



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at Thorley Church Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 6:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Gill Kennett (YHC Rep), Senad Adams

65/2022 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Martyn Collinson, Cllr Cronin and IW Cllr Spink

66/2022 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

Mayor Cowley formally stood down from the office of Mayor and expressed thanks for to Councillors past and present and the Clerk for their support and commitment during his tenure.

The following elections then took place:

Mayor:

Cllr Allen was nominated by Cllr Corbett, seconded by Cllr MacCleary and it was unanimously RESOLVED that he act as Mayor until the next Annual Council Meeting

Deputy Mayor:

Cllr Corbett was nominated by Cllr S Cowley, seconded by Mayor Allen and it was unanimously RESOLVED that he act as Deputy Mayor until the next Annual Council Meeting

67/2022 PUBLIC FORUM:

Tributes to former Yarmouth Mayor Tim Higginbotham, who has recently died, were paid by Cllr Corbett, Cllr MacCleary and Gill Kennett. It was RESOLVED that a public bench be nominated to receive a plaque in his memory.

A presentation was delivered by acting IWC Environmental Officer, Senad Adams. She outlined her terms of reference as being concerned with public toilets, street cleanliness including dog fouling and bins, public signage, and public safety, covering most of the Island. She referred to recent incidents in the local public toilets of excrement smeared on the walls as a common problem across the Island, and required sensitive handling of the perpetrators, who were clearly vulnerable.

Other local problems she and Councillors referred to were rotting posts along Bouldnor Road, the availability of public lifebelts, cycling on public footpaths dog fouling and playground inspections. She undertook to carry out regular inspections of the Play Area, ensure that IWC Commercial Services were made aware of the need for lifebelts in hazardous areas like the ends of the sea lanes and to monitor illegal cycling and issue fixed penalty notices for offenders. She also agreed to investigate Cllr T Cowley's concerns regarding a nearby footpath in Thorley.

Mayor Allen thanked her for delivering a very useful session and expressed hope that she would do so again when convenient.

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Boat numbers (visitors to Yarmouth): Overnight visits for July and August were average for the time of year with some 3600 boats visiting the harbour each month. Short stays or lunchtime visits were exceptional. In July 1328 boats stopped at the harbour for a short stay and the numbers were similar for August too. These figures are the highest on record and it is good to see continued growth which has brought some much-needed business to the town. Long term visitors (Pay as you go — flexible berthing) Both annual moorings and LTV allocations are at capacity.

Harbour Works: The hailing station, which is used to berth larger vessels is currently undergoing a refurbishment. BW Moorings are replacing rotten planks and some corroded framework as part of our ongoing planned maintenance schedule.

Pink Pontoon: The pink pontoon is scheduled to be replaced in November by Walcon marine. The structure acts a wave break in northerly winds which helps to protect vessels in the inner harbour. The new pontoon will be built to a more robust design so that it can continue to function throughout the winter months.

Hire car and bike facility: Throughout the summer the harbour has been working with Enterprise and Wight Cycle to bring a cycle and car hire service to the quayside. Both facilities have proven to be very popular with both visitors and locals alike.

ii) YARMOUTH TOWN TRUST

Martyn Collinson had advised that, in the absence of any significant developments relating to YTT, he had excused himself from this meeting.

iii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In the absence of IW Cllr Spink, the Clerk read out the following report he had submitted:

1. I am still waiting to hear whether my request re planning applications re 'On the Rocks' and land close to Fort Victoria be called in for determination by the Planning Committee has been granted. Unfortunately, my application re Westbay was refused. I intend to request that the application re land adjoining Lucketts Farm is 'called-in'.

2. The 'white pods' that appeared at Tapnell Farm have been removed and the enforcement file closed.

3. I have reported that campervans at Fort Victoria are being used as 'permanent dwellings' and have requested to be kept updated re this matter.

4. I continue to meet local residents on a monthly basis at CHOYD, and have dealt with a number of issues in relation to housing.

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

iv) LOCAL ISSUES

Cllr Ingram asked about progress with cleaning the Thorley war memorial, and the Clerk agreed to check.

Concern was expressed by Thorley Councillors about noise levels at Tapnell Farm, especially Fridays, and the Clerk was asked to raise this with Environmental Health.

Cllr Corbett reported that a large container had been erected in a front garden in Mill Road. The Clerk was asked to raise this matter with Planning.

Mayor Allen advised that a rather unsightly container had been placed on the Wightlink premises to house the RNLI office while its premises were being renovated, and will be there for 6 months.

Cllr S Cowley announced that his wife was preparing a history of Yarmouth School, which will be published in about 6 months' time. He asked that YTC consider making a contribution from Historic Yarmouth funds towards the publication. Cllr Head expressed her appreciation of the Yarmouth fact book recently published by Mrs Cowley.

Cllr T Cowley reported that a number of the saplings planted as part of the Queen's Canopy at the Rec had succumbed to the recent drought, and the Clerk agreed to inspect the area and arrange for replacements.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

68/2022 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	Camp Wight Mill Copse
G Head	British Horse Society RSPB	National Trust Bowcombe Estate
A Ingram	Shalfleet PC	
D MacCleary		Highdown Inn
S Cowley	Yarmouth Town Trust CHOYD Shalfleet PC Wight Nature Fund	Lee Farm

69/20212 MINUTES AND CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the last monthly meeting held 5/7/22, subject to Bowcombe Estate being recorded as a pecuniary interest for Cllr Head

70/2022 FINANCE

70/2022.1 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: To approve payment of the following accounts for August/September:

BACS223045	CAIW	Payroll services	£78.00
BACS223043	Brighstone Landscaping	Grounds maintenance	£705.55
BACS223044	Brighstone Landscaping	Yarmouth Cemetery	£435.91
BACS223046	WBS	Stationery	£31.78
BACS223047	Brian Jacobs	Clerks salary July	£842.86
DEB	Giffgaff	Office telephone	£6.00
DEB	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	£2.76
BACS223048	Yarmouth Sea Scouts	Jubilee Grant	£150.00
BACS223049	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning public toilets May-Aug	£2,405.84
BACS223050	B Jacobs	Clerks salary Aug	£842.66
BACS223051	Brighstone Landscaping	Watering Rec	£255.60
BACS223052	AGF Groundworks	Drainage Rec	£9,801.00
DEB	Amazon	Print cartridges CHOYD	£156.80
DEB	Amazon	Dorothy Benfield bench	£362.99
DEB	Harwoods	Batteries	£3.40
DEB	Holdings	Stationery	£1.99
DEB	Cash	Lord Holmes	£10.00
DEB	IWC	Car park re toilets cash deposits	£4.80
DD	PWLB	Loan charges	£3,872.17
DEB	eBay	Computer damage (part insurance offset due)	£300.00
DD	Everflow	Public toilets water services	£145.85
DEB	Giffgaff	Office telephone	£6.00
DEB	HMRC	Clerks PAYE Jul	£255.22
DEB	Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	£2.76
DEB	PaybyPhone	Parking charges re toilets cash	£3.40
DEB	Post Office	Office post	£11.60
DD	SSE	Public toilets electric services	£308.10
DEB	SP Engraving	Bench plaques	£47.90

70/2022.2 Bank Reconciliation

The financial statement for 31/8/22 was agreed.

The Clerk was asked to provide a brief financial statement at the next regarding for the operation of the public toilets 1/4/22 – 30/9/22.

71/2022 PLANNING ISSUES

New applications:

22/01234/HOU: No objections

The following were noted:

Applications refused:

Application No	Location	Proposal
22/00957/HOU	Goldings Main Road Thorley Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0SN	Proposed single storey extension to form garden room (revised scheme)
22/01069/HOU	The Laurels Station Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0QT	Proposed integral garage; formation of vehicular access

Street Trading Application

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Schedule 4

Application for: Mobile Street Trading Consent Renewal for Plaza Ices Ltd – Islandwide

LICENSING ACT 2003, NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Application for a New Premises Licence – Royal Solent Yacht Club, Market Square, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight

72/2022 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

The minutes of the last Rec Committee meeting were noted, as was the completion of the renewal of the land drains.

73/2022 CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL

Cllr T Cowley reported that the first draft of the Yarmouth Conservation Area Character Appraisal had been received. Cllr Allen asked him to distribute it by email to Councillors.

74/2022 SPEED ENFORCEMENT VAN

Councillors considered the request to lay an area of ‘grasscrete’ by the flagpoles to create a hard standing for the Police Speed Enforcement Van, and it was RESOLVED that they were not in favour of it.

75/2022 STREET SIGN REFUGE LANE

It was RESOLVED to accept the quotation of £838+VAT which had been received from Island Roads to install the above.

76/2022 YARMOUTH FLOOD RELIEF PLAN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE

Mayor Allen provided an update on a proposal made by Ben Lush, Field Operations Technical Contract Advisor, SSD for the Environment Agency, that barriers deployed under the Yarmouth Temporary Defence Deployment Plan adopt an alternative route

which will pass through the middle of the flower bed at the bottom of River Way. Environmental Officers have inspected the site and options and prices are awaited from them.

77/2022 STANDING ORDERS AMENDMENTS

It was RESOLVED to adopt the following amendments to Standing Orders:

Article 12: The tenure of office of Town Mayor appointees should be ideally limited to a maximum of two consecutive periods, following which the appointment of a new Mayor should be encouraged.

Article 55: Grants will be awarded to appropriate bodies at the Council's discretion throughout the year. Any award in excess of £250 will only be made to properly constituted bodies who do not pass on any surplus to other organisations

78/2022 CLERK'S REPORT

78/2022.1 STREET FURNITURE

West Wight Men in Sheds:

WWMiS have now completed a very good renovation of the benches in Yarmouth and it was RESOLVED to make a further award of £250.

Mayor Allen agreed to inspect the bench formerly outside St James Church with a view to renovating it.

78/2022.2 IWALC OPEN DAY

It was noted that IWALC will be holding an Open Day from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm on Saturday 24 September at the Broadway Centre in Sandown.

78/2022.3 COMMUNITY ASSETS

It was agreed to begin the process of listing Yarmouth School premises as a community asset, and Cllr T Cowley and the Clerk will search online for the appropriate application.

78/2022.4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications:

22/01499/HOU: As this application has only just been advertised, Councillors agreed to consider responses and respond unofficially by email to the Clerk.

78/2022.4 TOUR OF BRITAIN BUNTING

It was noted that IWALC have a supply of free bunting if Councillors wish to place some along the route of the above this weekend

78/2022.5 REMEMBRANCE DAY

The usual arrangements will apply for the November 2022 ceremony, and the Clerk was asked to order 2 wreathes.

79/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence received since the last meeting was noted

80/2022 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Community Asset – Yarmouth School

Annual budget

Dedicated bench and memorial plaque for Tim Higginbotham

Yarmouth flood relief plan

81/2022 MEETING VENUES

It was RESOLVED to confirm the date and venue for the next meeting as CHOYD on 11/10/22

Signed..... (Town Mayor)

Date.....