

The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE OF YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT CHOYD ON 15/4/26

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 25/2/26**

The above minutes were agreed

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

There were no matters arising

4. **Protective surface**

RoSPA has indicated that the existing surface is adequate but did infer that we could use the same surface as under the swings. The annual inspection is due shortly and the Clerk suggested meeting the inspector onsite to confirm that.

5. **Football Team**

Mark Holmes reported that his team, Yarmouth Youth, has now no intention of coming to Yarmouth, as he is stepping down from managing them. However, he did suggest other teams, like the West Wight Adult Team which is dissatisfied with its present ground at Calbourne because it floods. Cllr Cronin agreed to contact likely teams and report back. Martyn Collinson suggested that YTT might balk at spending further large sums on the Rec if the question of an established team using it is in doubt. Mark suggested using a container as changing rooms which could be sold on if it was no longer required.

6. Ball Nets and Goalposts

Ball nets have now been ordered from Bembridge PC for £2500, with an option to take 100m for £4000, which will need to be agreed by YTC, though in view of the uncertainty of pitch usage the need for them is now in doubt and the Clerk was asked to communicate this to Bembridge PC.

7. Play Area and land drain

Cllr Cronin reported that the new land drain and carousel drainage should go ahead in about 3 weeks.

8. Registration of land between Rec and Cycleway

Dissatisfaction was expressed about Eldridges and their continued misunderstanding about the identity of the above land as well as their advice regarding adverse possession. However, it would appear that, to claim adverse possession, that 'YTC must be able to demonstrate occupation of the land to the exclusion of all others for at least 12 years, and this will need to be evidenced by a witness statement from YTC with the circumstances of how the Deeds may have gone astray'. Martyn suggested checking there is nothing in the land registry and the Clerk undertook to do this.

9. Next meeting

13/5 11am CHOYD

10. Any Other Business

Cllr Cronin reported a problem with the closer on the Victoria Road pedestrian gate and agreed to send the closer to the manufacturer for repair.