

YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THORLEY PARISH CHURCH, THORLEY STREET, THORLEY ON TUESDAY 26 MAY 2009 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: Councillors S Dyer (Town Mayor), R Corbett, S Cowley, D Kennett, S Mence and S Poston.

IN ATTENDANCE: R H Blezzard (Town Clerk)
W Burt CC

APOLOGIES: Councillors R Goodridge and A Hollist

127/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillors Dyer and Kennett each declared a prejudicial interest in Minutes 140/09 and 141/09 and withdrew from the meeting whilst these items were being discussed.

Councillor Cowley took the chair for these items.

Councillor Mence declared a personal interest in Minute 139/09 by reason of being Secretary of the Yarmouth and Thorley Community Plan Steering Committee.

Councillor Poston declared a personal interest in Minute 137/09 by reason of being Chair of the West Wight Landscape Partnership Advisory Committee.

128/09 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Attention was drawn to the poor state of repair of the bus shelter at the end of Tattles Lane and the problems being caused by the aspin tree growing in front of it. It was reported that repairs were in hand and the Isle of Wight Council would be asked to move the tree.

129/09 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 May 2009 (Part 1) be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings subject to the following amendments:

Minute 112/09 West Wight Landscape Partnership: In the third line delete "programmes" and insert "strands," and delete "individual and insert "detailed."

Minute 113/09 Community Plan Steering Committee Report: In the fourth line delete "Peter" and insert "John."

Minute 114/09 Yarmouth Town Centre and Bridge: In the sixth line delete the rest of the sentence after "Autumn" and insert "The Harbour Commissioners agreed to provide free parking in Pier Square for two hours during the roadworks."

130/09 POLICE MATTERS

In the absence of a Police representative no report was given.

131/09 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of 26,247.93, the Council's year end accounts for 2008/9 and a schedule of accounts for payment. It was reported that due to changes in the Council's arrangements a revised insurance schedule and invoice was awaited from WPS Insurance and in addition alternative quotes were being sought. The Mayor also reported that he would need to access funds from the Mayor's allowance to pay for prizes and gifts at two events before the end of his term of office on 16 June.

- RESOLVED: (a) That the Council's Year End Accounts and Annual Governance Statement for 2008/9 be approved and adopted;
- (b) That the Mayor and Town Clerk be given the delegated authority to accept an insurance quote prior to the next meeting;
- (c) That the Mayor be authorised to access a part of the Mayor's allowance to cover necessary expenditure up to the end of his term of office and;
- (b) That the other information be received and noted and the following accounts be authorised and paid:

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
862	British Telecom	Telephone/Internet Bill	5.52
863	R H Blezzard	Norton Internet Security	<u>62.98</u>
			68.50

132/09 BRIDGE ROAD TOILETS

Members were advised that the Head of Environment and Waste Management at the Isle of Wight Council had declined to attend this meeting as there is nothing further to report at this time. She is however in discussion with the Harbour Commissioners about future toilet provision in Yarmouth and she will be happy to attend a future meeting when there is something to report.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to the Head of Environment and Waste Management asking for the Bridge Road toilets to be rebuilt as soon as possible.

133/09 BASKETTS LANE ROADWORKS

Members were advised that there are no detailed plans available for the Basketts Lane roadworks as the scheme is not scheduled until the 2010/11 financial year and is subject to capital review. It is not at this stage guaranteed to happen.

RESOLVED: That the Isle of Wight Council to asked to ensure that the Town Council is given early notice of the detailed scheme if it is to proceed.

134/09 PLANNING ISSUES

Planning Applications

Members considered one planning application.

RESOLVED: That Yarmouth Town Council has no objection to Planning Application P/00650/09 – TCP/23181/B – Two storey extension to form lounge on ground floor with en-suite bedroom over at 8 Tapnell Cottages, Newport Road, Yarmouth.

Planning Decisions

Members had before them a list of recent planning decisions.

RESOLVED: That the information be received and noted.

Other Planning Issues

No matters were raised for discussion.

135/09 COMMUNITY PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Members had before them a report of the Yarmouth and Thorley Community Plan Steering Committee which was added to verbally by Councillor Mence.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved and adopted and Councillor Mence be thanked for her ongoing work.

136/09 WEST WIGHT LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP

Members gave preliminary consideration to possible projects for the West Wight Landscape Partnership including the “Local Heroes” statue.

RESOLVED: That the West Wight Landscape Partnership be asked to reprint the “Heritage Trail” leaflet.

137/09 CORRESPONDENCE

(W Burt CC joined the meeting at 7.51pm)

Members had before them a list of correspondence.

RESOLVED: That the information be received and noted.

138/09 THORLEY ISSUES

Councillor Cowley reported on work being carried out at Thorley Church which would make the rear of the building user friendly as a community centre.

RESOLVED: that the report be received and noted.

139/09 YARMOUTH ISSUES

Councillor Mence drew attention to a tourist leaflet for Yarmouth produced by Wightlink that is not available at the Tourist Information Centre.

Councillor Corbett drew attention to his concerns about the inadequacy of the reply from the Chief Fire Officer to the Council's concerns about the likely closure of Yarmouth Fire Station. It was understood that a letter from the Cabinet Member was "on its way."

Councillor Poston drew attention to concerns about the big light at the end of St James Street (behind the bench).

RESOLVED: That the reports be noted and the Isle of Wight Council be asked to make the "Yarmouth" leaflet available at Tourist Information Centres.

140/09 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

W Burt CC advised the meeting he had nothing to report.

141/09 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk reported on the following matters:

1. **Election of New Council** – It was reported that Councillors Corbett, Cowley, Goodridge, Mence and Poston along with Mr P Garlick of Totland had been elected unopposed, leaving one vacancy in the Yarmouth Ward and one vacancy in the Thorley Ward to be filled by co option.
2. **Forrester's Hall Licensing Application** – This will be dealt with by the Licensing Sub Committee on Friday 29 May 2009.
3. **Parking Enforcement** – A letter from the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods was read out. The letter advised that parking enforcement in Yarmouth is not over zealous and is consistent with elsewhere on the Island in accordance with the Attendants' handbook and the Traffic Management Act 2004. The Mayor advised that this matter had been discussed by IWALC and appeared to be an Island wide problem.
4. **Yarmouth Roadworks – Entrance to Sailing Club** – A letter from the Head of Highways and Transport Services was read out. The letter advised that the two wooden bollards by the pedestrian refuge opposite the entrance to Yarmouth Sailing Club had been removed. Thanks had been received from the Sailing Club.
5. **Newclose Farm, Thorley** – A letter of thanks from Mr and Mrs Pearce of Newclose Farmhouse was read out. The unauthorised disruptive activity at Newclose Farm has ceased.
6. **Old Gaffers Festival** – An email from the Assistant Director, for Economic Development, Tourism and Partnerships was read out in response to the Council's complaint about the loss of grant for the Gaffers and imposition of charges by the Isle of Wight Council. The justification was essentially the current economic situation and the financial situation of the Isle of Wight Council.

RESOLVED: (a) That the report be received and noted;

- (b) That a letter be sent to the Old Gaffers Committee advising that the Council shares their concern about lack of Isle of Wight Council support and asking for a meeting to discuss the future arrangements for the Gaffers.

142/09 REPORTS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Mayor reported on a recent meeting of IWALC when the website and new arrangements for the management of the County Training Partnership had been discussed as had concerns that amended planning applications are being determined without coming back to local councils for comment. This is being addressed. The Mayor further reported that a party is being held at Yarmouth Primary School From 4pm to 9pm to celebrate the saving of the school. All are welcome. Councillor Mence reported that the Coastal Defence Working Group had visited the Duver sea defences at Seaview.

RESOLVED: that the reports be received and noted.

143/09 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the following be agenda items at the next meeting:
Co option of Councillors;
Appointment of Representative to Yarmouth Business Association;
Arrangements for appointment of Trustees (Yarmouth Town Trust).

144/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To note that the Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 16 June 2009 at 6.30pm to be immediately followed by the first Ordinary meeting of the new Council.

145/09 THANKS TO RETIRING MEMBERS

The Mayor, who has not stood for re election to the Council Said he had been proud to serve the community of Yarmouth and Thorley as Mayor and as a member of the Council. Members thanked Councillor Dyer for all his hard work and also thanked Councillor Kennett and Councillor Hollist who have also not stood for re election for All their hard work.

146/09 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

Signed..... Date.....
(Town Mayor)

