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## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE OF YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT CHOYD ON THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> APIL 2023 at 11:30am.**

Present: Deputy Mayor Rod Corbett, Cllr Peter Cronin, Martyn Collinson, Peter Scott

In attendance: Brian Jacobs

**1. Apologies**

There were no apologies

**2. Minutes of the meeting 16/3/23**

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the meeting of 16/3/23

**3. Matters arising from the last minutes**

All matters arising were dealt with in subsequent minutes.

**4. Pavilion**

Martyn Collinson reported that no further progress had been made dues to a lack of resources at Yarmouth Town Trust

## **5. Additional facilities for Rec Ground**

Goalposts have finally been received, but are unfortunately not suitable for the intended purpose, and replacements have been ordered.

The possible installation of a football 'swingball' unit was suggested and details will be discussed at the next meeting.

Peter Scott reported that it would be impractical to attempt to transfer the play facilities at the former Yarmouth Primary School as they had been concreted in and cannot be removed intact. The Clerk was asked to resurrect the possibility of a 'trim trail' at full Council. The issue of sponsorship of such a facility by local benefactors was raised.

## **6. Pitch Rolling**

Ross Davidson has responded with a quote of £500 which YTC considered acceptable, and it was recommended that he carries out this as soon as possible. It was also suggested to request a price from him to rectify the muddy patch by the lower pedestrian access.

The grass is desperately in need of cutting and it was recommended that this is carried out every 2 weeks and the cuttings remove from the pitch either to be spread around the wild area or taken to the tip. It was suggested that other contractors such as Ross Davidson and Groundsells are contacted with a view to tendering for the grounds maintenance contract, and the Clerk was asked to make appropriate enquiries.

Peter Scott reported that the damage caused by the Southern Housing contractors had still not been attended to and the Clerk was asked to chase them up.

## **7. Eastern Boundary**

Complaints have been received from the resident adjacent to the eastern boundary that the boundary work carried out has caused the death of a willow tree on her property. Peter Scott and Cllr Thomas Cowley have both examined the tree and concluded that as only one overhanging bough had been trimmed and the tree had clearly been dead for some considerable period, its death could not have been caused by the boundary work.

Peter Scott offered to purchase some birches on behalf of YTC and plant them in the northern corner of the eastern boundary when conditions are suitable. The Clerk agreed to contact Cllr Steve Cowley to ascertain the trees required to replace those in the 2 areas of the Queen's Canopy which have died.

## **8. Next meeting**

The next meeting was fixed for 10:30am 31/5/23.

**9. Any Other Business**

Peter Scott reported that someone had attempted to clean the Corten steel plaque at the Queen's Canopy with a wire brush, and recommended leaving the plaque untouched for a while and the artwork should come back.