

The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE OF YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT CHOYD ON THURSDAY 3RD JUNE 2021 at 11am.

Present: Cllrs Rod Corbett, and Peter Cronin, Peter Scott and Martyn Collinson

In attendance: Brian Jacobs

1. Apologies

No apologies were received

2. Minutes of the meeting 11/2/21

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the meeting of 11/2/21

3. Matters arising from the last minutes

Martyn Collinson reported that shelving had now been installed in the hut, and the electricity supply has now been transferred to the Town Trust.

4. Pavilion & Hut

Martyn circulated a brochure for a suggested replacement for the pavilion, and this was discussed. He reported that he had arranged for weeding to be carried out in this area. Cllr Cronin reiterated his view that any replacement was likely to attract undesirable elements and it was agreed that CCTV might be necessary when a new pavilion is erected. Martyn agreed to speak with John May about the legality of this issue.

5. Victoria Road and Tennyson Close access

Cllr Cronin circulated an aerial view of the Recreation Ground from which the existing drains could be discerned. A suggestion by Cllr Thomas Cowley that the outlets for these could be blasted was discussed and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should contact DynoRod and arrange this when the outlets could be identified. Of particular concern was the area adjacent to the Victoria Road pedestrian gate, which becomes very muddy during wet weather. It was agreed that the Committee would carry out a site inspection following the conclusion of this meeting in order to identify the outlets.

6. Wild area and ditch maintenance

It was agreed that clearance of the north-south ditch down to the Cyclepath should go ahead as soon as possible.

7. Additional facilities for Rec Ground

Cllr Corbett suggested planting a line of specimen trees to create a pathway across the Rec. Cllr Cronin suggested that the Rec could be used for local fetes once the drainage was sorted out.

The Committee discussed the current condition of the Rec, and it was recommended that it should be cut twice monthly during summer, for which permission is to be sought from full Council.

The provision of a Petanque pitch was considered and it was suggested that this could be placed along the western boundary. Other suggestions for a goal, a basketball hoop and an adventure playground including a Zip Wire were also advanced.

8. Next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be at CHOYD on 8/7/21 11am

9. Any Other Business

The Clerk was asked to email the owner of the corner plot by the intersection of the 2 ditches and request that the sleeper bridge be removed.

The Committee subsequently adjourned for a site meeting to the Rec. It was not possible to identify the drain outlets by the meadow. Concern was expressed about access to the Rec from the houses whose back gardens bordered the area.