

# The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council



## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE OF YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT CHOYD ON 13/5/26

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

In attendance: Brian Jacobs

1. **Apologies**

No apologies were received

2. **Minutes of the meeting 13/5/26**

The above minutes were agreed

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

All matters arising were dealt with under the headings below

4. **Play Area**

The recommendations of recent RoSPA inspection report were considered:

Benches: The Clerk advised that these were about to be fixed by West Wight Men in Sheds.

Bird fouling on swings: The inspector recommended installing nylon ties around the crossbar with their ends sticking up, and Cllr Cronin agreed to arrange this.

Junior Multiplayer and Toddler: Replacement caps needed

Spinning Pole: Bearing wear which will need to be monitored.

Carousel: There needs to be no more than an 8mm gap between the metal ring and the stand on the base, and the unit is only just compliant. This could be down to bearing wear and hopefully can be sorted with the forthcoming works on the unit.

Runway Rigid Skate: Split in rubber trim needs to be monitored. However, the equipment is rarely used and the Clerk was asked to investigate arranging for its scrapping.

Rocker Whale: Needs treating with Hammerite.

Notice by gate: Needs replacing or repainting.

Swing Unit: Needs a new cap, but it's a non-standard size.

Fencing (south side): Needs attention. The Clerk suggested referring this to Luke Gustar the grounds maintenance contractor.

Rubber surface: This can be replaced with 'grasscrete' apart from the area around the carousel which needs to be 2 metres of soft rubber. It was decided to mention this to Luke also.

#### **5. Football Team**

Cllr Cronin had spoken to Vicki Gill from the Isle of Wight College, which is seeking somewhere for football, running circuit training. She agreed to consult the College for a possible usage fee.

Mark reported that the Freshwater youth team would like to use Yarmouth for matches. The issue of parking was discussed at some length.

The Clerk advised that marking out the pitch was in the contract agreed with Luke.

Cllr Cronin reported that a large crack had appeared in the south west section of the pitch, and the Clerk agreed to ask Luke Gustar if he could carry out repairs to this area.

#### **6. Ball Nets**

Ball nets have now been ordered from Bembridge PC for £2500, though delivery arrangements have not yet been agreed. Cllr Cronin suggested asking full Council once again to agree to purchase nets for the western end of the ground also.

#### **7. Play Area and land drain**

Progress in installing the new land drain is still delayed by the contractor's need to get spare parts for his plant.

#### **8. Dog Ban**

The ban YTC has voted for at the Rec because of the problem of irresponsible owners failing to clear up their pets' excrement, was discussed and the Clerk was asked to arrange for a suitable notice. It was noted that most similar facilities around the Island have dog bans in place.

#### **9. Registration of land between Rec and Cycleway**

Since there appears to be adequate written evidence to support YTC's ownership of this area, the Clerk was asked to arrange with an alternative solicitor for this land to be registered.

**10. Next meeting**

11am 22/7/26 at CHOYD

**11. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.