



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at Thorley Church Tuesday 4th June 2024 at 7:00pm

PRESENT: Councillors G Head (Deputy Mayor), S Cowley, A Ingram, T Cowley, P Cronin, P Spink, P Farrell.

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), and 1 member of the public

44/2024 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mayor McCleary, Yarmouth Harbour Commissioner and Yarmouth Town Trust Chairman.

45/2024 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR ISSUES

In the absence of the Harbour Commissioner, the Clerk read out the following report:

Visitor traffic

The number of boats visiting the Harbour for an overnight stay in May was 2,251, an increase of 16% on the previous year. Short stay or vessels entering the harbour to stop for lunch amounted to 799 for the same period.

Harbour Works

Car park barriers

Two new car park barriers have been installed at the harbour offices and will be operational soon. This is to replace the single longer barrier at the car park entrance that failed on a regular basis because of the leverage over its length in high winds.

Solar power

The harbour has installed upgraded solar PV panels on the south facing roof which is now operational. Panels capable of producing 12 Kw were installed, almost double what was previously in place, which should reduce the harbours carbon footprint and the ever-increasing electricity bills.

Water lodges

The Water lodges have been placed second in The Times' list of 24 of the UK's most magical cabin stays. Which is good exposure and will hopefully boost bookings and tourism to Yarmouth.

ii) YARMOUTH TOWN TRUST

In the absence of the YTT Chairman, the Clerk read out the following report:

1) Financials:

Accounts for 2023/4 have been approved by the Trustees and forwarded to the Accountant.

2) Town Hall

The Hall will be open to the Public on 6th June for a D-Day exhibition.

3) The Common:

10 Scots Firs have been planted to assist with stabilising the ground.

4) Mill Terrace Cottage

The maintenance schedule will begin shortly.

5) Recreation Ground

Discussions continue with the new under 11s football team regarding a new pavilion.

6) Other:

The Trust has made grants of £1,000 to each to the Yarmouth Carnival Committee and the Book of Yarmouth World War II Memories following requests from these organisations for support.

iii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Spink reported that the Tapnell Farm application for 30 living pods had been approved subject to a report on nitrate neutrality but was not anticipated to be as visually intrusive as had been feared.

The Draft Island Planning Strategy had been delayed but publication was expected in July. Repairs to the pathway at the Green has been delayed by wet weather but work is expected to begin soon.

iv) COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr S Cowley reported on a very successful launch of Jill Cowley's Commemoration of D-Day 1944 book.

Cllr Cronin reported that he was attending to the repairs necessary on the flagpoles.

It was reported that the weed growth by the cemetery needs attention again, and the Clerk was asked to contact Island Roads.

Cllr Farrell reported 5 bright blue storage containers at Hayles boatyard which adversely impacted upon river views, and Cllr Spink undertook to investigate this.

Cllr S Cowley referred to the recent closure of Thorley Street which had cause considerable disruption for residents. The Clerk was also asked to check on the progress of planning enforcement claims about vehicle parking at Newclose Cottage.

v) LOCAL ISSUES

There were no other matters arising from the Local Issues Log.

vi) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Jill Cowley Congratulated CHOYD on its arrangements for her book launch.

46/2024 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor	Personal	Pecuniary
G Head	British Horse Society RSPB	National Trust Bowcombe Estate
A Ingram	Shalfleet PC Millenium Green	
S Cowley	Yarmouth Town Trust Shalfleet PC Wight Nature Fund	Lee Farm
T Cowley	Shalfleet PC Wight Nature Fund	Camp Wight
P Farrell	RSYC	

47/2024 MINUTES AND CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting and May monthly meeting held 7/5/24, subject to an amendment to the Public Question Time minute which should have referred to a donation from the book launch to dementia charities.

48/2024 FINANCE**48/2024.1 Payment of Accounts**

RESOLVED: To approve payment of the following accounts for June:

245020	Isle of Wight Pantries CIC	Grant food centre	£250.00
245021	CHOYD	Room hire book launch	£120.00
245022	CHOYD	Room hire N/plan meetings	£150.00
245023	B Jacobs	Clerk's salary May	£960.67
245024	YTT	Rec Ground lease	£180.00
245025	ICS	Public toilet maintenance	£728.33
245026	WBS	Copier paper	£19.18
245027	Biltomore	Printing costs D-Day books	£5,125.00
DEB	Microsoft	Office 365	£3.00
DEB	GiffGaff	Office phone	£6.00
DEB	HMRC	PAYE Clerk's salary May	£301.40
DEB	WBS	Stationery	£26.79
DEB	Danfo	Check contactless at toilets	£0.40
DEB	Hampshire Flag	Public flags	£574.08
DEB	Amazon	Dog notices Rec	£22.05
DEB	Post Office	Office post	£10.50
DD	SSE	Electricity services toilets	£449.48
DD	Everflow	Water services toilets	£140.15

48/2024.2 Bank Reconciliation

The financial statement for 31/5/24 was noted.

49/2024 PLANNING ISSUES

LICENSING ACT 2003 NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The following were noted:

The following application has been accepted by the licensing authority:

Application for a Premises Licence – Kraken, Yarmouth Harbour, Isle of Wight

Applications Granted:

Application No	Location	Proposal	YTC Comment
24/00439/HOU	Merrilees Station Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0QT	Proposed single storey rear extension with balcony over (revised scheme)	Object as it represents a loss of privacy for neighbouring properties.

51/2024 YARMOUTH SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSET

Cllr S Cowley expressed concern about certain aspects of the progress of the submitted bid and the Clerk was asked to contact IWC to clarify the current situation.

52/2024 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr T Cowley reported that 2 meetings had taken place over the last month, including an open Forum, both of which went satisfactorily. He identified a problem of engaging volunteers to engage with the NP. He suggested a mail drop in Yarmouth and Thorley would shortly be required.

53/2024 HYP PROJECT PLAQUES

Cllr Farrell delivered the following report:

At last month's YTC meeting Kevin Shaw was present and promised to complete the Plaque designs ready to send to the manufacturer. As I write I have again been unable to communicate with him.

Plaque Design & Manufacture: *The plaque designs in their current state of development are probably sufficient for the manufacturer to progress them and refine their quotations for YTC review. I have arranged to meet them at their premises w/c 10th June. It couldn't be sooner because Andrew Thearle, the client contact at AJ Wells, is on holiday until then. Based on the designs we currently have, both phase 1 and 2, plus photographs of the existing plaques and lecterns, it should also be possible to progress the Thorley Lectern and the Local Heroes Orchard at the same meeting.*

Plaque Wording: *I have written to the owners of the George Hotel (GM Nicole Ottley), Towers / Refuge Lane (Johnny Caulcutt) and Yarmouth Mill (Mary and Sebastian Taylor) to show them the designs (in their current state), check their agreement with the words on the plaques, and to agree a location on each building. I have also requested their agreement in writing to mounting the plaques on their buildings. This is needed for planning purposes since they are Grade II listed buildings.*

The George Hotel: no issues, they are preparing a written response.

*Towers: meeting Johnny Caulcutt on 9th June to discuss/finalise the words & location.
Yarmouth Mill - I met with Mary Taylor last Friday. They have no issues. I have prompted her to provide agreement in writing.*

Next steps:

YTC consider the updated quotations from AJ Wells / CJ Matthews

YTC consider possible funding sources

Proceed to Planning - IWC & Historic England

Manufacture

Installation

There was discussion about the plaque for the Heroes' Orchard and Cllr S Cowley suggested that a metal lectern would be most suitable here and at Thorley on the grounds of durability.

54/2024 RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk was asked to contact Brighstone Landscaping and clarify that, for the foreseeable future, YTC would make its own arrangements to cut the grass using the services of Cllr T Cowley and Mark Holmes.

It was reported that some cracks had opened up in the surface of the pitch due to the recent dry spell following several months of rain, and a top dressing was required to fill in the cracks. It was agreed that YTC would fund this on the understanding that the cost would be around £100, though it was felt that Mark Holme's suggestion of bringing in heavy plant and carrying out a major refurbishment was unnecessary and untenable, so agreement would be sought with him about how to proceed to the satisfaction of all parties involved.

Cllr Cronin updated Councillors about the new pavilion. There was some concern that the nascent Yarmouth Youth team had yet to be recognised by the Island FA and so application was to be made to belong to the Hampshire League; registration with an official body is essential for the operation of the Team and for attracting grants to develop facilities. However, judging by the numbers turning up for training sessions, the Team appears to be viable.

55/2024 MILL COPSE

Cllr T Cowley reported that one of the accesses to Mill Copse from the Cycleway had been fenced off by the landowner, thus blocking off a permissive right of way which has existed for many years. The Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of IWC Rights of Way.

56/2024 TREES

Cllr T Cowley reported that he had sent a planting scheme to Tony Gillingham of IWC Parking Services for the proposed trees along the northern boundary of the car park.

57/2024 D-DAY 80TH COMMEMORATION

Final arrangements were agreed for this event on 6/6/24.

58/2024 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

The organiser of this initiative will attend the July YTC meeting.

59/2024 COUNCILLOR TRAINING

In the absence of Mayor McCleary, there was no update re the proposed IWALC training course in Ethical Leadership.

60/2024 ANNUAL GRANTS

It was proposed by Cllr S Cowley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Head and agreed unanimously to grant £250 to West Wight Men in Sheds.

61/2024 PATH AROUND MILL CREEK AND CYCLEPATH

This had been dealt with earlier.

62/2024 RISK ANALYSIS

It was proposed by Cllr S Cowley, seconded by Cllr Cronin and agreed unanimously to agree the latest risk analysis as presented.

63/2024 CLERK'S REPORT

63/2024.1 PLANNING APPLICATION 22/01931/FUL 32 TOURISM PODS & ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING TAPNELL FARM

This had been covered in the Public Forum.

63/2024.2 NOMINATIONS TO YHAC

It was RESOLVED that Peter Spink who is already a member of YHAC appointed by the Isle of Wight Council, will fulfil a dual role as YTC representative, though Councillors expressed great disappointment that their nominations by YTC for YHAC representatives was not accepted by YHAC, and the Clerk was asked to convey those feelings to the Commissioners. Cllr Spink was requested to bring to the attention of the Harbour Commissioners the non-replacement of 'No Cycling' signs on the Green and to emphasise the state of the pathway as previously discussed.

The Clerk was also asked to bring to the attention of the IW Environment Officer the jarring colours of the front door at Salty's which was considered inappropriate for the area.

63/2024.3 NP SURVEY PRIZE

It was unanimously RESOLVED to offer a draw prize for completion of a Housing Needs Survey of £100.

64/2024 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

65/2024 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Rec Ground top dressing

Mill Copse access
Trees on Green
Community Speedwatch
Local Nature Recovery Strategy presentation.

66/2024 MEETING VENUES

The venue for the next monthly meeting will be CHOYD 2/7/24 7pm.