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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE OF YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT CHOYD ON 12/3/25

Present: Cllr Peter Cronin, Martyn Collinson, Rod Corbett
In attendance: Brian Jacobs

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Peter Scott and Mark Holmes

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

Cllr Cronin reported that he was intending to purchase a gate closer, which had been recommended, to see if it was suitable. Costs were around £100 a unit.

CCTV – Cllr Cronin had found a suitable unit and proposed to install it in the hut and mount the camera on a pole adjacent which would cover some 75% of the pitch. He suggested a recorder would be sufficient, and cost would be in the region of £100.

The Clerk suggested deploying CCTV warning notices as a further deterrent to irresponsible dog owners.

4. Football Team

Mark Holmes was not present give an update on Yarmouth Youth's use of the football pitch and the proposed new Pavilion as was currently suffering health problems.

5. Play Area

Cllr Cronin had been in contact with a local company, Island Landscaping, who maintain play equipment, and had arranged for them to inspect the carousel. Having done so, they advised that the carousel was an outmoded design and replacement might be cheaper than repair but will provide quotes for both alternatives. They also suggested that drainage might be unnecessary on a new unit. They will also provide quotes for replacement of the black matting.

The Clerk advised that a modest sum for repairs was in the Budget, of which £500 had been specifically earmarked for carousel repairs, though this was likely to slip into the following financial year. He suggested that virement could be employed if expenditure was likely to be more than forecast.

Cllr also reported about an Island-wide initiative for training for play equipment safety inspections.

6. Dead Elms

There had been no progress on removing 3 small dead elms in the north east corner and replacing them with appropriate trees. There was also some discussion about the elm suckers in the area to the south of the pitch.

7. Registration of land between Rec and Cycleway

The Clerk had not brought with him the Land Registry form TR1 to register this piece of land for countersigning, but would do so the following week.

8. Next meeting

Setting the date for the next meeting was deferred until after the May elections.

9. Any Other Business

Cllr Cronin reported that good use had ben made of the pitch during the winter in spite of the weather, due in part to the greatly improved condition of the pitch itself.