



# The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

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

**PRESENT:** Councillors S Cowley (Mayor), J Allen, T Cowley, R Corbett, A Ingram, P Cronin

**IN ATTENDANCE:** B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Tim Adams, Sue Poston (Harbour Commission Representatives), 1 member of the public

### **71/2021 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Head and MacCleary

### **72/2021 PUBLIC FORUM:**

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

The Harbour Commissioner, Tim Adams gave a presentation about future plans for Yarmouth Harbour which he considered necessary for it to remain competitive and profitable for the foreseeable future. The proposals he outlined related to the moorings south of Yarmouth Bridge, where he considered there would be minimal environmental impact and maximum efficiency of available space and facilities.

Cllr Corbet expressed concern that existing small local boat users would be disadvantaged by these proposals, but he was assured that they would not be the case and Cllr Allen stated that they would have separate moorings. Yarmouth fees are still very low in relation to other local harbours and there is no suggestion to increase prices. Mayor Cowley commended Tim Adam's Plan and promised the support of Yarmouth Town Council. Cllr Corbett also expressed appreciation for the Plan.

The Harbour Commissioner was asked for his views about the planning application by the George Hotel. He expressed reservations about the use of wooden walkways and commented on the safety aspect in relation to the Wightlink Ferry if any of the pontoons became detached. Concern was also expressed about inebriated boat users with little experience using the facility. Furthermore, adequate facilities were already available nearby. In any case, a license would be necessary from The Harbour Commissioner.

Mayor Cowley thanked Tim Adams for a professional and well-presented plan. The Harbour Commissioner went on to say that long term visitors to the harbour were at an all-time high and the Harbour was at capacity

**ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

No communication had been received from the Isle of Wight Councillor

**iii) LOCAL ISSUES**

There were no Yarmouth issues.

Thorley Street: it was noted that Island Roads have trimmed the hedge near the junction with Willmingham Lane. An arboriculturist has recommended felling some of the plane trees in the same area, but, as their planting was the subject of an agreement made by IWC with a third party, its sanction is required.

**iv) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Sue Poston enquired if there was any information regarding the dismantling of the scaffolding around St James' Church. Cllr Corbett reported a rumour of some disagreement within the PCC. There was some uncertainty about who to contact regarding the scaffolding, and the Clerk undertook to find out.

Mayor Cowley asked Tim Adams about tree planting on the Green. He responded that a survey had been done, resulting in no trees needed felling; he had got no further but promised to address this issue.

Mayor Cowley asked him if the Harbour Commission had any plans to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee next year, but Tim responded in the negative.

Cllr Corbett raised the issue of parking on Coastguard's Green, and his comments were noted.

There being no further questions, the Public Forum concluded at 19:20.

**73/2021 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

| <b>Councillor</b> | <b>Personal</b>                              | <b>Pecuniary</b>                           |
|-------------------|--|--|
| S Cowley          | Yarmouth Town Trust<br>CHOYD<br>Shalfleet PC | Lee Farm                                   |
| R Corbett         | Yarmouth Town Trust                          |  |
| J Allen           |  | Multi-Service Marine<br>River Yar Boatyard |
| T Cowley          |  | Camp Wight                                 |

**74/2021 MINUTES AND CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS**

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the monthly meeting held 27/7/21

## 75/2021 FINANCE

### 75/2021.1 Payment of Accounts

The following payments were authorised for September:

| Cheque | Payee               | Details                                 | Amount<br>(inc VAT) |
|--------|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| 2381   | Yarmouth Town Trust | Recreation Ground lease                 | £180.00             |
| 2382   | Brian Jacobs        | Clerk's salary August                   | £796.15             |
| 2383   | WWTPA               | Subscription                            | £76.00              |
| 2384   | DARES               | Replace manhole cover<br>Common toilets | £96.00              |
| DEB    | Post Office         | Office post                             | £9.03               |
| DEB    | WBS                 | Stapler                                 | £2.99               |
| DEB    | HMRC                | PAYE Clerk's salary Jul/Aug             | £429.53             |
| DEB    | GiffGaff            | Office phone                            | £6.00               |
| DEB    | Microsoft           | Office subs                             | £2.76               |
| DD     | SSE                 | Electricity public<br>toilets           | £213.35             |
| DD     | Everflow            | Water public toilets                    | £411.04             |

### 75/2021.2 Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for 31/8/21 as presented.

## 76/2020 PLANNING ISSUES

### New applications:

It was RESOLVED to make the following comments:

21/01655/FUL: Yarmouth Town Council objects to this application on the basis of:

- Marine safety
- It is an inappropriate development in a conservation area
- Existing facilities are available nearby

The following were noted:

### Application approved:

| Application No | Location  | Proposal  |
|----------------|---|---|
| 21/01209/HOU   | St Michael Station<br>Road Yarmouth Isle<br>Of Wight PO41 0QX | Proposed first floor<br>extension; new dormer<br>windows to front;<br>alterations<br>and cladding (revised<br>scheme) |

| Application No | Location   | Proposal   |
|----------------|--|--|
| 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 |

**Application refused:**

| Application No | Location  | Proposal                         |
|----------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 20/02102/HOU   | Bosun Cottage Eremue Lane Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0PP | Proposed single storey extension |

**77/2020 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND**

The Clerk read out the salient points from the minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee meeting of 2/9/21.

Cllr Corbett reported that he had been in contact with a suitable contractor for installing new land drains at the Rec and will arrange to get a quote.

Cllr Allen agreed to fit a catch to the new pedestrian gate at the Victoria Road entrance. Vehicular access at the Victoria Road entrance was discussed and the Clerk was asked to email Southern Housing Group about the Council's concerns regarding the potential of an accident arising from vehicles using this stretch of ground.

**78/2021 CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL**

Cllr T Cowley has been in contact with Olly Boulter at IWC and is awaiting confirmation that IWC will endorse and adopt a Yarmouth Character Appraisal.

**79/2021 FLOODING OF CYCLEPATH**

It was noted that Island Roads have responded to say that the holes causing the flooding will be filled with appropriate material.

**80/2021 SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE**

YTC does have a Facebook account, which has not been actively maintained and email notifications have been blocked for some time because they swamped the Outlook inbox every day. Cllrs T Cowley and Allen felt that a Facebook account was a good way to engage with the public if run properly and undertook to administer it.

**81/2021 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Mayor proposed a 'Postcards from Yarmouth' book to be funded by receipts from the previous local history books.

**82/2021 CLERK'S REPORT**

**82/2021.1 PUBLIC TOILETS**

Cllrs Cronin and Corbett agreed to be emergency keyholders for the public toilets.

RESOLVED: To accept the quote from Indigo Graphics for suitable signs for the outside and inside of the cubicles providing contact numbers in the event of problems.

**82/2021.2 REMEMBRANCE DAY**

RESOLVED: To order 3 wreaths for this event on 14/11

**82/2021.2 NEW PLANNING DECISIONS**

See under 76/2020

**82/2021.3 AONB AGM**

No Councillor Councillors wished to attend this event on 12/10 at Quay Arts.

**82/2021.4 ANNUAL GRANT YTT**

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £395 to Yarmouth Town Trust for the upkeep of the Town Hall.

**83/2021 CORRESPONDENCE**

The list of correspondence received since the last meeting was noted

**84/2020 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- On-street electric car chargers
- Former bench outside church
- Street furniture maintenance
- 2022/23 Budget

**85/2020 NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: The next meeting will be at CHOYD at 18:30 5/10/21

Signed..... (Town Mayor)

Date.....