

The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE OF YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT CHOYD ON 21/3/24

Present: Cllr Peter Cronin, Martyn Collinson, Peter Scott
In attendance: Brian Jacobs, Mark Holmes

Mark Holmes presented his plans for his under-11 youth football team using the Rec. He explained his vision of taking the team through to the under-16s, along the lines he had previously submitted by email, and emphasised his enthusiasm and commitment to do so. The only issue was toilet and changing facilities, as well as, ideally, showers, which impinged upon plans for the new pavilion; mains services are still available from the old unit. Mark explained that Football Foundation grants of up to £25K per season were available which could be applied towards providing facilities, and suggestions were made as to other local funding sources. Martyn emphasised the need for a written agreement between the parties involved for usage of the Rec, and undertook to provide details for the pavilion which had already been agreed with Yarmouth Town Trust.

The immediate concern, however, was that the pitch needs cutting and rolling before use, which has been handicapped by continuous wet weather. Mark indicated that he could provide cutting facilities if his mower could be stored at the Rec. As soon as the pitch is ready, his team can use it for training and friendly matches.

Mark indicated that the existing goals would be adequate for the immediate future.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Rod Corbett

2. **Minutes of the meeting 24/1/24**

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the meeting of 24/1/24

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

Safety chain for basket swing: after some discussion a way forward was agreed.

Bench: West Wight Men in Sheds have completed the refurbishment.

Pavilion: today's discussions about facilities need to be taken into account.

Molecatching: appears to have been successfully concluded.

4. **Pavilion**

Discussed above

5. **Pitch Remedial Work**

Discussed above

6. **Football Team**

Discussed above

7. **Play Area**

Basket swing - discussed above, and a new chain will be ordered, and there will be no significant costs.

Roundabout – when weather conditions are suitable, the bearing needs to be inspected for greasing or replacement.

8. **Path to Cycleway**

It's believed that Island Road's sub-contractors have carried out some unfortunate work along this path and Cllr T Cowley, who has machinery which can extract the elm suckers, is to generate a planting scheme for this area in agreement with Cllr Cronin, but work cannot be carried out until Autumn. The same situation applies to the Queen's Canopy.

9. **Next meeting**

10:30 25/4/24 CHOYD

10. **Any Other Business**

The Clerk reported that he had instructed Brighstone Landscaping to carry out agreed work on the substrate by both pedestrian gates to eliminate the boggy surfaces.

11. Peter Scott expressed concern about people using the diagonal path across the Rec even though it had been cordoned off to protect the new surface.