



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at CHOYD Tuesday Nov 2nd 2021 at 6:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Yarmouth Harbour Commission Representative, IW Cllr P Spink

100/2021 APOLOGIES

No apologies for absence were received

101/2021 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Boat numbers

Overnights: Overnight numbers for October at 1086 visits were above average for the time of year.

Short stays/lunchtime visits: Lunchtime visits at 361 were average/normal for the time of year.

Long Term Visitors or pay monthly customers: LTV numbers for October are the highest on record, at 2695 nights.

Harbour Works:

Developments south of the bridge: 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. This will include a habitats regulation assessment. A formal consultation exercise with the relevant stakeholders will follow in due course as part of this process.

BBQ area: The Harbour is refurbishing the existing BBQ area at Sandhard. New, stainless steel BBQ stands have been installed, replacing the somewhat corroded mild steel stands and the bench seating is being replaced. The works are nearing completion and have received positive feedback from the public so far.

Harbour Law review: In line with the guidance published by the DfT in the Ports Good Governance Guidance document, the Commissioners are reviewing the Harbours legislation to ensure it is fit for purpose and meets modern day requirements. This is a lengthy process. A draft Harbour Revision Order (HRO) is being produced and a formal consultation exercise with stakeholders will follow in due course as part of this process. Timings of the consultation are still to be confirmed.

It was also reported that YHC had rectified any shortcomings with cyclists signage, and were about to replace the wooden barrier posts around the Green with metal ones. Mayor Cowley suggested the use of reconstituted plastic ones, and the YHC representative agreed to suggest these to Tim Adams.

Cllr Corbett reported that the Historical Yarmouth sign mounted on the RNLI shop was too high to be noticed and asked if it could be remounted on the outside of Tudor House. It was agreed that this request would also be passed on to Tim Adams

ii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Clerk read out the following report on IW Cllr Spink's behalf:

- 1. The Task and Finish Committee re the Draft Island Plan, which I Chair, has now completed the hearing of evidence and has commenced writing its findings. It will report to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee in the near future. In view of the Prime Minister's recent statement that there is to be a change of direction in national planning policy (which is likely to limit development on greenfield), I have submitted a motion to the next meeting of the Full Council on 17th November, requesting that the Council writes to the Prime Minister and to the Secretary of State for Housing asking for the 'tilted balance' to be disapplied to decisions of the Island Planning Committee. If the tilted balance were to remain precious greenfield sites on the Island would be lost to development contrary to the Government's indicated change of policy.*
- 2. I have a meeting tomorrow (Tuesday) with Graham Bliss to discuss the Greenway and I have given my support to the scheme for the FYT Bus to become electrically powered.*
- 3. I am pleased to say that the process to remove the car from the footpath at Bouldnor has been successful and the vehicle has been removed. Discussions re the footpath at Bouldnor Mead are, however, ongoing.*
- 4. In the course of discussions with Southern Water it has become clear that local flooding/flooding of the foul water system should be reported by telephone to SW and photographs taken if possible. Unless the flooding is reported SW will have no record of the event having occurred.*

Cllr T Cowley raised a question about recent flooding, but Cllr Spink informed that Southern Water do not maintain records of such events and rely on the public to inform them, such as recent alerts at Colwell Common and Norton pumping station. Mayor Cowley suggested that there was a problem with older, smaller properties which had waste and storm water disposal facilities combined.

iii) LOCAL ISSUES

Cllr Head reported a recent flooding problem along Broad Lane.

Cllr Corbett reported that he had taken down the flags along the Common for the winter period.

The condition of the Home Guard seat at The Mount was discussed and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should ask West Wight Men in Sheds if they could renovate it.

The Mayor reported that the trees in the orchard at the Mount need pruning, and some replacements will be required. Cllr T Cowley will supply the contact details of a suitable contractor.

Cllr Corbett reported a lot of weed growth along the footpath behind the car park, and the YHC representative agreed to arrange for it to be done.

Councillors were informed that a number of rats had been reported to the south of CHOYD

iv) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no further questions

102/2021 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
G Head	British Horse Society RSPB	National Trust

102/2021 MINUTES AND CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the monthly meeting held 5/10/21

103/2021 FINANCE

103/2021.1 Payment of Accounts

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

1919	Blossoms	Flowers, Brian Tongue	£30.00
	YTT	Annual grant	£350.00
BACS	Royal British Legion	Wreaths Remembrance Day	£75.00
BACS	Brian Jacobs	Expenses August-October	£133.90
BACS	Brian Jacobs	Clerk's salary October	£796.15
BACS	Wight Computers	Website domain renewal	£15.59
BACS	IWC	Environmental Officer	£273.00
BACS	Indigo Graphics	Public toilet signage	£80.50
BACS	Brighstone Landscaping	Grounds maintenance	£579.28
BACS	All Round Cleaners	Public toilets cleaning August	£579.11
BACS	All Round Cleaners	Public toilets cleaning Sep	£564.71
BACS	Island Roads	Litterbin Play Area	£69.96
BACS	Wight Digital	Office printer repair	£60.00
BACS	CHOYD	Room hire	£180.00
BACS	Brighstone Landscaping	Yarmouth cemetery mntnce	£399.92
DEB	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary October	£234.47
DEB	Microsoft	Office subs	£2.76
DEB	Post Office	Office post	£39.99
DD	Everflow	Water public toilets	£108.25

103/2021.2 Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for 31/10/21 as presented

103/2021.3 2022/23 Budget

The first draft of next year's Budget was noted

103a/2021 PLANNING ISSUES

New applications:

The following applications were considered and it was RESOLVED to make no comment about any of them:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
21/01921/RVC	Church Cottage Main Road Thorley Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0SS	Variation of condition no 3 on 21/01423/FUL to allow the holiday unit to also be occupied by agricultural worker	6/11/21
21/01883/HOU	Wahroonga Tennyson Close Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0PT	Proposed single storey front and side extensions; remedial internal works (revised scheme)	19/11/21

21/01902/FUL	Yarmouth Lifeboat Station Bridge Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0PQ	Removal and blocking up of existing shop entrance door and creation of new lifeboat station entrance door to right side of front elevation to serve remodelled crew changing room	19/11/21
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The following were noted:

Application approved:

Application No	Location	Proposal
21/01191/HOU	Pinings Yard High Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0PL	Proposed single storey extension incorporating reconstruction of boundary wall
21/00415/HOU and 21/00416/LBC	The Towers High Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0PN	Proposed single story side extension and extension of wall, 3 outbuildings etc

104/2021 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

The minutes of the Rec Ground Committee 21/10/21 were noted. It was also noted that work had commenced on the north-south ditch but not completed.

Cllr Cronin reported that he and Peter Scott would carry out a core drill on the carousel foundations in order to drain away accumulated water.

It was RESOLVED to take no action for the time being on the hedge along the eastern boundary and to monitor it.

It was noted that trail core diggings were to take place in order to ascertain information for the land drains.

105/2021 CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL

Cllr T Cowley reported that this was still work in progress

105a/2021 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE ARRANGEMENTS

Consideration of this was deferred until the next meeting

106/2021 LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR GREENWAY

RESOLVED: To authorise a letter of support to be issued by YTC in respect of the proposed Greenway

107/2021 PUBLIC TOILETS WINTER OPERATION

RESOLVED: to keep the Common toilets open throughout the winter

108/2021 MEETINGS CALENDAR 2022

RESOLVED: To agree the calendar of meetings from January 2022 as presented

109/2021 CLERK'S REPORT

109/2021.1 REMEMBRANCE DAY 14/11

It was agreed that the following Councillors will represent YTC at the Remembrance Day parades:

Totland: Mayor Cowley

Thorley: Cllr Ingram

Yarmouth: Cllr Corbett

109/2021.2 ON-STREET VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS

There was discussion about the IWC offer to meet running costs of vehicle charging points until such time as income exceeds expenditure for a period of 10 years if local councils pay a one-off contribution of up to £2500 for each unit which serves two parking spaces. However, it was noted that suitable electric circuitry was not available in Yarmouth streets and that YHC was already carrying out similar activity within the Harbour. Cllr Corbett was concerned that such facilities in Yarmouth centre could lead to increased on-street parking in the town and wondered if charging points in the car park were a valid consideration. IW Cllr Spink undertook to raise this issue with the appropriate IWC officer.

109/2021.3 LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN (LCWIP)

The Mayor suggested that Cycleway improvements were necessary to counteract flooding problems at Barnesfield Bridge and to improve the footway by Thorley Church. Cllr T Cowley pointed out that approval was unlikely to be gained unless it formed part of a proposal by several local West Wight councils. Moreover, a plan needed to be generated prior to establishing a bid, and there was no guarantee that this would be successful; YTC on its own would not be at a sufficiently high level to submit its own plan.

109/2021.4 PLANTERS

It was noted that West Wight Men in Sheds have tidied up the planters for the winter, and it was resolved to make a grant to them of £250.

109/2021.5 LEAVE

It was noted that the Clerk will be on leave next week

109/2021.6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED

The following was noted:

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

110/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

The schedule of correspondence received since the last meeting was noted

111/2021 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Queen’s platinum jubilee arrangements
- Budget 2022/3
- Conservation area character appraisal
- Land drains Rec Ground

112/2021 NEXT MEETING

The date next meeting will be at CHOYD 7/12/21

Signed..... (Town Mayor)

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