

The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE OF YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT CHOYD ON 22/1/26

Present: Cllr Peter Cronin, Martyn Collinson, Mark Holmes, Sheila McCleary

In attendance: Brian Jacobs

The Chairman welcomed Sheila McCleary to the Committee

1. **Apologies**

There were no apologies received

2. **Minutes of the meeting 18/9/25**

The minutes of the above meeting were agreed

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

Matting: The Clerk reported that he had circulated a request to other IW local councils, but none could advise of any local contractor. He agreed to chase up South Coast Flagpoles again.

Land Drain: The weather over recent months has rendered the pitch too wet to carry out this work which, together with a bereavement in the contractor's family, has delayed things until spring. The Chairman reported that the pitch in the area where the previous new land drains were installed looked very healthy.

Football Team: Mark reported that he planned to begin training as soon as the pitch was usable, and to begin matches in September. Being a youth team there is no immediate requirement for changing facilities.

Stop Nets: These are necessary to prevent balls going into neighbouring properties and the Chairman passed around photographs of the equipment, explain that 30m of 6m high netting, 120mm section, would be suitable. Supply would be £2.37K per end. Mark suggested that he would be able to erect them, along with volunteers.

Grants: The Chairman advise that a grant of up to 75% would be available from the Football Federation, and although Mark would not be in a position to apply, YTC or

YTT could do so. It was agreed to contact the FF to see which applicant would stand the most chance of success.

Goalposts: Larger ones than the present temporary units are needed, and a similar situation applied as for stop nets. The Chairman advised that grants might also be available from Wight Aid. The necessity of ownership of the goals was discussed and the Clerk reminded that such a decision could impact on YTC's insurance. Mark agreed to contact the necessary bodies to enquire about the availability of grants for this and pitch marking. The Chairman advised enlisting the help of Cllr Draper who had considerable experience in this procedure.

CCTV: The Chairman reported that the CCTV installed had had a considerable impact in reducing dog fouling on the pitch.

4. Grounds Maintenance Contractor

The Chairman reported that IGM have been maintaining the Rec to a very good standard.

5. Football Team

This had been dealt with above.

6. Ball Nets and Goalposts

This had been dealt with above.

7. Play Area and land drain

This had been dealt with above.

8. Registration of land between Rec and Cycleway

Eldridges has been requested several times to register this land but with no satisfactory response to date. The Clerk advised that he has persisted in resolving this and would continue to do so. The Chairman offered to pay Eldridges at Freshwater a personal visit.

9. CCTV

This had been dealt with above.

10. Next meeting

25/2/26 11am CHOYD

11. Any Other Business

The issue of Paly Area inspections was discussed, and the Clerk advised there had been no further online discussion of training courses originally promulgated by IWALC. He agreed to send details to the Chairman along with a suggested inspection form he'd drawn up. Sheila agreed to assist in carrying out inspections.

Martyn expressed a wish that the Cycleway should be referred to as 'the old railway line'.