



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at Yarmouth Town Hall Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 6:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), Tim Adams (YHC Rep), Sylvia Mence

82/2022 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Cowley

83/2022 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Boat numbers (visitors to Yarmouth):

Overnight visits for September were average for the time of year with some 1945 boats visiting the harbour. Short stays or lunchtime visits were below average. In September 593 boats stopped at the harbour for a short stay which falls short of the average by 100 boat visits.

Harbour Works: The refurbishment of the hailing station, which is used to berth larger vessels is complete. The pink pontoon is scheduled to be replaced in November by Walcon marine. The structure acts as 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.

Waterlodge project: It is anticipated that the construction of two units will be completed ahead of schedule with delivery projected to be mid - December,

Harbour law review: Prior to the pandemic, following a GAP analysis, YHC began the lengthy process of reviewing and updating the harbours legislation and General Directions (GDs) to ensure they are fit for purpose and meet the harbours operational requirements. Regular review of harbour law is a feature of the Ports Good Governance Guidance and Port Marine Safety Code and is highly recommended by the DfT.

Amending existing powers requires a harbour revision order (HRO). The draft HRO was approved by the Commissioners some time ago and has now been submitted to the Marine Management Organisation for processing which will include formal consultation. However, prior to commencement of the formal consultation process the documents will be circulated amongst the YHAC members for comment in November. Members, or stakeholder representatives will have the opportunity to ask questions both to Commissioners and our marine lawyers who will be in attendance.

ii) **YARMOUTH TOWN TRUST**

Bench Application Criteria: The Trust is getting a number of requests for memorial benches from people who might be viewed as having a limited association with Yarmouth. Priority will be given to those who have a strong connection with our Town and/or have lived in Yarmouth for a minimum number of years.

Town Hall: The condition of the notice boards is deteriorating – they will be taken down one at a time for refurbishing during the winter. The Upper windows are currently being repaired and painted and scaffolding is in place for this. The Clerk advised that West Wight Men in Sheds had agreed to carry this out.

The Recreation Ground: See below re progress on the replacement pavilion.

History of Yarmouth School: Where possible the Trust will be assisting and supporting Jill Cowley with her researches and production of a “History of Yarmouth School”.

West Wight Heritage: The Trust has been approached by this organisation with a view to Yarmouth joining in with their initiative. They have premises in Avenue Road Freshwater (opposite the Hall) where their window displays photographs of historical interest on Freshwater & Totland. They would like us to join in and put a display on Yarmouth in the window too. (The Bridge, Yarmouth Castle, Hayles Boatyard, the Railway etc.). They are visiting us on Monday 10th October to look at the Town Hall, what we do and to discuss what involvement we might be willing to consider.

Replacement of Pavilion on the Recreation Ground: As we all know a pavilion used to be situated on the Yarmouth Recreation Ground, land that is owned (freehold) by the Yarmouth Town Trust (YTT). Until recently, this particular piece of land was leased to the Yarmouth Town Council (YTC) for 21 years from 12th September 2012. (to 2033) along with the rest of the Recreation Ground but a subsequent amendment specified provisions for the replacement of the existing building being used by the Yarmouth & Calbourne Football Club.

It was a Marley “off the peg” structure built in 1964 and became dangerous and unfit for purpose and was dismantled in September 2020. The aim now is to provide a new facility that will potentially increase usage of the Recreation Ground and the Play Area. The consultation process regarding the replacement has now been going on for some 3 years as to the best style of Pavilion to install as a replacement. The Recreation Ground Sub Committee has discussed a range of options and has taken in views from both Trustees and Town Councillors alike. The current budget is £17,000

The problem is that the consensus has gone round in circles with a closed building seemingly to be preferred at the start as per the Application for Planning Permission shown below followed by an open pavilion style structure, then more recently a closed vandal resistant structure. While it is the responsibility of the Trustees to choose and

pay for the new Pavilion input from the Town Council is viewed as essential in order to ensure the close working relationship continues that has been a feature of recent years. To enable this project to go forward the Town Councillors and the Town Trustees need to agree on a number of basic points.

1. Firstly, do we want an open or closed structure (examples below) and what actually are we expecting the intended use to be? An open pavilion which just provides seating and scenic views over the Play Ground and Recreation Ground or a closed, more vandal resistant building that can be used to host events on the Recreation Ground with bookings being made in a similar manner as renting the Town Hall. It is essential we make a decision on this before we move to the next stage
2. Depending on the answer to 1 above do we want the structure to be picturesque or made of a strong, vandal resistant material or, a compromise between the two? Again, examples below.

I think the only way to move this forward, given the difference of opinions, is for us to ask the Town Councillors and the Town Trustees as individuals to give their views on question 1. When we can see what the majority view is we then move onto question 2. I suggest each Councillor and each Trustee emails or phones their preferences to Sue by the end of October.

iii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

IW Cllr Spink was not present and had submitted no report.

iv) LOCAL ISSUES

It was reported that the speed limit sign at the southern end of Hill Place Lane was damaged and the Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of Island Roads.

Cllr Corbett reported that the High Street road surface outside the hairdressers had sunk and the Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of Island Roads.

Cllr Corbett reported that he had identified a contractor to install a handrail along the steps up to the Mount and will contact him to arrange.

The Clerk was asked to contact Jack Parsons to arrange for the Rec to be cut.

It was reported that the Hero’s Orchard at the Mount might require some attention.

The Clerk was asked to notify Island Roads about erosion of the Cyclepath to the north of the footbridge.

Cllr Ingram asked if work had yet been carried out on Thorley War Memorial, and the Clerk responded by confirming he had given the Church authority to proceed [invoice for work received 12/10].

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no further questions from members of the public

84/2022 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 McCleary		Highdown Inn

85/20212 MINUTES AND CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the last monthly meeting held 6/9/22

86/2022 FINANCE

86/2022.1 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: To approve payment of accounts for October:

BACS223053	West Wight Men in Sheds	Street furniture renovation	£250.00
BACS223054	Yarmouth Town Trust	Quarterly rental Yarmouth Rec	£180.00
BACS223055	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning services public toilets	£456.90
BACS223056	Brian Jacobs	Clerk's salary September	£842.66
BACS223057	PKF Littlejohn	External audit	£720.00
BACS223058	Thorley Church	Hire of premises	£27.00
DEB	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary September	£255.27
DEB	Clintons	Condolence card	£4.84
DD	Everflow	Water services public toilets	£104.67
DEB	Giffgaff	Office Phone	£6.00
DEB	Microsoft	Office 365	£2.76
DEB	Post Office	Office post	£11.60

86/2022.2 Bank Reconciliation

The financial statement for 30/9/22 was agreed.

86/2022.3 Public Toilets Half Year Finance Statement

A report on the financial operation of the public toilets as at 30/9/22 was noted.

86/2022.4 External Audit 2021/22

The successful completion with no issues of the above was noted.

87/2022 PLANNING ISSUES

The following were noted:

Applications granted:

Application No	Location	Proposal
22/01205/HOU	The Barns Tapnell Farm Newport Road Freshwater Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0YJ	Proposed single storey link extension

Street Trading Applications

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Schedule 4

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Application for a Mobile Street Trading Consent: Scarrots Lane Bakery, Island Wide
Mobile Consent

Application for a Mobile Street Trading Consent: Bean on the Run, Island Wide Mobile
Consent

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

88/2022 PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT AND RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk summarised the latest Recreation Ground Committee meeting. The boundary between the eastern boundary of the Rec and the adjacent property was discussed, and it was agreed that it would be necessary to cut back the hedge to 1 metre high and 1 metre deep, and to do that by flailing. A local contractor was suggested and the Clerk was asked to arrange for a quote.

Additional facilities for the meadow were discussed, and the Clerk was asked to add to the agenda for the next Recreation Ground Committee the suggestion of a zip wire and ‘trim trail’ rather than adult gym equipment.

89/2022 CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL

Cllr T Cowley reported that he had emailed the draft Appraisal that morning to all Councillors.

90/2022 YARMOUTH FLOOD RELIEF PLAN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE

There were no further developments on this, and the Clerk was asked to remove it from future agendas.

91/2022 YARMOUTH SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSET

There had been no progress on this issue, and the Clerk was asked to search for details on the WWW.

92/2022 DEDICATED BENCH AND MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR TIM HIGGINBOTHAM

It was RESOLVED that the Clerks should order a new dedicated bench for the south side of the Cycleway to match that on the north side. Deputy Mayor Corbett agreed to speak to Tim Higginbotham's partner about a suitable inscription. The Clerk was asked to order a new plaque for the existing bench and Cllr McCleary agreed to research a suitable legend.

93/2022 QUEEN COMMEMORATION

A suitable memorial to the late Queen was discussed and it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Clerk should purchase a weeping willow to replace a dead elm near the Queen's Canopy and arrange for it to be planted.

Mayor Allen thanked Deputy Mayor Corbett for his diligence in raising and lowering the flags following the Queen's death.

94/2022 CLERK'S REPORT

94/2022.1 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL - WARM SPACES

The IWC has asked what local councils are considering doing over the coming winter to providing the community with communal 'warm spaces' to help with the problem of rising fuel costs and Deputy Mayor Corbett had asked for this initiative to be discussed by the Council. It was agreed to recommend to the CHOYD Trustees that they consider an additional morning each week during the winter months to supplement the existing Tuesday coffee morning which YTC would fund.

94/2022.2 CLERK'S QUARTERLY TIMESHEET

The Clerk's hours for the last quarter were noted.

95/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

96/2022 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Tapnell Farm environmental problems

2023/24 Budget

Queen's commemoration and King Charles's coronation.

Yarmouth School Community Asset

97/2022 MEETING VENUES

It was RESOLVED to agree following dates and venues for the next 3 meetings:

1/11/22 CHOYD

6/12/22 Yarmouth Town Hall

3/1/23 Yarmouth Town Hall

Signed..... (Town Mayor)

Date.....