

The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE OF YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT CHOYD ON 23/1/25

Present: Cllr Peter Cronin, Martyn Collinson, Peter Scott

In attendance: Brian Jacobs, Mark Holmes

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Rod Corbett.

2. **Minutes of the meeting 23/1/25**

The minutes of the meeting on 23/1/25 were agreed

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

All matters arising were dealt with in the following minutes

4. **Football Team**

The response from IWC Planning to the query about obtaining planning permission for the tall nets was discussed. Mark advised that it was impractical to consider taking down the nets after each match, though he would enquire of the supplier whether it was possible to lower the nets and leave them in situ, though this could leave the nets exposed to interference. It was pointed out the preceding nets were fixed and had stood for at least 70 years, and there was doubt that permission was needed for a temporary structure anyway.

There followed some discussion on the positioning of the nets.

Mark suggested a possible downsizing of the proposed new pavilion and perhaps extending it later as funds permit. Cllr Cronin suggested starting with changing facilities as a minimum. Mark thought that some grants might be available even without the Team being registered.

Considerable concern was expressed about dog mess on the pitch, and ways to overcome this were discussed such as CCTV, prosecution of owners and banning dogs from the Rec. Closers on the pedestrian gates were also discussed. The Clerk advised that dog fouling is a criminal offence. It was agreed to raise this issue at the next YTC meeting.

Mark also reported that one of the land drains at the eastern end of the Rec required replacement. Cllr Cronin undertook to identify the exact area via Google

Maps, and the Clerk would then contact Ross Davidson who replaced the drains in the western end of the pitch.

Mark also reported that children had been throwing around the limestone substrate by the pedestrian gates which had been laid in 2024. Ways of overcoming this were discussed.

5. Play Area

The problem of the roundabout bearings was discussed and Cllr Cronin suggested installation of a drain opening out into the adjacent bank which perhaps could be discussed with Ross Davidson.

The recommendation from YTC's insurers that a weekly inspection be carried out and recorded was discussed and the Clerk advised that this was begun a few years previously but had lapsed after a short while. Petere Scott felt he was qualified to undertake this task and volunteered to carry it out; the Clerk will provide him with a schedule.

6. Dead Elms

There are 3 small dead elms in the north east corner of the Rec which need to be felled and Cllr Cronin offered to go and inspect them. He suggested replacing them with native trees and suggested raising this at the next full Council meeting.

7. Next meeting

11am 12/3/25 CHOYD

8. Any Other Business

Cllr Cronin agreed to investigate getting self-closers for the pedestrian gates.