



# The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

## Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at CHOYD Tuesday Dec 7th 2021 at 6:30pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors S Cowley (Mayor), J Allen, T Cowley, R Corbett, A Ingram, D McCleary, G Head

**IN ATTENDANCE:** B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Tim Adams (Yarmouth Harbour Commission), Martyn Collinson (YTT)

### **113/2021 APOLOGIES**

No apologies for absence were received

### **114/2021 PUBLIC FORUM:**

#### **i) HARBOUR ISSUES**

##### **Boat numbers:**

**Overnights:** Overnight visits for November were the highest on record at 374. Short stays/lunchtime visits. Lunchtime visits 222 were the highest on record.

**Long Term Visitors or pay monthly customers:** LTV numbers for November are the highest on record, at 2655 nights.

**Harbour Works:** The Harbour is focused on the annual winter maintenance programme. Works include but not limited to the following:

- Resurfacing and rewiring the dinghy park
- Refurbishment of the outside/24hr toilet and shower facility
- Replacement fencing on the green and overflow carpark
- LED lighting on south quay
- Repairs to pathway from dinghy park to the Mill
- Replacement windows on the flat above Nammetts and harbour building

Works to replace the pink pontoon have been delayed but an order has been placed and acknowledged This will include the introduction of waiting pontoons North and South of the bridge for bridge users' convenience.

**Harbour dues and mooring fees:** Mooring fee increases for 2022 are in line with inflation, slightly under in fact at 3.1% at the time of writing.

## ii) YARMOUTH TOWN TRUST

Mill Road cottages await a structural survey and all remedial work will be met from YTT reserves.

Renovation work is needed on the benches at the Common, and consideration is being given to replacing some with recycled plastic units. The beacon is suffering from corrosion and quotes are being sought for its renovation. 3 new benches have been ordered for the Graveyard Copse.

The 2021 accounts have been approved.

The windows in the Town Hall require renovation.

Work is ongoing on putting the Archives online, and though records up to 1924 have now been digitised, this is proving to be a long task.

Ongoing projects at the Recreation Ground include a replacement pavilion and land drains.

## iii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report had been received from the local Isle of Wight Councillor.

## iv) LOCAL ISSUES

The Mayor congratulated Cllr Corbett on achieving classification of Friars Lane as a public right of way, and for attending the IWC meeting which gave final approval. Consideration will be given in due course to a suitable sign.

Cllr T Cowley reported an ingress of water by the Mill which posed a risk to the marshes. Cllr Corbett agreed to discuss this with the Mill owners.

Cllr Allen reported that the Christmas Tree for the Square had been ordered, the senior citizens' lunch was going ahead and carols in the Square would take place on 18/12. It was RESOLVED that YTC would make a contribution of £200 towards the Tree.

Cllr McCleary reported concerns about excessive signage in the centre of Yarmouth, and Cllr Corbett also indicated concern about business parking along Wheatsheaf Lane, where vehicles were encroaching onto the public footway. Mayor Cowley suggested raising these issues in a forthcoming article for the West Wight gazette.

## v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no further questions.

## 115/2021 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor	Personal	Pecuniary
S Cowley	Yarmouth Town Trust CHOYD Shalfleet PC Wight Nature Fund	Lee Farm
R Corbett	Yarmouth Town Trust	
J Allen		Multi-Service Marine River Yar Boatyard
T Cowley	Shalfleet PC	Camp Wight Mill Copse

G Head	British Horse Society RSPB Bowcombe Estate	National Trust
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## 116/2021 MINUTES AND CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the monthly meeting held 2/11/21

## 117/2021 FINANCE

### 117/2021.1 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: To approve payment of the following accounts for December:

BACS20	West Wight Men in Sheds	Grant	£250.00
BACS21	B Jacobs	Clerk's salary November	£796.15
BACS22	IWC	Election costs	£48.00
BACS23	All Round Cleaners	Publi toilets cleaning	£550.91
BACS24	WBS	Stationery	£74.57
BACS	YTT	Annual grant (awaiting details)	£350.00
DEB	Moles	Gate catch & Padlock for Rec	£46.90
DEB	Safety Signs	CCTV sign Bridge Road	£17.70
DEB	SLCC	Subscription	£144.00
DEB	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary November	£234.47
DEB	Microsoft	Office subs	£2.76
DEB	GiffGaff	Office telephone	£6.00
DD	PWL B	Loan repayment CHOYD	£1,787.10

### 117/2021.2 Bank Reconciliation

The receive the financial statement for 30/11/21 was agreed

### 117/2021.3 2022/23 Budget

The second draft of next year's Budget was considered, and the following decisions were recorded regarding the Precept:

An increase of 4% was proposed by Cllr Allen and seconded by Cllr Corbett

An increase of 0% was proposed by Mayor Cowley and seconded by Cllr Head and approved by 5 votes to 3.

## 118/2021 PLANNING ISSUES

### New applications:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
21/02161/HOU	Merrilees Station Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0QT	Proposed single storey rear extension with balcony over	Fri 3 Dec 2021

21/02201/FUL	Crosstrees Main Road Thorley Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0SS	Demolition of existing garage/workshop; proposed detached annexe	Fri 10 Dec 2021
21/02230/HOU	Watermeadows Thorley Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0SH	Proposed single storey side & rear extension and associated alterations	Fri 10 Dec 2021

It was RESOLVED to record the following comments:

21/02161/HOU: YTC objects to the application because rooflights and the balcony would overlook surrounding properties.

21/02201/FUL: YTC raises no objections as long as the annexe remains part of the main property and does not become a separate dwelling.

21/02230/HOU: No objections.

### **119/2021 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND**

The Clerk summarised the issues minuted at the last Recreation Ground Committee meeting on 2/11. Soil samples had been undertaken in order to ascertain the best way forward for renewal of the land drains, and the following report had been received from the contractors:

*The clay layer was found to start from between 15 inches down, through to 22 inches down. As discussed, we believe the most cost-effective solution would be to create 'slit drains', which are narrow (circa 2" wide) trenches which will be filled with pea gravel, leading to the ditch on the lower side of the field and to the existing drain running along the town-end of the field. We'd be better waiting for some drier weather before starting, and I'll get together an estimate of costs for you shortly.*

The north-south ditch has been cleared to the end of the building line, and it was concluded that this was adequate and that further excavation of the ditch could result in risk to the stability of neighbouring properties.

### **120/2021 CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL**

Cllr T Cowley reported that he had identified a suitable consultant and hoped to roll in this report with other local councils with a view to reducing costs.

### **121/2021 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Mayor reported that the following events had been notified:

A gala ball at Yarmouth Sailing Club

A regatta at RYSC

YTC proposes to hold a tea party for residents at the Recreation Ground followed by lighting of the Beacon.

### **122/2021 IW BEACON ADVERTISING**

Councillors agreed not to proceed with advertising in the IW Beacon

**123/2021 WWCIP**

The Clerk reported that no update had been received on the West Wight Local Cycling & Walking Improvement Plan

**124/2021 RECREATION GROUND WORKS**

RESOLVED: To agree the quote from Brighstone Landscaping for surface restoration work for the basket swing and the Victoria Road pedestrian gate.

A problem has arisen regarding the proposed sign at the Victoria Road entrance. The lady from Southern Housing (not the one who attended the site meeting but a colleague) is sympathetic to the erection of the sign but has pointed out that emergency vehicle access to the flats must be retained.

**125/2021 ST JAMES CHURCH RESTORATION**

It was noted that the Church has incurred further costs for its restoration work. The Clerk was asked to obtain details of the expenditure involved

**126/2021 CLERK'S REPORT**

**126/2021.1 REPAIRS TO RUBBER MULCH MATTING PLAY AREA**

The estimates from Playdale for repairs to the above were noted and the Clerk was asked to contact the YTC insurers to see if repair costs could be covered under the Council's insurance.

**126/2021.2 PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED**

21/01883/HOU approval was noted.

**127/2021 CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence received since the last meeting was noted

**128/2021 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Conservation Area character appraisal

**129/2021 NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: The next meeting will take place 4/1/22 at CHOYD.