



The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Yarmouth Town Council held at CHOYD Tuesday 6th May 2025 following the Annual Council Meeting at 6:30pm

PRESENT: Councillors D McCleary (Mayor), G Head (Deputy Mayor), P Cronin, P Spink, P Farrell, A Draper

IN ATTENDANCE: B Jacobs (Town Clerk), 26 members of the public

22/2025 PUBLIC FORUM:

i) HARBOUR MATTERS

The Harbour Commissioner's representative reported that everything was proceeding satisfactorily at the Harbour. The Harbour Commissioner, Tim Adams, has been working incredibly hard with the Kraken team.

ii) YARMOUTH TOWN TRUST

The YTT Chairman is currently abroad and no report was available.

iii) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Former Deli: Premier has submitted a planning application to retain the modified façade, though it has not yet been published, and Cllr Spink is pursuing that. He did advise the submission number and asked that as many residents as possible registered objections to it. He reported an extract from the conservation officers report which suggested that the proposal is unsatisfactory and does not enhance the appearance of the conservation area - the design, including the automatic sliding door, is not in keeping, and the material of coated aluminium is not suitable because it should have been in wood. He has had discussions with planning officers at the IWC and the planning officers indicated that they were trying to reach some form of compromise, which Cllr Spink suggested was unsatisfactory, particularly in view of its proximity to the Town Hall. The Clerk further pointed out that a resident nearby had complained about the noisy cooling fans behind the shop.

Fort Victoria: This is also an unauthorised development; planning officers have visited the site but have not yet reported their findings.

Island Planning Strategy: The Island Planning officer has submitted that the government minimum target of 703 houses per year is unachievable and undesirable given that figure achieved over the last 10 years has been only 300 per year. However, failing to achieve the Government-imposed target could mean IWC losing control of where housing can be built. The housing targets do not recognise the need for affordable housing which does not help the 270 or so families currently in temporary accommodation.

iv) COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

There were no reports from meetings with local groups.

v) LOCAL ISSUES

Cllr Farrell raised the issue of the protective fencing along Bouldnor Road which had been in place for several years. Cllr Spink reported that there had been a legal dispute between two of the bodies involved over liability for the problem and undertook to request an update from them on this issue.

The Deputy Mayor announced that the annual Parish church meeting of St Swithins at Thorley would take place on 13th of May at five o'clock, and asked for as much support as possible as the church is under threat.

vi) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public raised a complaint about the excessive parking outside the former Deli in the mornings and Cllr Spink advised that this was down to IWC parking enforcement. Another member of the public referred to illegal parking on Coastguard's Green and on the green outside CHOYD. Cllr Spink said that he had reported this to Parking Enforcement several times but had received no response; he undertook to contact them again. It was recommended reporting all such incidents to Island Roads via the Fix my Street app which allows such incidents to be recorded.

23/2025 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

These had been recorded in the Annual Council Meeting

24/2025 MINUTES AND CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS

RESOLVED: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the January monthly meeting held 1/4/25.

25/2025 FINANCE

25/2025.1 Payment of Accounts

It was proposed by Cllr Draper, seconded by the Deputy Mayor and agreed unanimously to approve the following payments for May:

256010	Lynda Pitman	Yarmouth promotion video	£1,250.00
256011	South Coast Flagpoles	Flagpoles servicing	£375.00
256012	Cash	Mayor's Award	£160.00
256013	M Holmes	Rec grasscutting	£250.00
256014	Brighstone Landscaping	Cemetery maintenance	£523.09
256015	Community Land Trust Network	Subscription	£90.00
256016	IWALC	Subscription	£254.46
256017	Gareth Hughes	Internal Audit	£210.00
256018	ICS	Public toilet cleaning	£708.33
256019	Community Actio IW	Payroll processing	£90.00
256020	B Jacobs	Clerk payroll Apr 25	£1,000.27
256021	HMRC	Clerk payroll Apr 25 PAYE	£374.99
DEB	Post Office	Office post	£18.90
DEB	Microsoft	Office 365	£3.00
DEB	GiffGaff	Office phone	£6.00
DD	Everflow	Water charges public toilets	£81.70

25/2025.2 Bank Reconciliation

The financial statement for 30/4/25 was noted

25/2025.3 External Audit

It was proposed by Cllr Farrell, seconded by Cllr Spink and agreed unanimously to approve and sign off the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

26/2025 PLANNING ISSUES

New Applications:

25/00489/FUL: Standing orders were suspended to allow the applicants to explain the reasons for their submission. The Deputy Mayor expressed concerns about the stability of the land in this area, and the applicants responded that a considerable sum had been spent on groundworks within the curtilage of their existing property. Cllr Spink refrained from casting an opinion, being a member of the Planning Committee, but promised to look at the application to see if it could be brought before the Committee rather than be decided by an officer. Councillors agreed to raise no objections to the development.

The following were noted:

Applications Approved:

Application No	Location	Proposal	YTC Comment
25/00171/FUL	1&2 Fisherman's Cottages Mill Road Yarmouth Isle Of Wight PO41 0RA	Removal of three rooflights, relocation of fourth rooflight and proposed dormer window and oriel window. Alterations to balcony and proposed bin and bike store. Amalgamation of No1 and 2 Fisherman's Cottage to create single dwelling	YTC objects because: 1) It represents a loss of housing stock to the area 2)The proposed dormer window is considered to be out of character with the surrounding area

LICENSING ACT 2003; NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The following application has been accepted by the licensing authority:

Application for a Premises Licence – Harvey's of Yarmouth, Market Square, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, PO41 0NP

27/2025 VE DAY 80th CELEBRATIONS 8/5/25

Final arrangements for this event were agreed, and June Ring gave details of CHOYD's events to mark this occasion.

28/2025 YARMOUTH SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSET

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Martin Woodward to report that the solicitors had completed the conveyancing and completion was anticipated shortly which will then allow the purchasers to access the site.

Cllr Spink asked if the restrictive covenant on the playing field area had been resolved, and was assured that it had been.

The Mayor reiterated local concerns about the deterioration of the building fabric.

29/2025 RECREATION GROUND

Recreation Ground Committee Chairman Cllr Cronin had little to report, but did advise of further delays in registering Yarmouth Youth football team with an appropriate official sports body.

Dog fouling of the pitch had not improved, and he wished to proceed with installation of CCTV now local elections have concluded. It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor,

seconded by Cllr Farrell and agreed unanimously to proceed with the installation of CCTV at a cost of around £150.

RoSPA training: The Clerk advised that he was awaiting a response from IWALC, but that the RoSPA inspection would take place shortly.

Dead elms: The Clerk was asked to arrange this with Brighstone Landscaping.

Land drain: Ross Davidson has been authorised to proceed with the inspection work and Cllr Cronin is waiting to arrange a date for him to carry out the work.

Land registration: The Clerk will contact Eldridges to arrange this.

30/2025 MILL COPSE

No update was available regarding rights of way, access and fencing in around Mill Copse which retiring Councillor Thomas Cowley had been dealing with.

31/2025 YARMOUTH SPORTS FOUNDATION

The Mayor reported a hiatus after a period of rapid developments due to a lack of communication from the Trustees. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

32/2025 TREE WARDEN SCHEME

Due to the retirement of Thomas Cowley there was no update on this issue, so defer until next month.

33/2025 BENCH, FORMERLY OUTSIDE CHURCH

Considerable consternation was expressed about the enormous cost of repairing the bench and it was suggested that the item should be brought back to Yarmouth until a decision is made on its future. Cllr Spink wondered if a new bench could be crafted around the top rail, which is the only salvageable part of the unit.

34/2025 CLERK'S REPORT

There was no Clerk's Report this month

35/2025 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence received since the last meeting was noted:

Emails

02-Apr-25	IWC	Island's Forces community to shine at Isle of Wight Armed Forces Day this summer
03-Apr-25	IW Alert	Woman, 23, jailed for more than two and a half years for her part in £416,000 cash and jewellery scam [#418417628]
	IWC	GrantFinder - News alert: New £5m Fund to Support Community Regeneration of Historic Buildings in Town Centres Across England
	IW Alert	Employment Fraud Warning
	IW Alert	Man jailed for four years after admitting sexually assaulting a child and breaching a Sexual Harm Prevention Order on the Isle of Wight. [#419072196]
07-Apr-25	SCCommunity Integration	South Central Unpaid Work Annual Report - 2024/25
	IW Alert	Buying Tickets Safely Online
16-Apr-25	IWC	Isle of Wight Armed Forces Day — A salute to our sponsors
22-Apr-25	TagMaster	How Technology Can Help You Tackle Speeding and Road Safety Concerns
25-Apr-25	Public Health IW	Town and Parish Council representation at the Isle of Wight Mental Health Alliance

36/2025 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Yarmouth video
Historic plaques
Budget review
Councillor training
Neighbourhood plan
NHS Dentistry
Bench repair
Risk assessment
Grants

37/2025 MEETING VENUES

RESOLVED: To confirm the venue for the June monthly meeting, Thorley Church 3/6/25 18:30.