



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at CHOYD Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 6:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Tim Adams (YHC Rep), IW Cllr P Spink, Low Carbon rep and 16 members of the public

47/2022 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cronin, Cllr McCleary and YTT Chairman M Collinson

48/2022 PUBLIC FORUM:

A presentation was given by Low Carbon about a proposed solar farm along Wilmingham Lane. The project will generate 30Mw energy, enough to supply nearly 10,000 homes. It will occupy agricultural land and will be screened by trees and hedgerows. The maximum height of the units will be 3 metres. An information pack will shortly be going to residents in a wide area adjacent to the development.

A questions & answers session followed:

Where is Low Carbon based? At several sites around the UK.

Why isn't the proposed farm larger? It's limited by landowner constraints

What is the benefit to residents? There will be no direct benefit to individual householders, but a community fund will be established, which could be of benefit to CHOYD and other local organisations.

Will there be a reduction in energy costs? That has not yet been considered.

What is the life expectancy of the farm? 40 years, followed by restoration of the environment.

Will Broad Lane be an access point? Only after construction has been completed.

How close will the farm be to local footpaths? Around 9 metres.

Is the Farm safe? Yes, fully compliant with H&S regulations.

Will there be a stock fence? It will be put in as required.

Will there be any tree felling involved? No.

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Boat numbers (year to date Jan — June): A good first half of the year with overnight visits above average at 7,147 only surpassed by the same period in 2014.

Short Stay: Short stays for the period are the highest on record, surpassing the previous record, set in 2019 by 35 boats with a total of 2,819 visits.

Long term visitors (Pay as you go — flexible berthing): LTV allocations between January and June at 14,617 nights are the highest on record, an increase of 904.

Harbour Works

Project south of the bridge: Formal stakeholder consultation in relation to the marine licence ended on the 24th June. The application is now in stage 4 and is being reviewed by the Marine Management Organisation.

Waterlodge project: An order has been placed for two units with a view to have them built and delivered by January 2023.

ii) YARMOUTH TOWN TRUST

The YTT Chairman was unable to be present, and the Clerk was asked to email his report to Councillors.

iii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

1. *I have requested that the planning application re 'On the Rocks' be determined by the Planning Committee on the grounds that it will have a significant impact on the locality, in particular the Conservation area, nearby listed building, and the quiet enjoyment/privacy of neighbouring properties.*

I have still not heard whether my requests re West Bay, or Fort Victoria have been granted.

2. *I have 'reported' the recent appearance of a number of white pods at Tapnell Farm to the Case Officer, who is looking into the matter. They appear to be on land which was previously granted permission for a number of bell-tents; however they are not bell-tents and the officer is looking into whether or not that permission was in any event implemented. My recollection is that a number of green pods appeared on that part of the site, which were not covered by the permission; permission was subsequently granted for the pods to be relocated to a less conspicuous area.*

3. *I have been contacted by a number of residents of Yarmouth who are concerned by the number of second homes, holiday lets, and high property price/rents, all of which make it extremely difficult for young Islanders to live in the area. I have started meeting with them at CHOYD to try and find a way forward, and Cllr Fuller (Cabinet Member for Planning has also become involved).*

4. *The Draft Island Planning Strategy was served on yesterday on the Corporate Scrutiny Committee, of which I am a member. I will set time aside to look in detail at the document in readiness for the meeting next Tuesday.*

5. *I continue to attend the Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee.*

Cllr T Cowley asked if IWC used document change tracking when updating the IW Plan but Cllr Spink replied that they did not, though he agreed it would be beneficial.

iv) LOCAL ISSUES

Mayor Cowley asked the Clerk to arrange for growth at the bottom of the sycamores at the rear of CHOYD to be removed.

Permission for the Yarmouth Carnival Committee to use the YTC street map was granted at the request of Cllr Allen, and the Clerk was asked to email him a digital copy if available.

It was reported that the Bouldnor Road sign opposite the junction with B3401 has sunk on one side and the Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of Island Roads.

Cllr Ingram reported a similar problem with the 30mph sign in Thorley, and the Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of Island Roads.

Cllr T Cowley reported a collapsed barbed wire fence along the Tattels Lane-Thorley Manor footpath and a missing gate latch along the Tattels Lane-Hill Place Lane footpath, grid ref SZ3719388916. The Clerk was asked to report both these to IWC RoW.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no further questions.

49/2022 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor	Personal	Pecuniary
R Corbett	Yarmouth Town Trust	
J Allen		Multi-Service Marine River Yar Boatyard
T Cowley	Shalfleet PC Wight Nature Fund	Camp Wight Mill Copse
G Head	British Horse Society RSPB	National Trust Bowcombe Estate
A Ingram	Shalfleet PC	
S Cowley	Yarmouth Town Trust CHOYD Shalfleet PC Wight Nature Fund	Lee Farm

50/20212 MINUTES AND CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the last monthly meeting held 7/6/22

51/2022 FINANCE

51/2022.1 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: To approve payment of the following accounts:

BACS223035	West Wight Men in Sheds	Grant re planters	£1,100.00
BACS223036	Yarmouth Scouts	Grant re Jubilee	£150.00
BACS223037	Victim Support	Grant	£150.00
BACS223038	Yarmouth Town Trust	Rec rental	£180.00
BACS223039	Thorley Church	June meeting	£27.00
BACS223040	B Jacobs	Clerk's salary June	£842.66
BACS223041	B Jacobs	Expenses	£148.50
BACS223042	CHOYD	Hire of premises	£324.00
DEB	Giffgaff	Office telephone	£6.00
DEB	HMRC	Clerks PAYE June	£255.42
DEB	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	£2.76

51/2022.2 Bank Reconciliation

The financial statement for 30/6/22 was agreed.

52/2022 PLANNING ISSUES

New applications:

Application No	Location	Proposal	Dates
22/00912/HOU	The Blue House 6 The Mount Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0RB	Proposed external alterations and single storey extension including new balcony at first floor level	8/7/22
22/00957/HOU 22/00958/LBC	Goldings Main Road Thorley Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0SN	Proposed single storey extension to form garden room (revised scheme)	8/7/22
22/01069/HOU	The Laurels Station Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0QT	Proposed integral garage; formation of vehicular access	Fri 29 Jul 2022
22/01129/FUL	Newclose Farm Main Road Thorley Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0SS	Conversion and alterations of Barn D to form unit of self contained holiday accommodation	Fri 29 Jul 2022

RESOLVED: To record the following comments:

22/00912/HOU: Object because of loss of privacy and rooflights contravening dark skies policy

22/00957/HOU: No objections

22/01069/HOU: Object – out of character for area

22/01129/FUL: Object – Overdevelopment of site and loss of privacy. The proposed roof configuration is inappropriate for a barn conversion

53/2022 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

The recent RoSPA safety report was noted. The Clerk was asked to arrange for a notice advising that the play equipment was not subject to cleaning, but that users guardians were welcome to do so if they wished.

Work on the new land drains at the Rec will commence late July

54/2022 CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL

The contractor has carried out an initial survey and expressed approval of the number of first floor bay windows. He expressed disapproval of parking in Pier Street which he felt impeded the visual amenities of this area.

55/2022 HOLMES BOUNTY

The Holmes Bounty has now been distributed. Mayor Cowley expressed his thanks to Carol Corbett for carrying out delivery of the Bounty.

56/2022 YARMOUTH FLOOD RELIEF PLAN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE

Cllr Allen reported that only a small amount of progress had been made. It was felt that the proposed path of the barriers was unlikely to be altered because doing so would create the necessity for more bends in the barriers path and hence more concrete blocks to secure them. It was considered likely that the existing flower bed would have to be relocated.

57/2022 STANDING ORDERS AMENDMENT

A proposal to Article 12 of the YTC Standing Orders that the Mayor should serve a tenure of no more than 2 years was proposed by Mayor Cowley, seconded by Cllr Allen and agreed unanimously. The Clerk was asked to draft an appropriate amendment and present it to the next monthly meeting.

58/2022 YHAC REPRESENTATIVE

It as proposed by Mayor Cowley, seconded by Cllr T Cowley and agreed unanimously that Cllr Head be nominated as the YTC representative on the above body.

59/2022 GRANTS POLICY

A suggestion that grants should only be made to properly constituted bodies who don't pass on any surplus to other organisations. It was RESOLVED that this should apply to any grants made in excess of £250.

60/2022 CLERK'S REPORT

60/2022.1 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

A quotation had been received from Jack Parsons, grounds maintenance contractor for YHC. After some discussion it was RESOLVED that, for a trial during the remainder of the cutting season, the Clerk would use his discretion to request additional cuts from this source.

60/2022.2 STREET FURNITURE

Outside CHOYD, 'Dorothy Benfield' bench replacement:

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should order this bench from Amazon, which is listed as commercial grade, and is only £302 delivered, and arrange for a brass plaque £16:



If it proves suitable, an additional bench will be ordered to replace the one opposite Off the Rails.

Cllr Corbett asked about the bench along Bouldnor Road by the flags which appears to have escaped recording on the asset register. The Clerk undertook to investigate this and arrange for the bench to be renovated.

West Wight Men in Sheds:

WWMiS have now almost completed renovation of the benches in Yarmouth. It was proposed by Cllr Allen, seconded by Cllr Ingram and agreed unanimously to award WWMiS £1000 for the work completed so far, with a further sum on completion.

60/2022.3 GREEN AREA TENNYSON ROAD/SOUTH ST

The response to the letter from the owner of 'Little End' (circulated by email last week) regarding reclaim of the small area of grass on the corner of South Street/Tennyson Road for the installation of a wheelchair ramp to Tennyson Road was discussed. There was no objection to the owner's request.

60/2022.4 REFUGE LANE SIGN

IWC has commissioned Island Roads street naming department to install a street name stating "FRIARS LANE" with smaller lettering underneath stating "PUBLIC FOOTPATH Y20. Cllr Corbett has suggested that IWC do the same with Refuge Lane, but RoW Manager Darrel Clarke has responded that there is no budget to allow this to be done.

However, YTC can pay Island Roads to carry this out and the cost is estimated to be £313 inc VAT.

60/2022.5 PARKINSONS APPEAL

A contribution to the above was considered and it was RESOLVED to make a grant of £250

60/2022.6 LATEST PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following Street Trading Application was noted:
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Schedule 4
Application for: **Renewal Mobile Street Trading Consent for Wight Ices (M121 ICES), Island Wide**

61/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received since the last meeting was noted

62/2022 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Election of Mayor
Standing Orders amendment re Mayor's tenure
Thorley war memorial

63/2022 CLERK'S TIMESHEET

The Clerk's hours for April-June were noted

64/2022 MEETING VENUES

The next meeting will be at Thorley Church 6/9/22

Signed..... (Town Mayor)

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