



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), S Mence, Tim Adams (YHC), IW County Press, IW Cllr P Spink and 10 members of the public

This meeting followed an earlier presentation by IW Cllrs Peter Spink and Chris Jarman about the proposed sale of Yarmouth School. Attendance at this was in excess of 100 members of the public. There was a lively debate and the IW Councillors took several questions from the public and undertook to report back at another meeting to be called on 20/12/22.

The Clerk read out a report from the Yarmouth Guide and Scout and Supporters Association, who currently occupy the freehold of a property in Yarmouth which is now too small for their purposes and would be enthusiastic about moving to the Yarmouth School site as hirers.

116/2022 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence

117/2022 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

The Harbour Commissioner reported that 2022 had been a good year for the Harbour with little additional information to report. In 2023, YHC would be proceeding with caution.

ii) YARMOUTH TOWN TRUST

The YTT Chairman had previously reported that the only development had been the installation of foundations for three new benches on the upper part of the Common

iii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Spink raised the issue of parking on Coastguard's Green, and wondered why IWC traffic officers couldn't include this area in their purview since it was owned by the IWC.

No enthusiasm for applying for ownership of this area was forthcoming from YTC Councillors. Cllr Spink also expressed disappointment about the planning process for West Bay, just beyond the YTC area, which he considered had been flawed and irregular, with no supportable justification for the removal of the leisure centre from the development criteria. Cllr Corbett reported that the sports hall had been the recipient of a Government grant.

Cllr Cronin reported erosion of the sea wall outside the Warners holiday camp and the Clerk was asked to notify IWC Coastal Management about this issue.

iv) LOCAL ISSUES

Flooding by the bridge along Hill Place Lane had recently been reported to Island Roads. Mayor Allen had spoken to the landowners who were equally concerned about the flooding both on their land and on the public road, and will monitor the water levels and replace the culverts with larger ones if necessary. Cllr S Cowley stated he had seen no planning application for the engineering works which led to installation of the existing culverts.

It was reported that there was considerable mud along the surface of Hill Place Lane, and the Clerk was asked to contact Island Roads to arrange for its removal.

Cllr Head reported that the flags at the Common were in a poor state of repair, especially the Ukrainian one, and the Clerk was asked to order replacements.

Concern was expressed about erosion at the of Refuge Lane and Loveshore Lane. Both had been reported to IWC and the Clerk was asked to issue a reminder. The Clerk was also asked to report erosion along the sea wall at Norton Grange.

Sylvia Mence reported that there had been a poor response to the recent Warm Places initiative at Yarmouth. The scheme will be reviewed during the early part of 2023.

Mayor Allen complimented her on the new CHOYD sign.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no further questions.

118/2022 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

119/20212 MINUTES AND CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the last monthly meeting held 1/11/22

120/2022 FINANCE

120/2022.1 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: To approve payment of accounts for December:

BACS223070	Brian Jacobs	Clerk salary & backpay Nov 22	£1,314.50
BACS223071	Brighstone Landscaping	Yarmouth Cemetery treeworks	£60.00
BACS223072	Wight Digital	Printer repairs	£90.00
BACS223073	J G Parsons	Grasscutting Rec	£310.00
BACS223074	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning services toilets	£469.40
BACS223075	Island Roads	Waste bin Play Area	£76.56
BACS223076	Island Roads	Street sign Refuge Lane	£1,006.04
BACS223077	Brian Jacobs	Expenses	£234.00
DEB	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary November	£451.01
DD	Everflow	Water services public toilets	£111.27
DEB	Giffgaff	Office Phone	£6.00
DEB	Microsoft	Office 365	£2.76
DEB	Post Office	Office post	£10.15

120/2022.2 Bank Reconciliation

The receive the financial statement for 30/11/22 was agreed

120/2022.3 Budget 2023/24

The second draft of the above was noted

121/2022 PLANNING ISSUES

New applications:

RESOLVED: To make the following comments:

22/01889/HOU: Object on the basis of overdevelopment of the site

22/01931/FUL: Following an earlier site visit, it was proposed by Mayor Allen to raise no objections, which did not receive a seconder.

It was proposed by Cllr S Cowley, seconded by Cllr T Cowley and supported by 2 other Councillors to raise the following objections:

- The proposed containers did not represent quality accommodation and not in keeping with the IWC tourism policy.
- The proposed planting scheme did not include sufficient native species.
- The application represented over-development and urbanisation of the site

The following were noted:

Street Trading Application:

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Schedule 4

Application for a Mobile Street Trading Consent Renewal: Plaza Ices FAB 10W, Island Wide Mobile Consent

LICENSING ACT 2003: NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The following application has been accepted by the licensing authority:

- **Application for a Premises Licence Full Variation – The Yarmouth Deli, The Square, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight**

122/2022 RECREATION GROUND

It was noted that the order for replacement trees for those in the Queen's Canopy is still awaiting supply.

It was noted that the Rec Ground Committee held a site meeting at RHF and agreed a design for the new pavilion, details of which will be available shortly.

It was noted that new goalposts have been ordered but are subject to supply problems until the end of November.

A basketball hoop, which would cost around £1K + installation, was rejected.

The selection and installation of a Trim Trail was deferred to a future meeting.

Concern was raised about the insurance costs of a Zip Wire

Details have been supplied by the Island Petanque League about construction of a court, and all materials are available from Wight Building Materials at St Georges Down.

A contractor needs to be identified to construct it. The Clerk was asked to contact the IW Petanque League to seek their opinion about the demand for a court at the Rec.

It was noted that the new contractor has been mowing the Rec, and the general opinion seems to be that his work is very satisfactory. The Clerk was asked to arrange for a further cut.

Quotes are awaited for the cutting back of the eastern boundary.

123/2022 CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL

Cllr T Cowley will report Councillors views to the author of the above report.

124/2022 YARMOUTH SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSET

The following names were suggested:

Steve Cowley

Thomas Cowley

Peter Spink

John Caulcott

Adrian Evans

125/2022 DEDICATED BENCH AND MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR TIM HIGGINBOTHAM

A request by Tim Higginbotham's partner that his ashes be interred beneath a tree in the Heros' Orchard was agreed.

126/2022 TAPNELL FARM ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

It was reported that lights at Tapnell had been turned off, and this can now be removed from future agendas.

127/2022 QUEEN COMMEMORATION AND KING’S CORONATION

Mayor Allen reported that plans are being drawn up by the Carnival Committee to erect a large TV in the Square to broadcast the event and provide suitable seating to watch it.

128/2022 WIGHTLINK

It was noted that the Wightlink Island Port Operation Manager will attend the next YTC meeting on 3/1/23

129/2022 CLERK’S REPORT

129/2022.1 NJC ANNUAL PAY NEGOTIATIONS

It was noted that the Local Government Association pay award will add £920 to the Clerk’s annual salary costs, which has been allowed for in the Budget.

129/2022.2 MAYOR’S AWARD 2022

Mayor Allen announced that Cllr Steve Cowley will receive this year’s award in recognition of his many years’ service to the Council and CHOYD

129/2022.3 YTC WEBSITE

It was noted that the website is now up to date, and the Clerk was asked to add the latest Standing Orders to the Council Documents page.

129/2022.4 DROPPED KERBS BY COMMON

A local resident has asked that dropped kerbs are provided in this area to facilitate wheelchair access. Councillors will check the need for this development and report back, and, if it is decided to support it, then Clerk will raise this matter with Island Roads.

130/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received since the last meeting was noted

131/2022 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Yarmouth School site
- Budget and Precept 2023/24
- Wightlink
- Thorley Solar Farm and presentation by West Wight Village Residents Association
- Trim Trail at Rec

132/2022 MEETING VENUES

RESOLVED: to confirm the venue for the next monthly meeting – 3/1/23 Yarmouth Town Hall

Signed..... (Town Mayor)

Date.....