

## YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, THE SQUARE, YARMOUTH ON TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2009 AT 6.30PM

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

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor A Hollist.

#### 81/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillors Dyer, Goodridge and Kennett declared a personal interest in Minutes 103/09 and 104/09 by reason of being members of the Yarmouth Town Trust and withdrew from the meeting whilst they were being discussed. Councillor Poston took the chair for these items.

Councillor Mence declared a personal interest in Minute 88/09( Planning Application P/00316/09 – TCP/27635/E – Yarmouth Harbour) by reason of being a member of the Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee.

Councillor Poston declared a personal interest in Minute 91/09 by reason of being Chair of the West Wight Landscape Partnership Advisory Committee.

#### 82/09 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No matters were raised for discussion.

#### 83/09 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2009 (Part 1) and of the special meeting held on 9 March (Part 1) be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

#### 84/09 POLICE MATTERS

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

#### 85/09 GRANT AID

Members considered five applications for grant aid.

RESOLVED: That the following grants be awarded:	£
Ceri Irish Dancers:	400
Isle of Wight Musical Competition Festival	200
West Wight Safer Neighbourhood Team	200
Yarmouth Carnival Committee	1,000
Yarmouth Old Gaffers Festival Committee	1,000

## 86/09 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £10,900.76 and a schedule of accounts paid in March 2009 totalling £5262.42 for approval. In addition members were asked to approve payment of the grants awarded under Minute 85/09.

RESOLVED: (a) That the information be received and noted and the following payments made during March 2009 be approved:

<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
841	Hampshire Constabulary	Office rent and service charge	1,100.00
842	Townscape Products	New public seat	485.99
843	IWALC	Subscription 2009/10	113.12
844	Isle of Wight Council	Printing	21.35
845	Brading Town Council	Photocopying	25.55
846	R H Blezzard (PC World)	Computer Equipment	520.65
847	St Swithin's Church, Thorley	Meeting Room Hire	25.50
848	Yarmouth Primary School	Donation (Mayor's Allowance)	200.00
849	WW Landscape Partnership	Agreed Funding	1,050.00
850	Isle of Wight Council	Clerk's overtime (new office)	518.00
851	British Telecom	Phone line/internet connection	193.72
852	Isle of Wight Council	Clerk's salary/mileage, March 09	<u>1,008.54</u>
			5,262.42

(b) That the following accounts be authorised and paid:

<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
853	Ceri Irish Dancers	Grant Aid	400.00
854	Isle of Wight Musical Competition Festival	Grant Aid	200.00
855	West Wight Safer Neighbourhood Team	Grant Aid	200.00
856	Yarmouth Carnival Committee	Grant Aid	1,000.00
857	Yarmouth Old Gaffers' Festival Committee	Grant Aid	<u>1,000.00</u>
			2,800.00

## 87/09 SCHOOLS REORGANISATION – INDEPENDENT REVIEW

Members had before them the Independent Review Panel's report on proposals for Yarmouth CE (Aided) and Shalfleet CE (Controlled) Primary Schools. The report Recommended that both schools should remain open using their existing sites within a 'hard' federation and have their age ranges extended to cover the full primary age range. It was confirmed that the Isle of Wight Council has accepted the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation to retain Yarmouth CE (aided) Primary School be welcomed and a letter of congratulations and support be sent to the school.

## **88/09 PLANNING ISSUES**

### **Planning Applications**

Members considered five planning applications.

RESOLVED: That the Council makes the observations set out below:

**P/00316/09 – TCP/27635/E** – Alterations and single storey extension to enlarge reception area at Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) Harbour Commissioners, Harbour Master's Office, The Quay, Yarmouth. NO OBJECTION

**P/00401/09 – TCP/29522** – Alterations; single storey extension to form dining area; dormer window on rear elevation at 7 Alma Place, Yarmouth. NO OBJECTION

**P/00302/09 – TCP/29034/A** – Demolition of house; outline for pair of semi detached houses; vehicular access and parking at West Ridge, Bouldnor Road, Yarmouth. NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO HIGHWAY OFFICER APPROVAL

### **Planning Decisions**

Members had before details of recent planning decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council and notification of the withdrawal of application P/00110/09 – TCP/27635D Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) Harbour Commissioners as planning consent is not required.

RESOLVED: That the information be received and noted.

### **Other Planning Issues – Yarmouth Public Conveniences**

Members were advised that it is understood that the reconstruction of the Yarmouth Public Conveniences will not take place in the current financial year.

RESOLVED: That a strong letter be sent to the Isle of Wight Council seeking confirmation of the situation surrounding the reconstruction of the Yarmouth Public conveniences and complaining that the Council has not been consulted about the change of plan.

## **89/09 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 in her capacity as Secretary of the Steering Committee. The adult and youth questionnaires have been produced and a prize draw for an MP3 player will be held open to young people completing the youth questionnaire. The draw will be made by the Mayor before the next ordinary Council meeting.

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

## **90/09 MEMBER'S ITEM – PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

Members had before them two emails from members of the public complaining about the allegedly over zealous enforcement of Civil Parking Enforcement Officers along with a response from the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods. Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mr Jeremy Willcock of the George Hotel to address the meeting. Mr Willcock explained the problems and the difficulties being caused to his customers and others by the strict and inflexible enforcement of the parking regime. Standing Orders were reinstated and members debated the issue.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods drawing attention to the problems being caused to the tourist industry and local residents by the strict enforcement of parking regulations and the matter be referred for consideration by IWALC.

## **91/09 WEST WIGHT LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Members had before them the final version of the West Wight Landscape Partnership Memorandum of Understanding.

RESOLVED: that the document be signed and sealed.

## **92/09 ALLOTMENT PROVISION**

Members had before them a letter from Mr and Mrs Tuke of Ommanney Road, Yarmouth requesting the provision of allotments in the town.

RESOLVED: That Yarmouth Town Trust be asked to consider making the waste land at the southern end of the Recreation Ground available for use as allotments.

## **93/09 ST JAMES DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Members considered the arrangements for the St James Day celebrations.

RESOLVED: That individual members who wish to be involved be asked to attend the Town Hall on 26 July.

## **94/09 CORRESPONDENCE**

Members had before them a list of correspondence.

RESOLVED: that the information be received and noted.

## **95/09 THORLEY ISSUES**

Attention was drawn to the ongoing problem of potholes in the village. It was reported That W Burt CC has requested a 40mph speed limit in Wilmingham Lane.

RESOLVED: That the pothole problem be again reported to the Isle of Wight Council.

**96/09 YARMOUTH ISSUES**

Attention was drawn to the problems that will be created for motorists during the closure of the Yarmouth bridge.

RESOLVED: That the Isle of Wight Council be asked to suspend parking restrictions on the western side of the Yarmouth Bridge during the bridge closure.

**97/09 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

W Burt CC reported that he thought he had found a way to keep Yarmouth Fire Station open under the Fire Service Review proposals.

RESOLVED: that the report be received and noted.

**98/09 TOWN CLERK’S REPORT**

Members had before the the Town Clerk’s report.

RESOLVED: that the report be received and noted.

**99/09 REPORTS ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Mence reported that a meeting of the Coastal Defence Working Group on 25 March had been attended by three councillors. A document is to be produced to find a way round rising sea levels given that the 2007 prediction is now out of date. The Mayor reported that he had attended the last meeting of the IWALC Executive Committee and commented on the amount of documents being sent out by IWALC.

RESOLVED: that the information be received and noted.

**100/09 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

RESOLVED: That the following be agenda items at the next meeting: Meeting with School Council and appointment of “Mayor for the Day.”

**101/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: To note that the next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held at **Yarmouth Primary School** on Tuesday 5 May 2009 at 6.30pm (MP3 player draw 6.15pm).

**102/09 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 the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

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

