



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a virtual meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held Tuesday April 6th 2021 at 6:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Harbour Commission Representative, John Caulcutt, Isle of Wight County Press Representative

01/2021 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from IW Councillor Hutchinson

02/2022 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Activity in the Harbour has been limited because of lockdown restrictions, which mainly affected recreational craft and will end 12/4/21 when overnight stays will be permitted. There will be online guidance and specific signage and an increase in the number of waste receptacles in anticipation of increased litter caused by takeaway meals.

Ladies' toilet and changing facilities have now been completed. Safety issues are currently under review, in particular relating to jet skis and boarders. Buoys are to be repainted to make them easier to see.

Cllr Corbett raised a question about a new compound on the Quay, and Cllr Allen responded that this was to provide more bins for commercial users.

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Clerk read out the following report from Cllr Hutchinson:

I am not offering myself for election this coming May and so this will be my final report after 10 years as County Councillor for the area. I have had the opportunity and privilege of helping many residents of the parish with advice or by acting as their champion where there have been personal issues with County Council services I have been asked to take up on their behalf. I have also tried to ensure throughout that time that I have acted as

a fair and informative conduit for information, both to the Town Council, and reporting it's views to the County Council.

Over my time as councillor I have ensured that I have either been present at meetings or have supplied a report and hope this has proved useful. I have always found the Council to be professionally run both politically and administratively and that has made my job easier and more rewarding. This last year of course has been strange and very different for all of us, though it does look as though within just a few months we shall return closer to normality. Apart from this last unusual 12 months I have enjoyed (most!) of the Council meetings and shall miss the cut and thrust of debate.

My best wishes for the future to all Members of the Council

iii) LOCAL ISSUES

Yarmouth:

John Caulcutt presented a verbal report about his proposed alterations at The Towers. Cllr Corbett referred to the forthcoming roadworks in South Street.

Cllr Allen reported that The George had withdrawn its recent planning application to extend its sea boundary facilities enhancements. Also, The Environment Agency has promised match funding to IWC for repairs to the sea wall along the Common.

Thorley: Jill Cowley gave a verbal presentation about the impact of the proposed motor cycle road races which will affect the area around Tapnell Farm, highlighting the loss of life which had occurred among riders at similar events and in normal circumstances. She also expressed concern about the impact on tourism and the Island's eco-friendly status, as well as the disruption caused to public safety and delivery services in the area of the races.

iv) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no further questions from members of the public

3/2021 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
J Allen		Multi-Service Marine River Yar Boatyard
S Devine	RSPB	
D McCleary		Yarmouth School

4/2021 MINUTES

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the virtual Town Council meeting held 2/2/21

5/2021 CONFIRMATION OF EMAIL DECISIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: To formally agree the following decisions taken by email:

Grant of £1000 to accompany Freedom of Yarmouth award

Installation of contactless payment facility on all public toilets

6/2021 FINANCE

6/2021.1 Payment of Accounts

Resolved: To approve payment of the following accounts:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount (inc VAT)
2337	B Jacobs	Clerk's salary February	702.47
2338	Brighstone Landscaping	Cemetery	399.92
2339	Paul Entwistle Electrica	Rec hut meter	277.58
2342	S Cowley	Christmas hampers	1394.75
2341	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning services public toilets November 2020	552.55
2324	Yarmouth Town Trust	Rental Recreation Ground - cheque cancelled	-£180.00
2344	Yarmouth Town Trust	Rental Recreation Ground 31/12/20 and 31/3/21	360.00
DC	GiffGaff	Office telephone	6.00
DC	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary Jan	195.87
DC	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary Feb	195.87
DC	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary Mar	195.87
DC	Microsoft	Office 360 subscription	£2.76
DD	SSE	Electricity services public toilets	£108.66
2345	IWC	Rates Bridge Rd toilets	823.55
2346	B Jacobs	Clerk's salary March	702.47
2346	B Jacobs	Expenses	54.00
2347	Reno Drain	Drains repair Common toilets	240.00
2348	WBS	Stationery	7.98
2349	Island Roads	30 weeks litter bin Rec	91.80
2351	IWC	Environmental Officer	234.00
2353	Wight Computers	Web hosting	78.00
2354	SSE	Electricity hut Rec	19.33
2355	CHOYD	Broadband	39.60
2356	Wight Digital Solutions	Printer repair	60.00
2357	B Jacobs	Rec Ground rental - paid from personal account	360.00

6/2021.2 Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: To agree the financial statement for 31/3/21

7/2020 PLANNING ISSUES

New applications:

RESOLVED: To record the following comments:

21/00377/FUL – No objections

21/00415/HOU – No objections; YTC endorses the application and suggests it will be beneficial to the Town.

21/00416/LBC - No objections

21/00580/HOU – No objections, but it is suggested that the cladding used is sympathetic to the surrounding area.

The following were noted:

Permission Refused:

Application No	Location	Proposal
20/02192/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 (revised scheme)
20/02031/HOU	Goldings Thorley Street Thorley Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0SN	Proposed installation of solar panels on roof of approved garage/storage barn (ref: P/00926/HOU)

Applications Approved:

20/02134/FUL	The Terrace Restaurant Quay Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0PB	Retention of three temporary shelters
20/02095/HOU	Ida Cottage Station Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0QT	Proposed alterations and single storey rear extension; balcony at first floor level with external staircase
20/01934/TW	Collingwood Ommanney Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0QA	Lime tree situated as detailed in the application is to have the following work carried out: Crown lift canopy to approximately 6m, thin, crown clean canopy and reduce extended boughs overhanging "Collingwood" and the neighbour to rear -total 25%-30%.

Street Trading Application:

Mobile Street Trading Consent Renewal for Jules Ices (Island Wide) from the 28th February 2021 for 12 months (confirmation)

8/2020 PUBLIC TOILETS

Refurbishment/rebuilding of the Bridge Road toilets block has been completed. Councillors decided not to proceed with a formal opening ceremony.

9/2020 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

The minutes of the previous Recreation Ground Committee meeting were noted.

The Mayor reported that he and Cllr Cronin had met on site with a drainage contractor, but have heard nothing since. Brighstone Landscaping has estimated the cost to be £10K-£15K. Any enhancement of facilities and clearance of the ditch down to the Cycleway must now wait until the land drains have been renewed.

Cllr Corbett reminded the Council of the need to fix a security chain on the new gate across the access from Victoria Road, and the Clerk reported that he was awaiting the re-opening of Hursts in order to purchase one.

10/2020 LOCAL HISTORY PROJECT WW2

The Mayor reported on a project by local historian Ian Broad to produce a book about Yarmouth casualties in WW2 entitled 'Yarmouth Casualties of WW2'. All Councillors agreed in principle to providing funds from the Historic Yarmouth Project in support of this initiative.

11/2020 PARKING ON COATGUARDS GREEN

A relative of an elderly resident of Coastguards Green has reported that his relation has been harassed by a company allegedly administering parking in this area. The gentleman concerned apparently has a license issue by IWC to access the garage at the rear of his cottage, but the parking company concerned has fined him for using his and parking in front of his garage on his designated driveway and has followed up the fine letter with harassment and threats, which is causing considerable stress to the resident. The IWC has indicated it has no knowledge of this parking company and has no record of engaging its services.

After discussion, Councillors concluded that they do not wish to see parking on Coastguards Green, have made representations to IWC in the past to prevent this and so could not support any parking on the Green. Moreover, since Yarmouth Town Council has no contractual relationship with the parking company, there was no action which could be taken by YTC.

12/2021 MAY ELECTIONS

There were no outstanding matters relating to the forthcoming elections. The Mayor thanked Cllrs Jackson and Devine, who are standing down, for their valued contribution since becoming Councillors.

13/2021 ANNUAL TENDERS

RESOLVED: To approve the 2021 Invitation to Tender as presented.

14/2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

RESOLVED: To hold an Annual Town Meeting virtually on 4/5/21 to which all members of the public would be invited on application to the Clerk for a link, but with the only formal presentation being the Mayor's Report.

15/2021 ISLE OF WIGHT ROAD RACE

The Mayor reported on a meeting with the organisations and individuals involved. There was much discussion about this issue, with the Council finally evenly split for and against supporting this event.

16/2021 CLERK'S REPORT**16/2021.1 PLANNING SUBMISSIONS**

The following planning approval was noted:

Application No	Location	Proposal
20/01928/FUL	Yarmouth Church Of England Primary School Mill Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0RA	Proposed temporary siting of two double temporary classrooms and associated hard play area

17/2021.2 OFFICE/HOME PRINTER

Councillors were unhappy about the £650 price for a new printer and the Clerk was asked to recommend a cheaper alternative.

17/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

The latest correspondence report was noted.

18/2020 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Tenders

Grants

Printing facilities

IW Road Races

19/2020 NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: THE Annual Council Meeting will be held 11/5/21. The format will be agreed in the light of further Government advice.

Signed..... (Town Mayor)

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