

# The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE OF YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT CHOYD ON 25/2/26

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

In attendance: Brian Jacobs

1. **Apologies**

There were no apologies

2. **Minutes of the meeting 22/1/26**

The above minutes were agreed

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

The Clerk was asked to send a letter to Eldridges enquiring about the deeds of the land between Rec and Cycleway and seek advice about claiming Adverse Possession. Registration of the land in YTC's name could, like properties at The Mount, attract a maintenance stipend from the Government.

4. **Protective surface Contractor**

The following quotes for replacing the protective rubber matting in the Play Area were considered:

South Coast Flagpoles: £5750

Playsafe: £7674

Clark Playgrounds: £12195

In view of the high cost involved it was decided to seek the advice of Cllr Draper who has considerable experience in obtaining grant funding, and a meeting has been arranged. In addition, the Clerk was asked to contact RoSPA to get advice on cheaper alternatives to rubber matting if, indeed, any protective surface is required.

**5. Football Team**

There was some discussion about using the Yarmouth Sports Centre car park for car parking during matches. It was suggested approaching YHC for use of its parking area behind the IWC car park. Mark pointed out that changing facilities were not mandatory for youth sides.

**6. Ball Nets and Goalposts**

Cllr Cronin and the Clerk will set up an account for YTC with the Football Federation which means that the Council should be able to apply for grants. Bembridge is offering ball netting and posts and the Clerk has registered its interest in acquiring them.

**7. Play Area and land drain**

The new land drain and carousel drainage has been delayed until spring, but Cllr Cronin reported that the eastern end of the pitch appears to be faring remarkably well, and he has identified the existing land drain which appears to be at least partly operational.

Weekly inspections of the play area have begun, though there is no guidance from the insurance company as to how detailed they need to be.

There was some discussion about pitch marking and the Clerk pointed out that this activity is included with the IGM contract for maintenance of the Rec.

Cllr Cronin referred to a couple of benches in the Play Area which need remedial work, and the Clerk advised that he had arranged for West Might Men in Sheds to carry out the work when the weather improves.

**8. Registration of land between Rec and Cycleway**

This had been dealt with above.

**9. Next meeting**

25/3/26 CHOYD 11am

**10. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.