

The Yarmouth Isle of Wight Town Council



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE OF YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT CHOYD ON 22/7/26

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 17/6/26**

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**

Cllr Cronin reported that the bearing in the carousel had been replaced and is working really well, and the drainage pipe is also in place. Spikes have been set along the swings to deter birds, and paint has been applied to the Whale Rocker spring. Other minor issues from the RoSPA report have been attended to. He also reported problems with the south fencing and the benches and tables, and Island Ground Contractors has been asked to quote for repairs, along with a replacement for the rubber surface and levelling out the uneven ground in the Play Area.

The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with West Wight Men in Sheds about renovating the furniture in the Play Area and they have promised to attend to it within the next few days.

The Board Rider was discussed and Mark Agreed to ascertain a scrap value for it.

5. Football Team

Cllr Cronin reported that he'd had no contact with IW College. Mark is still planning to use the ground for his team on some Sundays.

6. Ball Nets

Ball nets have now been ordered from Bembridge PC for £4000, and they will deliver and they will be stored in the hut. Martyn gave permission to do that on behalf of Yarmouth Town Trust. Cllr Cronin agreed to make arrangements for collection/delivery with Bembridge PC, and Mark agreed to erect the nets.

7. Land Drain

The contractor has now received the parts to repair his plant, and it's hoped the work on the new land drain can begin shortly. Mark drew attention to a small wet area in the middle of the pitch.

8. Dog Ban

YTC has voted for a ban on dogs using the Rec because of the problem of irresponsible owners failing to clear up their pets' excrement which has met with some local opposition. This issue was discussed and it was felt that the amount of dog mess at the Rec might have been exaggerated. In view of these factors, together with the difficulties of policing a ban, it was RESOLVED to refer the issue back to full Council.

9. Registration of land between Rec and Cycleway

The land search documents have been passed to Cllr Spink who will advise on a way forward.

10. Next meeting

CHOYD 30/9/26 11am

11. Any Other Business

Cllr Cronin reported on a small area adjacent to the drainage ditch which appears to have collapsed. The contractor has been asked to repair it.

Cllr Cronin reported that he had replaced one of the pedestrian gate closers and will proceed with the other one.