



# The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

## Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at CHOYD Tuesday Oct 5th 2021 at 6:30pm

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Yarmouth Harbour Commission Representative, Graham Biss, 4 members of the public

### **86/2021 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from IW Cllr Spink

### **86/2021 PUBLIC FORUM:**

Graham Biss gave a verbal presentation about the proposed 21km Greenway between Gunville and Freshwater. Planning on this commenced 6 years ago, initially by West Wight Landscape Partnership with the aim of providing safe, varied and attractive off-road routes to the West Wight. Planning has been undertaken rationalising existing rights of way, eg the former railway track, to avoid farmland wherever possible and compensating landowners where necessary, to yield 10km of new rights of way. The IWC will maintain the Greenway once construction is complete.

Much sensitivity has been employed towards neighbours and the environment and the scheme will be carbon neutral, with the costs anticipated to be recovered on the basis of a 6-1 payback. The new route will be multi-user and should offer great tourist potential.

Cllr Head asked if any plans were in place to deal with anti-social behaviour and Mr Biss responded that he had some experience of this problem but accepted that incidents will occur, though most of the route will be entirely rural and hence low-risk.

In response to a question from Mayor Cowley about 4-wheel drive vehicles accessing the route, Mr Biss informed that access will be impossible, but accepted that motor-bikes could be a problem.

Cllr Allen raised a question about funding sources, and Mr Biss responded that IWC had offered £400K; other funding was not yet in place.

Cllr T Cowley asked if diversions would be employed on the route during the shooting season and was assured that this would be so.

Cllr Corbett suggested that cyclist should carry audible warning devices and their speed restricted to 10mph.

## **i) HARBOUR ISSUES**

**Overnights:** The Harbour has had a good summer season. Overnight numbers for August at 3811 visits were normal for the time of year. September overnight visits a 2565 were also on par with previous years.

**Short stays/lunchtime visits:** Lunchtime visits for August were the highest on record at 1187. Lunchtime visits for September at 951 were the second highest on record for the month.

**Long Term Visitors or pay monthly customers:** LTV numbers for August and September are the highest on record, a total of 5,414 nights combined for the period. The harbour has reached capacity for these mooring allocations.

**Harbour Works:** Developments south of the bridge (informal consultation) - 130 people were invited to comment on the project. 60 people responded of which 52 (87%) were in support of the project with the remainder either non-supportive or undecided. Based on this feedback the Commissioners have decided to move forward with the next stage of the project and submit an application to the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) for licencing. A formal consultation exercise with the relevant stakeholders will follow in due course as part of this process.

**Pink pontoon:** In accordance with our long-term strategy the harbour has been working with Walcon Marine to replace the main walkway of the pink pontoon which is nearing the end of its useful life. Aside from mooring allocations the pontoon acts as a secondary breakwater, protecting the inner harbour from large swells in northerly weather conditions. A more robust design has been produced similar to the outer pontoon at Shepard's Wharf marina in Cowes. The construction is of solid reinforced concrete with fewer joints to reduce stress points.

**Waiting pontoons:** The Commissioners are submitting a notification to the MMO of their intention to install waiting pontoons north and south of the bridge on existing piles to assist those seafarers wishing to transit the bridge. YHC believes this activity to be exempt from licencing under Article 25A of the 2013 Exempted Activities Order and the harbours own local legislation (Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) Harbour Revision Order 1971)

**Outside 24hr toilets and showers:** The Commissioners have decided to go-ahead with phase three of the shower/toilet refurbishment this winter. In February Acorn Interiors will begin works to refurbish the out of hours shower and toilet blocks at the east end of the building.

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

In the absence of Cllr Spink, the Clerk read out the following email received from him:

1. *My apologies for not yet having attended a YTC Meeting. Unfortunately, Tuesday evening is a busy day for meetings and this evening is no exception! Freshwater P.C. is meeting tonight to discuss a number of important planning applications and I feel obliged to be present. Please accept my apologies.*
2. *Following on from the above, much of my work in the last month has been spent on Planning issues. The consultation period for the Draft Island Plan has recently closed and I am Chair of a Task and Finish Committee appointed to review the Draft Plan.*
3. *I have also attended 5 Meetings, in the last month, held by Freshwater residents. Freshwater (incl Totland and Colwell) is to be a secondary settlement with a minimum of 255 houses planned for the area; 3 of which are proposed to be on greenfield.*
4. *I have also sat in the last month on the Corporate Scrutiny Committee, and the Appeals Committee.*
5. *I am currently trying to help a resident in Bouldor Mead whose sleep has been disturbed by lights remaining on throughout the night at Tapnell Farm. I spoke to one of the managers a couple of months ago, and for a short while matters improved, but the resident has reported that the lights are back on! I intend to pay TF a visit today to enquire further about this matter.*
6. *I have also investigated the procedure for removing the car on the grass verge by the playing fields at Bouldnor. The procedure for its removal has been commenced and I expect it to be removed shortly.*

### iii) LOCAL ISSUES

Sylvia Mence reported the Flood Committee met recently and will report to stakeholders.

Mayor Cowley paid tribute to former Councillor Brian Tongue who died recently. He will arrange for a card and flowers to be sent on behalf of YTC.

Cllr Corbett reported the lack of cycling signs in Yarmouth advising directions or prohibiting cycling. The YHC representative undertook to arrange for this to be rectified.

Mike Dorey informed that he had reported to Island Roads the tarmacking over of a manhole cover on the south side of the Common.

Cllr Cronin reported that some of the posts on the Green have fallen over, and the YHC representative agreed to report this to the Harbour Commissioner.

### iv) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no further questions.

### 87/2021 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

## 88/2021 MINUTES AND CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the monthly meeting held 7/9/21

## 89/2021 FINANCE

### 89/2021.1 Payment of Accounts

The following accounts were agreed for payment in October:

BACS	DARES	Clear blockage Bridge Road	£16.00
BACS	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning services toilets	£551.91
BACS	CHOYD	Broadband	£39.60
BACS	B Jacobs	Clerk's salary September	£796.15
BACS	PFK Littlejohn	External audit	£720.00
BACS	Guardian Alarms	Bridge Rd CCTV	£489.86
DEB	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary August/September	£468.94
DEB	GiffGaff	Office phone	£6.00
DEB	Microsoft	Office subs	£2.76
DD	Everflow	Water public toilets	£108.25

### 89/2021.2 Bank Reconciliation

The financial statement for 30/9/21 was approved.

## 90/2020 PLANNING ISSUES

### New applications:

The following new applications were considered, and no objections were raised to any of them:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
21/01741/HOU	Turnstone House Basketts Lane Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0PY	Proposed 1.5m timber fence	8/10/21

21/00415/HOU	The Towers High Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0PN	Proposed single story side extension and extension of wall, 3no. outbuildings comprising new gazebo, home office and replacement garden storage sheds, re-provision of 2no. windows to cottage east elevation and provision of a part new landscaped southern garden. (readvertised application)	Fri 15 Oct 2021
21/00416/LBC	The Towers High Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0PN	Listed Building Consent for proposed single story side extension and extension of wall; reconfiguration of existing attic accommodation, provision of a single person lift and alterations to first floor bathrooms within the main house, re-provision of 2no. windows to cottage east elevation (readvertised application)	Fri 15 Oct 2021

The following were noted:

**Application approved:**

Application No	Location	Proposal
21/01435/RVC	Brettargh Cottage Station Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0QT	Variation of condition no 2 on 19/00428/HOU to allow amendments to the approved design
21/01312/LBC	The Cottage St James Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0NU	Listed Building Consent for proposed replacement single storey rear extension

## **Street Trading Application**

### **Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Schedule 4**

Application for: **Renewal of Mobile Street Trading Consent for Plaza Ices (Islandwide)**

#### **LICENSING ACT 2003**

#### **NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

The following application has been accepted by the licensing authority:

**Application for a New Premises Licence at – Tapnell Farm Park, Newport Road, Yarmouth**

#### **91/2020 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND**

Anti-social behaviour by young people was reported at the Rec.

It was agreed that the Recreation Ground Committee would pay a site visit to establish an action plan for the eastern boundary and the Clerk should send a holding response to the householder affected by the overgrown vegetation.

Cllr T Cowley suggested that the Council should consider land planning as well as rolling the surface of the former football pitch.

The Clerk was asked to request Brighstone Landscaping to go ahead with rolling this area.

#### **92/2021 CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL**

Cllr T Cowley reported that he was still awaiting a response from IWC to his proposals. Following that, the next step is to generate a management plan.

#### **93/2021 GRANT REQUEST FOR ST JAMES CHURCH**

A request by St James Church was noted.

#### **94/2021 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE ARRANGEMENTS**

It was noted that Yarmouth Sailing Club were planning some events for this occasion, and it was RESOLVED to invite a representative to the November meeting.

#### **95/2021 ON-STREET ELCTRIC CAR CHARGING POINTS**

The recent letter from John Medland regarding this issue was considered, and it was reported that the YHC are considering them. The Clerk was requested to seek more details from John Medland and find out the process involved for establishing charging points.

#### **96/2021 CLERK'S REPORT**

##### **96/2021.1 BOUNDARY TO REC/6 TENNYSON CLOSE**

This was discussed under item 91/2021

##### **96/2021.2 BENCH FORMERLY OUTSIDE ST JAMES CHURCH**

Cllr Allen reported that this was under way

##### **96/2021.3 GRANT REQUEST**

It was proposed by Cllr Head, seconded by Cllr McCleary and RESOLVED by all other Councillors to make a grant of £1250 towards the cost of Christmas festoon lighting for Yarmouth as long as the project can be practically executed. The Clerk was asked to

contact YTC's insurers to confirm that this would be covered within the public liability policy terms.

**97/2021      CORRESPONDENCE**

The list of correspondence received since the last meeting was noted

**98/2020      FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

2022/23 Budget

Social media account

Greenway

**99/2020      NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: The next meeting will be physical and take place on 2/11/21 at 18:30 at CHOYD.