

The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE OF YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT CHOYD ON 24/7/25

Present: Cllr Peter Cronin, Martyn Collinson, Peter Scott

In attendance: Brian Jacobs

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Rod Corbett and Mark Holmes

2. Minutes of the meeting 12/3/25

The minutes of the above meeting were agreed

3. Matters arising from the last minutes

The Chairman had acquired a gate closure and planned to fit it shortly.

The CCTV had not yet been purchased, but it was proposed to do so soon and mount it on the hut. Peter Scott queried whether or not the owners of dogs fouling the field should be challenged, but Cllr Cronin hoped that the presence of CCTV accompanied by a suitable strongly -worded poster would be effective deterrent. The Clerk explained that dog fouling in a public place was a criminal offence

Dead elms: The Clerk had contacted Brighstone Landscaping in May and chased them up in July but had received no response. Peter Scott suggested he went there along with Saul Tiffin and tried to dig them out by hand.

Land Registration: The Clerk explained that this had been delayed because Eldridges had wrongly identified the land involved, but that the appropriate form had now been submitted.

4. Football Team

Mark Holmes was still unable to do anything further with the team due to ill health. In the meantime, his team had been practicing at Freshwater. Although Mark is continuing to cut the grass it was suggested he would welcome another contractor undertaking it, and the Clerk was asked to contact alternatives such as Groundsells.

5. Play Area and land drain

Cllr Cronin reported on a quote from AGF Groundworks to lay a new land drain on the eastern side of the pitch. The Clerk had been asked at full Council to get a further quote from Brighstone Landscaping, but, as they hadn't responded, it was suggested he circulated YTC Councillors to suggest proceeding with the AGF quote, and AGF had also advised they could help resolving the problem of the roundabout bearings at extra cost.

The matting in the play area was discussed as it is now in a poor state, and the Clerk was asked to obtain a quote from Wight Gardening Services, who are also dealing with the flagpoles, for relaying the matting. It was also suggested that additional topsoil was needed around some of the equipment to raise the surface level to that of the surrounding area. There was a further problem with the Carousel, as the rubber on its circumference had shrunk, creating gaps

6. Dead Elms

This was discussed earlier.

7. Registration of land between Rec and Cycleway

Eldridges has been requested to register this land and this is still in progress.

8. Next meeting

18/9/25 CHOYD

9. Any Other Business

Martyn Collinson referred to YTT buying a water bowser for use at the Rec and the Common. It could be housed in the hut, where there was a water supply adjacent. A water supply was also available at the Cemetery. There was some discussion about using a window cleaner to carry out watering.