



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at Yarmouth Town Hall Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 6:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), S Mence, YHC representative, and 3 members of the public

148/2022 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr McCleary and for delayed attendance from IW Cllr P Spink.

149/2022 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

Harbour Works - The pink pontoon: The pink pontoon has been replaced by a more robust concrete structure. This pontoon is used primarily to berth bigger motorboats throughout the summer months but acts as a breakwater in adverse northerly weather. The maintenance team are in the process of running the electric cables, connecting the lighting pods, and reinstalling the water services. Walcon Marine Ltd will return this week to install the security gate and finish some remedial works.

The Waiting pontoon: The waiting pontoon north of the bridge is due to arrive this week ready for installation on Monday 17th Feb. This is a pontoon dedicated to those waiting to transit the bridge from North to South. A notice to mariners has been issued. The pontoon dedicated to those waiting to transit south to north is already in situ.

Dredging: Following a bathymetric survey conducted by Sureline Surveys Ltd it has been established that there is a requirement to dredge this year. The water injection dredger 'Odin' (supplied and operated by Van Oord) will be working in the YHC jurisdiction from the 21st Feb through to the 2nd March. A notice to mariners has been issued.

The project south of the bridge: The improvement works south of the bridge are due to commence on the 6th March. A notice to mariners has been issued.

ii) **YARMOUTH TOWN TRUST**

1) **Common:**

a. Memorial Benches: The three new benches have now been installed and are awaiting their plaques. Quotes have been obtained for topsoil and grass in the areas around the plinths.

b. Grass Area to the West: Quotes are being obtained to clear and grass the area between the Wight House and the path so that it can be added to the grass cutting when carried out on the rest of the Common.

c. Bins: While not our responsibility the Trust has been receiving complaints about the bin at the west end of the Common not being emptied often enough. Island Roads have been contacted but say they cannot increase their schedule which is 3 times a week.

2) Town Hall: The Memorial Stone is in need of a protective re-coating. Quotations are being obtained to carry out this work when the weather is warmer. The Stone around the windows will also be re-furbished in the spring.

3) Mill Road Cottages: Further remedial work will be undertaken in the spring when the weather is more suitable for outside maintenance.

4) The Recreation Ground: The Yarmouth Town Council are purchasing a goal to enable enthusiasts of all ages to practice football.

5) Graveyard Copse: The fencing between the Copse and the graveyard itself has now got two gaps in it and quotes are being obtained to replace it.

6) West Wight Heritage: The Trust held its second meeting at their premises in Freshwater and shared photographs and information on the three bridges that have been built over the River Yar.

7) Yarmouth School: The Town Trustees have been invited to meet with Peter Spink to relate their views on the school site. A date of Friday 17th February at 18.30 in the Town Hall has been suggested but is waiting for confirmation.

8) Other: An advertisement for funds and support has been placed on the Town Hall notice board and various magazines/papers. The cost of this is being funded by the Delphie Lakeman Trust. It is hoped this will create much needed funding and assistance from individuals who have houses in and around Yarmouth.

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

Cllr Spink reported that he had been meeting with local organisations about the future of Yarmouth School, who were in favour of the site being used for educational purposes, especially if relevant to traditional trades like boatbuilding, social housing and low-rent accommodation. Other matters relating to the School site sale are recorded under minute 158/2022 below.

In referring to the West Bay development he advised that the leisure facility was unlikely to re-open in the near future.

iv) **LOCAL ISSUES**

Sylvia Mence reported that the Warm Spaces scheme at CHOYD has been suspended while the plumbing issues at the Hall were dealt with, but the scheme has met with only a limited response.

Cllr Corbett reported that he had the Sea Gate plaque in his possession, and the Mayor reminded that he had the Queen's Canopy plaque which was still awaiting installation.

The Clerk was asked to arrange a subscription to the IWCP archives.

Reference was made to signage to the public toilets at the Common, but it was concluded that adequate signs were already in place.

Cllr Cronin asked about the new portacabin which had been erected next to the lifeboat dock at the Harbour, and the Mayor advised that this was a permanent structure and would be cedar clad.

v) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no further questions from members of the public

150/2022 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor	Personal	Pecuniary
R Corbett	Yarmouth Town Trust	
J Allen	RSYC	Multi-Service Marine River Yar Boatyard
T Cowley	Shalfleet PC Wight Nature Fund	Camp Wight
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

151/20212 MINUTES AND CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the last monthly meeting held 3/1/23

152/2022 FINANCE

152/2022.1 Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: To approve the following payments February:

BACS223080	Yarmouth Town Trust	Recreation Ground lease	£180.00
BACS223081	All Round Cleaners	Cleaning services public toilets	£604.68
BACS223082	Brighstone Landscaping	Grounds maintenance	£294.40
BACS223082	Brighstone Landscaping	Cemetery maintenance	£435.91
BACS223083	B Jacobs	Clerk's salary Jan 23	£901.77
BACS223084	CHOYD	Office rental	£1,400.00
BACS223084	CHOYD	Broadband	£39.60
BACS223085	IWC	Environment Officer	£282.00
BACS223086	IWALC	Subscription	£239.94
BACS223087	Paravectis	Mainjtenance public toilets	£60.00
DEB	HMRC	Clerk's salary Jan 23	£276.34

DD	SSE	Electricity services public toilets	£318.58
DD	Everflow	Water services public toilets	£139.57
DEB	Giffgaff	Office Phone	£6.00
DEB	Microsoft	Office 365	£2.76
DEB	Post Office	Office post	£10.15

152/2022.2 Bank Reconciliation

The financial statement for 31/1/23 was agreed.

152/2022.3 Budget

Councillors considered the costs which could arise from the Yarmouth School Campaign, and the possible cost of repairing the damage at Refuge Lane, should an increase be considered, but RESOLVED not to increase the Precept.

153/2022 PLANNING ISSUES

New applications:

It was RESOLVED to record the following comments:

22/02184/CLEUD: No objections

22/02297/FUL: No objections

The following was noted:

Applications granted:

Application No	Location	Proposal
22/02069/TW	Rose Cottage Tennyson Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0QJ	Silver Birch - Reduce crown overall by approx. 30% to reshape. Remove adventitious shoots from stem up to approx. 5m to clean.

154/2022 RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Cronin summarised the minutes of the last Recreation Ground Committee meeting and reported that IWC had agreed to allow the climbing equipment at the former Yarmouth School to be relocated to the Rec for no charge. It was agreed that the Committee would inspect the equipment.

Cllr T Cowley undertook to inspect the eastern boundary hedge at the Rec with a view to carrying out the work himself.

155/2022 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

It was RESOLVED to approve the calendar of meetings and venues for 2023/24 council year as submitted, subject to changing the March 2024 venue to CHOYD.

156/2022 VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SOCIAL ENTERPRISE (VCSE)

It was proposed by Cllr T Cowley, seconded by Mayor Allen and RESOLVED unanimously to approve the requested £260 donation subject to a viable level of acceptance from other local councils.

157/2022 CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL

Cllr T Cowley advised there were no developments regarding the Conservation Area Character Appraisal

158/2022 YARMOUTH SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSET

Cllr S Cowley gave a verbal presentation about the recent meetings of the School Site Steering Group and the decision to register with the IWC YTC's intention to bid for the site was noted and agreed.

Mayor Allen expressed some concern about non-viability of proposed uses. Cllr T Cowley suggested that YTC should challenge the Land Registry about the strip of land in adverse possession of IWC, and the Clerk was asked to contact the LR to find out the process for this.

Rumours that the IWC favoured the development of luxury flats on the site were discussed in response to a question from a member of the public, but this information was found to be anecdotal.

Cllr T Cowley invited IW Cllr Spink to attend a meeting of the Steering Group.

159/2022 QUEEN COMMEMORATION AND KING'S CORONATION

Mayor Allen reported that the palace had requested that all planned events should take place the day after the coronation. Yarmouth Carnival Committee had therefore decided to move its event to 7/5, dispense with the planned large-screen TV in the square and instead to provide tables and chairs in that location to enable the public to enjoy takeaway meals purchased from local pubs and restaurants. He asked if YTC would support this event with a donation and it was agreed to do so.

160/2022 COASTAL EROSION

The Clerk reported that responsibility for the 3 instances of coastal erosion at Refuge Lane, Loveshore Lane and Norton Grange has been denied by Island Roads and IWC (though the latter has agreed to inspect the damage at Norton), and he was still trying to establish ownership of the sea wall at Yarmouth.

[It was subsequently reported that repairs had been carried out by an unknown agency to the damaged area at the bottom of Refuge Lane]

161/2022 CLERK'S REPORT

162/2022.1 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following was noted:

Appeal Decision:

The following appeal is dismissed:

Application No	Location	Proposal
22/01069/HOU	The Laurels Station Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0QT	Proposed integral garage; formation of vehicular access

162/2022.2 CORONATION FLAG

It was noted that an official Coronation flag is available for £30 and one would be purchased in due course.

162/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted

163/2022 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Spurious charge for PDF conversion services
- Grants
- Election of representatives
- Coastal erosion
- Yarmouth School site and place planning

164/2022 MEETING VENUES

The venue for the next monthly meeting was resolved as 7/3/23 CHOYD

Signed..... (Town Mayor)

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