

YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THORLEY PARISH CHURCH, THORLEY STREET, THORLEY ON TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: Councillors S Cowley (Town Mayor), R Corbett, P Garlick, R Goodridge, A Ingrams, S Mence, S Poston and B Tongue.

IN ATTENDANCE: R H Blezzard (Town Clerk)
S Dyer CC

APOLOGIES: Yarmouth Police

PART 1

207/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Mence declared a personal interest in Minute 211/09 by reason of being a Member of the Harbour Advisory Committee and in Minute 212/09 by reason of being Secretary of the Yarmouth and Thorley Community Plan Steering Committee.

Councillor Poston declared a personal interest in Minute 216/09 by reason of being Chair of the West Wight Landscape Partnership Advisory Committee.

Councillor Goodridge declared a personal interest in Minute 211/09 by reason of being a member of the Harbour Advisory Committee.

Councillor Mence declared a prejudicial interest in Minute 214/09 (Planning Application P/01225/09 – TCP/14521/N) by reason of being the occupier of a property near to the application site.

208/09 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr B Coates-Evans drew attention to an email he had sent to the Town Clerk drawing attention to the minutes on the Council website not being up to date. The Town Clerk advised that he had responded to the email and that the website would be updated. Attention was drawn to the problem of agricultural waste which had been spilled by farm vehicles on Hill Place Lane. The matter had been reported to the Police and would be raised again.

209/09 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2009 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

210/09 POLICE MATTERS

No Police representative was present but an email report had been received from PCSO Quinn. The dog fouling problem along the cycle track is being monitored by the Isle of Wight Council. The Carnival and Funfair went well with only one incident which was resolved. On Saturday 12 September there will be a bike marking event at the Police Station from 1130 to 1230 hours when the dog warden will also be present.

RESOLVED: that the report be received and noted.

211/09 HARBOUR ISSUES

Mrs Belinda Walters gave a report on behalf of the Harbour Commissioners. The South West corner preliminary works are due to last for two to three weeks. The Harbour Revision Order is going to Public Inquiry. The marshalling area works are due to be completed in September 2009 and work to allow use of the emergency slipway by Wightlink ferries will commence on 21 September 2009.

RESOLVED: that the report be received and noted.

212/09 YARMOUTH AND THORLEY COMMUNITY PLAN

Councillor Mence, Secretary of the Yarmouth and Thorley Community Plan Steering Committee presented the draft Community Plan and proposed the formation of a Community Plan Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the Council on the implementation of the Plan.

RESOLVED: (a) That the draft Community Plan be approved and adopted;
(b) That a Community Plan Advisory Committee be appointed made up of S Dyer CC, Councillors Mence and Tongue, Mr B Coates-Evans and Mr M Craig;
(c) That the Plan be monitored and reviewed annually at the Annual Town Meeting with a full review being carried out every five years;

213/09 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £23,220.58 and A schedule of accounts for payment.

RESOLVED: That the information be received and noted and the following accounts be authorised and paid:

Cheque No	Payee	Details	Amount £
878	Isle of Wight Council	Clerk's Salary, July/August 2009	1,104.58
879	Staples	Office Supplies	168.16
880	AF Inspections & Safety	Annual Safety Inspection, play area	63.25
881	R H Blezzard	Expenses	<u>35.00</u>
			1370.99

214/09 PLANNING ISSUES

Planning Applications

Members had before them three planning applications. It was reported that P/0123/09 AGN/29727/A – Agricultural Prior Notification for steel framed hay barn & implement store (revised scheme) at Part OS parcel 5677, Main Road, Thorley had been approved earlier in the day by the Isle of Wight Council due to tighter time limits on agricultural prior notification applications.

214/09 PLANNING ISSUES (continued)

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

P/01202/09 – TCP/22425/E – Variation of conditions numbered 2,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,13, 17 and 20 on TCP/22425/B at Newclose Farm, Main Road, Thorley. DETAILS OF THE CONDITIONS UPON WHICH THE VARIATIONS ARE BEING SOUGHT IS REQUESTED ALONG WITH AN EXTENSION OF THE TIME FOR THE SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS. CLARIFICATION IS ALSO REQUESTED AS TO WHY THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION IS NOT OUT OF TIME.

P/01225/09 – TCP/14521/N – Variation of conditions no 1 and no 4 on TCP/14521/M to vary permitted hours and removal of condition no. 2 on TCP/14521 At Forrester's Hall, High Street, Yarmouth. WHILST THE TOWN COUNCIL WOULD SUPPORT AN EXTENSION IN THE LICENSING HOURS TO 11.30PM THE COUNCIL IS OF THE VIEW THAT AN EXTENSION TO 12.30PM WOULD BE UNREASONABLE AND DETRIMENTAL TO THE AMENITY OF RESIDENTS IN NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES. THE COUNCIL FURTHER CONSIDERS CONDITION 2 TO BE REASONABLE AND WISHES TO SEE IT REMAIN. THE COUNCIL IS HOWEVER CONCERNED THAT A PRECEDENT FOR LATE OPENING HAS BEEN SET IN RESPECT OF A NEARBY RESTAURANT IN THE HIGH STREET.

Planning Decisions

Members had before them details of a recent planning decision made by the Isle of Wight Council.

RESOLVED: that the information be received and noted.

Island Plan Core Strategy

Members had before them a letter from Fishbourne Parish Council requesting support an approach to the Planning Inspector to seek due recognition in the Island Plan Core Strategy document of the ferries and Island ports as a primary part of the Island Infrastructure which must be identified and accommodated in any development plan.

RESOLVED: That Fishbourne Parish Council's position be supported.

Minerals and Waste Development Plan

Members were advised that the Isle of Wight Council is conducting consultation exercise in respect of the above. The consultation closes on 29 September 2009.

RESOLVED: That this matter be considered at a special meeting of the Council on Thursday 24 September 2009 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall (if available).

Signage in Wheatsheaf Lane, Yarmouth

Members had before them a copy of a letter from a local resident to the Planning Enforcement Section complaining about inappropriate signage in Wheatsheaf Lane.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the letter be noted.

215/09 ST JAMES DAY AND CHARTER CELEBRATIONS 2010

Members discussed the arrangements for the St James Day and 875th year of the Town Charter Celebrations in 2010.

RESOLVED: That local organisations be invited to a public meeting at Yarmouth Primary School on 15 October 2009 (or thereabouts subject to school availability) to discuss the St James Day and 875th year of the Town Charter celebrations in 2010.

216/09 WEST WIGHT LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP LOCAL HEROES PROJECT

Members discussed the West Wight Landscape Partnership Local Heroes Project and Possible options in Yarmouth.

RESOLVED: That this matter be considered at the public meeting to consider the St James Day and Charter celebrations in 2010.

217/09 CORRESPONDENCE

Members had before them a list of correspondence.

RESOLVED: that the information be received and noted.

218/09 THORLEY ISSUES

Councillor Ingram drew attention to complaints about the state of repair of the bus shelters and notice board and also to trees overhanging the road by the bus stop.

RESOLVED: That a site inspection be carried out.

219/09 YARMOUTH ISSUES

Attention was drawn to the review of the Yarmouth Traffic Orders.

RESOLVED: that this matter be considered at the special meeting on 24 September.

220/09 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Members had before them a written report from S Dyer CC which was added to verbally. S Dyer CC advised the meeting that he had attended a meeting to receive bids from organisations interested in running the Island's high schools. One bidder indicated a wish to change the High schools to academies. S Dyer CC also advised that he had made representations to the Isle of Wight Council about the Fire Service reform and to Wightlink about the ferry service. A reply had been received from the Chief Fire Officer.

RESOLVED: That thee report be received and noted and the Chief Fire Officer's Response be circulated to members.

221/09 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Members had before them the Town Clerk's report which included the following:

1. **Annual Audit 2008/9:** This has been completed satisfactorily.
2. **Proposed Closure of Yarmouth Fire Station:** Approximately 100 letters of objection to the closure of Yarmouth Fire Station have been sent to the Fire and Rescue Service through the Council office.
3. **Yarmouth Ferry Service:** A response to the concerns about the new ferries raised at the last Council meeting has been received from the Interim Chief Executive of Wightlink.
4. **Council Photocopier:** The current copier is broken and may be beyond economic repair. A reconditioned machine has been obtained for a trial period.
5. **Yarmouth Methodist Church:** The building is on the market and may be suitable for use as a community centre.
6. **Dog Fouling:** The problem has been reported to the ENO who has the matter in hand. The new dog bin has not been purchased as yet because the carriage would amount to £65. The bin will be collected when the Town Clerk is next on the mainland and able to collect it.
7. **Flags:** An order for new flags has been placed although a quantity of unused flags have been found in the Council Chamber
8. **Youth service Review:** This is now underway and part of the process will include "Question Time" style sessions at Medina High School (15th September) and Sandown High School (21st September).

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

(b) That the Town Clerk be authorised to spend up to £300 on a replacement photocopier;

(c) That the issue of the possible use of the Methodist church building as a community centre be referred to the Community Plan Advisory Committee;

222/09 REPORTS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Mence reported that the Coastal Defence Working Group had undertaken two site visits.

Councillor Poston reported that the West Wight Landscape Partnership had run courses for children over the summer holidays and that there is a project with Yarmouth and Shalfleet primary schools to take children to the beach.

RESOLVED: That the reports be received and noted.

223/09 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the Cabinet member for Transport be invited to the next meeting to talk about Highways.

224/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To note that a special meeting will take place on Thursday 24 September 2009 at the Town Hall at 6.30pm and the next ordinary meeting will take Place on Tuesday 20 October 2009 at Yarmouth Primary School.

225/09 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.....
(Chairman)

Date.....