



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at CHOYD Tuesday 1st March 2022 at 6:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Don Tregear (Yarmouth Harbour Commission), 2 Wight Fibre representatives, 1 member of the public

143/2021 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mayor Cowley, Cllr McCleary, Martyn Collinson and IW Cllr Spink

144/2021 PUBLIC FORUM:

A presentation was given by two members of Wight Fibre, who explained the Company's intention to keep disruption for local residents to a minimum. The project is scheduled for completion by 7th July, and householders would have access to their properties all times during this period. Work on the Square should be complete before the summer season. Cllr Allen commented that there had been complaints about poor reinstatement and asked that Wight Fibre gave notice when reinstatement was complete. There was also some criticism of lack of liaison with Island Roads.

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Boat numbers: Overnight and short stay visits for January 2022 were the highest on record, almost doubled the numbers in previous years (overnights 211 and short stays 200). This is largely due to good weather. As a result, the harbour made a small profit of £7,879 in January. January and February are usually deficit months so this is well received.

Harbour Works: The Harbour is focused on the annual winter maintenance programme.

- Refurbishment of the outside/24hr toilet and shower facility is underway and due for completion by Easter

- Repairs to the Sandhard landing pier was delayed due to weather but, should commence shortly. BW Moorings are the contractors hired to assist with this project.
- Following a recent on the water inspection at LW, it was decided that works to replace the hailing stations wooden fendering will need to be brought forward this year together with some piling near to the taxi drop off steps. This is due to damage from abrasion, rot and gribble attack. Estimates are being collected.

Community: The harbour assisted the community by delivering sandbags by truck and tractor to local businesses and residents during the storms in the second half of February.

Parking: Due to ongoing demand, 10 additional annual parking permits were allocated for local businesses and commuters to purchase for the overflow carpark making a total of 40. There are currently 2 left.

Projects: The Commissioners are considering a proposal put forward by the CEO to purchase and trial two Waterlodge floating accommodation units within the harbour's jurisdiction. These are two-bedroom units which would be rented out for short breaks throughout the year, focusing on owners of the small motorboat market primarily, but open to those that wish to stay on the water. This project has the potential to bring in additional revenues to the harbour and local businesses by attracting a customer base from further afield. The harbour sought the views of the Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee/stakeholder representatives and their feedback will form part of the decision-making process.

ii) **YARMOUTH TOWN TRUST**

Chairman Martyn Collinson had previously indicated that there were no issues to report

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

The following report was received subsequent to the meeting from Cllr Spink:

1. *The issue re the speed-limit for Halletts Shute continues. I have exchanged a number of emails with local residents and sent a series of questions to Cllr Jordan as below:*

a) *Are those speeds correct for the lower / downhill section of Halletts Shute, which is the side on which the affected properties are. The average speed will be depressed by Freshwater bound HGVs and buses labouring further up the hill. In any event, is an average of 31 safe objectively?*

b) *The point that seems to be missed is that the opportunity to travel legally at 40 is too high. A 30mph limit should see average lower speeds, and we all know the difference every 5mph can make. The risks to pedestrian access to our properties in the absence of a pavement is unacceptable*

c) *How is it possible the limit on Bouldnor Rd is 30 (and that that limit is so important to the police that they enforce it with the van regularly stationed on the common, issuing prosecution notices for 33), but with regards to Halletts Shute which has no pavement strip at property boundaries, 40 is needed. I have to question whether IR / the Police have actually inspected or, if they have done so, they did so competently. Has IR's "HUB" passed on our comments to IR engineers?*

d) *Theresa Fisher, Hub Supervisor commented by email “in response to your email (i.e. from resident Jamie Clark) dated 20 January 2022).....The request on the HSIR is for the speed limit to be reduced from 40mph to 30mph In In addition Donna Jones PCC has been contacted and is looking into the matter.*

2. *My application for the call-in of West Bay’s request to vary its extant planning permission has resulted in their request being refused. West Bay has now lodged a full planning application. The consultation period closes on the 25th March. In essence the application is to build the residential housing without building and upgrading the leisure facility. I shall apply for this to be determined by Planning Committee.*

3. *I visited the Old House in Yarmouth at the request of the owner. We discussed the planning application by ‘On the Rocks’ and the effect that will have, if granted, on his privacy, light, and quiet enjoyment’. We also discussed the potential effect on the ancient garden wall and house which is listed.*

4. *I continue to take an active role, together Cllrs Medland and Jarman, in planning matters in relation to Freshwater and Yarmouth.*

5. *I am now a member of the planning committee in addition to the Corporate Scrutiny, Appeals and Licensing Committees.*

iv) LOCAL ISSUES

There were no Yarmouth and Thorley issues.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Sylvia Mence reported on the recent flood alert in Yarmouth. Sandbags had been deployed efficiently, there had been no flooding incidents, though Quay Street was threatened at one point, and she commended Yarmouth Harbour Commission staff for their assistance during this alert.

Cllr Corbett reported flooding danger near Yarmouth Mill, and Cllr Allen suggested householders nearby should contact the Environment Agency about this issue. Cllr Corbett asked the Clerk to notify the Agency about damage caused by the recent storms at the bottom of each of the sea lanes.

145/2021 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor	Personal	Pecuniary
R Corbett	Yarmouth Town Trust	
J Allen		Multi-Service Marine River Yar Boatyard Item 139/2022.1
T Cowley	Shalfleet PC	Camp Wight Mill Copse
G Head	British Horse Society RSPB Bowcombe Estate	National Trust
A Ingram	Shalfleet PC	

146/2021 MINUTES AND CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the monthly meeting held 1/2/22

147/2021 FINANCE

147/2021.1 Payment of Accounts

The following payments are authorised for March:

HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary December	£234.47
Microsoft	Office subs	£2.76
GiffGaff	Office telephone	£6.00
Amazon	Print cartridges	£45.84
	CHOYD	
Amazon	Computer keyboard replacement	£69.99
Everflow	Water services public toilets	£194.25
B Jacobs	Clerk's salary Feb 22	£796.15
All Round Cleaners	Cleaning services public toilets	£569.51
Ed Miller	Orchard maintenance	£210.00
CHOYD	Broadband facilities	£39.60
R Corbett	Replacement images phone box gallery	£55.40

147/2021.2 Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: To accept the financial statement for 28/2/22 as presented.

148/2021 PLANNING ISSUES

New applications:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
22/00227/HOU	Goldings Main Road Thorley Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 OSN	Proposed single storey extension to form garden room	18/3/22
22/00228/LBC	Goldings Main Road Thorley Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 OSN	Listed Building Consent for proposed single storey extension to form garden room	18/3/22
22/00242/FUL	Forresters Hall High Street Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0PL	Change of use of first floor from redundant bar (Class E(b)) to tourism accommodation	26/3/22

RESOLVED: To register the following comments on the Planning website:

22/00227/HOU and 22/00228/LBC - No objections

22/00242/FUL - Yarmouth Town Council objects to this application as it represents a change of use resulting in loss of an amenity. There are also concerns about parking provision

149/2021 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk read out the salient points from the Recreation Ground Committee minutes of 16/2/22, referring to the consideration of plans for the new pavilion, and progress on the issue of new land drains for the former football pitch. Cllr Cowley reported that he and Mayor Cowley were preparing an alternative scheme and quotation for this project.

150/2021 CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL

Cllr T Cowley reported that the IWC had agreed the Conservation Area Character Appraisal template as presented and will adopt it. When the Appraisal is complete it will form a basis for planning and protection issues in Yarmouth. The cost of the report will be £4500.

Cllr Allen thanked Cllr Cowley for his efforts on this project.

151/2021 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE ARRANGEMENTS

It was reported that the Town Hall would be decorated with bunting and banners and would host an exhibition of old Yarmouth photographs.

152/2021 ARMADA COAST

It was RESOLVED to support the proposal by Northwood Councillor John Nicholson to register a trademark with the aim of promoting the Island as the Armada Coast and to make the necessary contribution to this initiative.

153/2021 CLERK'S REPORT

153/2021.1 GRANTS

Former YTC Councillor Kizzy Cowley as asked YTC for a grant of £500 to help a local resident set up 4 pop-up shops selling cakes for Red Nose Day, a cost which might be shared with Shalfleet Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr Corbett, seconded by Cllr Head and agreed unanimously to make a grant of up to £500 for this initiative.

An application has been received from The Yarmouth Sea Songs and Shanties Festival for a grant of £1000 towards this year's Festival. It was proposed by Cllr T Cowley, seconded by Cllr Head and agreed unanimously to make a grant of £1000 for this Festival.

154/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received since the last meeting was noted

155/2021 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Beaver consultation

Newsletter

Annual Town Meeting

157/2021 NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

The next meeting will take place at CHOYD 5/4/22 18:30.

The Annual Town Meeting will take place at CHOYD on 26/4/22 18:30.

The Annual Council Meeting will be held at the Town Hall on 3/5/22 18:30