



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at CHOYD Tuesday July 27th 2021 at 6:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Sue Poston (Harbour Commission Representative), S Mence

58/2021 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from IW Councillor Spink

59/2021 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Marine traffic (June 2021)

Overnights: Despite some poor weather, June was a good month and came close to beating the record set in 2018 for overnights stays. A total of 2819 boats stayed the night in the Harbour in June. Short Slays June was an exceptional month for short stays or lunchtime traffic. The total of visits at 1077 exceeded the record set in 2014 by 13% or 122 boats.

Long term visitors (or pay monthly customers): LTV numbers at 2602 were up on 2020 figures by 24% 'the Harbour is now at capacity for our 'pay monthly' berthing allocations.

Harbour works: The Harbour staff are focussed on planned preventative maintenance in preparation for further relaxation of lockdown restrictions and the summer season. Wi-Fi The customer Wi-Fi had a multitude of issues relating to transmitters, switch gear and cables on the pontoons. This is largely due to aging equipment and wear and tear from weather and constantly moving pontoons The Harbour has updated the equipment and now have all Wi-Fi portals back online which cover the majority of the visitor and resident space north of the bridge.

Beach safely: The Harbour has put mitigation measures in place to deal with an increase in personal water craft activity and beach safety related issues. Due to the increase in

paddle sport activities in the estuary, south of the bridge the Harbour is now focusing on producing guidance for Harbour users on how to enjoy the estuary safely and responsibly without disturbing the wildlife and their natural habit

Harbour Legislation: The Commissioners have begun the Harbour Revision Order (HRO) process and are updating the Harbours local legislation. This follows a recommendation from the DfT to ensure that wording within our Harbour Orders is modernised and fit for purpose. A draft HRO will be produced, the Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee will have an opportunity to comment and an application to the Marine Management Organisation will be submitted in due course. A public consultation will follow.

Filming: Comedy channel Gold spent a day filming a scene for the second season of 'Cockfield's' in and around the Harbour on the 7 July. The series stars the comedian Joe Wilkinson among other famous faces, YHC have been working in collaboration with Wightlink and 'Lobster Locations' an Isle of Wight locations agency.

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Isle of Wight Councillor was unable to attend and Mayor Cowley read out relevant extracts from a report submitted by Cllr Spinks. The full text is as follows:

My apologies as I am, once again, unable to come to tonight's meeting. There is a Council Planning Committee Meeting tonight at which they are considering an application to build almost 500 houses on Westridge Farm, Ryde. I am the Shadow Cabinet Member with responsibility for Housing and Planning, and as such it would be wrong if I did not attend.

Much of my time recently has been spent digesting the Draft Island Planning Policy, which goes out for public consultation this Friday. I am chairing a Task and Finish Committee which will examine the Plan and in particular consider whether it will provide housing of the type that Islanders need and can afford. We will also be looking at whether there is sufficient protection for our greenfield sites and whether the reduced number of houses can be reduced further.

I was asked by Alan Short (Acorn Interiors) to meet him at his architect's office in Brading, to discuss a planning application which will be made in the next few weeks, for a Wellness Centre, tree houses, and holiday houses, at Lucketts Farm.

A public meeting is to be held, probably at Wellow, at which there will be an opportunity to ask questions. I have said that I am against the scale of the development. The Wellness centre is quite large and will be used for wedding receptions, which in my view is inappropriate for the site.

I have also been asked by a number of residents to look into reducing the speed limit on Halletts Shute. I have taken this up with the Council and will monitor progress. In addition I have asked Tapnell Farm if they could reduce the amount/brightness of the lights in the area of the domes, as residents in Bouldnor Mead have been experiencing difficulty sleeping. I am pleased to say that one of the residents has informed me that the position is now much improved.

I have received a briefing on the Greenway (cycle/walking link) from Newport to Freshwater via Yarmouth. I have mixed feelings about this. At first instance it would seem to be a good thing for tourism, exercise, recreation and reducing the number of

cyclists on our roads. However, residents close to the proposed route have raised concerns with me re privacy, noise and litter. There is also concern about the disturbance to wild-life. Further, it may well result in urbanisation of the West-Wight by allowing planning permission to be granted on the basis that sustainable travel would be available. In my view these factors need careful consideration.

iii) LOCAL ISSUES

Mayor Cowley raised the issue of damage to the apple trees at The Mount, and the Clerk informed that he had contacted Brighstone Landscaping about this matter.

He also referred to the forthcoming Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022, and suggested planting Scots Pine in the Mount Orchard as a seamark.

The Clerk was asked to send the images of Cycleway erosion to Island Roads.

Cllr Corbett asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to the owner of Loveshore House for the excellent renovation of Loveshore Lane.

The proposed removal of the public telephone box on Yarmouth Quay was discussed at some length, but as BT had refused to part with any meaningful usage information, and emergency phone facilities are available nearby at the YHC HQ, challenging the withdrawal of the box was difficult.

Cllr McCleary reported a complaint from a user of Yarmouth public toilets that they were in an unsatisfactory condition, but it was considered inevitable that such occasions will always be likely to arise between cleans because of a small number of dysfunctional users.

The Clerk was asked to bring the following to the attention of Island Roads:

- Damaged road sign at Willingham Lane/Thorley Street junction
- Overgrown hedging nearby along Thorley Street

iv) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Local businessman Alan Short outlined his proposals for a woodland resort at Lee Copse which was shortly to go before Planning. It was recognised that this was outside the area covered by Yarmouth Town Council, but the associated Greenway issue was scheduled to be discussed at the October meeting. He was thanked for his presentation by Cllr McCleary and Sue Poston.

60/2021 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor	Personal	Pecuniary
S Cowley	Yarmouth Town Trust CHOYD Shalfleet PC	Lee Farm
R Corbett	Yarmouth Town Trust	
D McCleary		Yarmouth School
J Allen		Multi-Service Marine River Yar Boatyard
T Cowley		Camp Wight

G Head	British Horse Society RSPB	National Trust
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61/2021 MINUTES AND CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the monthly meeting held 22/6/21

62/2021 FINANCE

62/2021.1 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: To approve payment of the following accounts for July/August:

2369	Came & Co	Annual insurance	£1,029.92
2370	Yarmouth Town Trust	Rental Town Green	£180.00
2371	CRUSE	Annual grant	£150.00
2372	West Wight Sports Centre	Annual grant	£7,575.00
2374	Wight Digital Soltions	New printer + toner bottle	£616.80
2375	DARES	Blockage Bridge Road	£80.00
2376	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning public toilets	£536.51
2377	Brighstone Landscaping	Grounds maintenance	£1,100.50
2378	B Jacobs	Clerk salar July + expenses	£774.47
DEB	GiffGaff	Office phone	£6.00
DEB	Microsoft	Office subs	£2.76
DD	SSE	Electricity public toilets	£213.35
DD	Everflow	Water public toilets	£104.94

62/2021.2 Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for 21/7/21 as presented.

63/2020 PLANNING ISSUES

New applications:

The following applications were considered:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
21/01209/HOU	St Michael Station Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0QX	Proposed first floor extension; new dormer windows to front; alterations and cladding (revised scheme)	Fri 23 Jul 2021

21/01191/HOU	Pinings Yard High Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0PL	Proposed single storey extension incorporating re-construction of boundary wall	Fri 30 Jul 2021
21/01423/FUL	Church Cottage Main Road Thorley Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0SS	Proposed detached unit of accommodation to be used for holiday or in connection with the operation of the farm	Fri 13Aug 2021

It was RESOLVED to record the following comments on the Planning website:

21/01209/HOU: To re-iterate the original comments regarding cladding

21/01191/HOU: Yarmouth Town Council recognises that this development is in a conservation area and regards the existing ancient boundary wall of local stone to be an unscheduled heritage asset which should be preserved or rebuilt with the existing stone and not replaced with the proposed dressed Portland stone.

21/01423/FUL: No objections

21/01435/RVC: no comments pending further consideration

The following was noted:

Application for a Premises Licence: The Yarmouth Barbers & Connoisseurs, Jireh Place, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight

63/2020 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

The minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee meeting of 8/7/21 were noted.

The renewal of land drains at the Rec was discussed, and it was recognised that the pitch needs rolling before any further work can be carried out. The Clerk was requested to seek a quote from Brighstone Landscaping, and Cllrs T Cowley and Cronin undertook to contact contractor Andy Butler for similar advice and information.

It was reported that the bearings on the Carousel appear to have seized up and the Bonded Rubber Mulch surrounding it has become contaminated with a black substance which rubs off on contact. The Clerk was asked to contact Playdale about this.

Cllr Allen undertook to fix the replacement handle on the Board Rider.

64/2021 CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL

The Clerk reported that the 2012 Conservation Area Character Appraisal for Totland appeared to have been carried out by IWC. Cllr T Cowley undertook to contact consultant David Booth about the possibility of preparing one for YTC assuming that IWC would accept such a submission.

65/2021 FLOODING OF CYCLEPATH

The Clerk was asked to send images of the damage sustained in this area to Island Roads.

66/2021 RISK ASSESSMENT AND PLAY AREA RoSPA REPORT

It was RESOLVED to take the following actions:

Basket swing: No action

Carousel - Rotator – Pole: Cllr Allen will have a look at this item, and the Clerk will also seek advice from Playdale.

Swing Unit: No action

67/2021 CLERK'S REPORT

67/2021.1 CLERK'S HOURS

It was proposed by Mayor Cowley, seconded by Cllr McCleary and unanimously RESOLVED: To increase the Clerk's weekly hours from 15 to 17

67/2021.2 CCTV

RESOLVED: To accept the quote of £980 for CCTV facilities at Bridge Road toilets has been received from Guardian Fire and Security Systems

67/2021.3 YARMOUTH TOWN TRUST REPRESENTATION

It was proposed by Cllr Head, seconded by Cllr McCleary and unanimously RESOLVED to notify YTT of the following representatives:

Steve Cowley

Mike Dory

Rob Corbett

Denise Cronin

67/2021.4 BANK ARRANGEMENTS

RESOLVED: To authorise the following signatories for online payments:

Brian Jacobs, Cllrs Allen, Cronin, T Cowley

67/2021.5 REPLACEMENT PAVION FOR REC

It was the opinion of all Councillors, except Cllr Corbett, that a replacement for the pavilion was not deemed necessary or desirable (due to possible vandalism) at present.

67/2021.6 BUS STATION PLANTERS

RESOLVED: To award West Wight Men in Sheds £200 for the work carried out on the bus station planters, and to make a further grant of £50 if they will tidy them at the end of Autumn.

67/2021.7 LORD HOLMES BOUNTY

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would make arrangements for the Bounty to be delivered as soon as possible, though with no attendant church service because of Covid.

68/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received since the last meeting was noted

69/2020 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Queen's Platinum Jubilee arrangements

Conservation area character appraisal

Town Green drainage

70/2020 NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: The next meeting will be at CHOYD at 18:30 7/9/21

Signed..... (Town Mayor)

Date.....