public toilet blocks. Work will shortly commence on their refurbishment, and notices will be posted outside each block. The Clerk reported the project programme which he has just received from Danfo, and Councillors expressed satisfaction with it.

32/2020 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

The minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee were noted.

RESOLVED: To confirm the decision of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to proceed with the quote for repairing the barrier and installing gate access to the Victoria Road entrance. It was decided to take no further action at present with barring access to the Rec by motorbikes.

Enhancement of facilities:

The Mayor reported on the success of the new outdoor gym facilities at Shalfleet and recommended the Recreation Ground Committee and other Councillors visited that site.

The Clerk reported that Brighstone Landscaping had expressed that they had had little success in the past with creating a wildflower area and had declined to quote for it, and the Mayor confirmed that it was a challenging project. He suggested trying to sow a

small area as an experiment, and the Clerk wondered if this could be undertaken by a local volunteer group like West Wight Men in Sheds.

It was RESOLVED to proceed with Brighstone Landscaping's quote to remove the foundations of the now-demolished pavilion, the costs of which will be covered by a grant from Yarmouth Town Trust.

33/2020 STREET FURNITURE

It was RESOLVED that a local resident, who has asked to adopt an existing bench in memory of her parents, could use the unadopted bench at the Mount, and Yarmouth Town Council would continue to maintain it.

Quotations are still awaited for renovating those items identified in the recent street furniture audit.

34/2020 GRANTS

RESOLVED: To make the following grants:

Victim Support - £150 (unanimous)

Citizens Advice - £250 (unanimous)

West Wight Timebank - Deferred pending receipt of application form

Christmas hampers £600 (Cllr Corbett abstained from this vote)

35/2020 CLERK'S REPORT

It was noted that planning application 20/01499/HO had been refused

36/2020 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence report for October was noted

37/2020 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Budget

Public toilets

38/2020 NEXT MEETING

It was RESOLVED to hold a virtual meeting at 6:30pm 5/1/21