

**WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on  
**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2026** in the Pavilion, Fryer Field, West Moors at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllr D Green                      Cllr M Hawkes                      Cllr Mrs C Holmes  
Cllr J Staig                                  Cllr Mrs P Yeo

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Judi Weedon, Town Clerk  
Nadine Hancock, Assistant to the Town Clerk

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Mrs R Burke              Cllr J Randall                      Cllr T Salt  
Cllr D Shortell  
(Reasons for apologies were noted)

**26/7/029 TO ELECT A COMMITTEE CHAIR FROM MAY 2026 TO MAY 2027**

Cllr Mrs C Holmes was proposed and seconded, Members having already been informed that Standing Order 1ee would need to be suspended, after a vote Cllr Mrs C Holmes was duly elected Chair to the Committee.

**26/7/030 TO ELECT A COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR FROM MAY 2026 TO MAY 2027**

Cllr M Hawkes was proposed and seconded, and duly elected Committee Vice-Chair.

**26/7/031 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS**

None

**26/7/032 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None

**26/7/033 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

- a) Benches at Skatepark – A quote for refurbishment of two benches has been requested. This matter has not progressed since last reported.
- b) Skatepark repairs – Canvas have confirmed they will visit to carry out repairs.
- c) Skatepark Floodlights – The code for these lights has been given to some older skaters and we will be charging them £10 per hour for their usage.
- d) West Moors Youth FC have been asked to tidy up container located by MUGA as they are encroaching on the Council portion of the container.
- e) West Moors FC have asked for a meeting in the summer to discuss improvements to the football pitches
- f) West Moors FC are hiring Fryer Field for a Fun Day on the 13<sup>th</sup> June and on the 18<sup>th</sup> July for a Charity Football match
- g) Grange Football Tournament is on the 6-7<sup>th</sup> June.
- h) There will be a Pet Blessing at Fryer field on the 27<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm, organised by St Marys Church

**26/7/034 FEES:****a) Allotment Fees**

Members reviewed the current allotment fees and after discussion it was **RESOLVED that no changes to the allotment fees be applied for 2027.**

*Voting: unanimous*

**b) Sports Fees**

Members reviewed the current sports fees and after discussion it was **RESOLVED that the sports fees be increased by 5% from September 2026 rounded to the nearest whole number.**

*Voting: unanimous*

**c) Cemetery Fees**

Members reviewed the current cemetery fees and after discussion it was **RESOLVED that the cemetery fees for residents remain unchanged but fees for non- residents are increased by 5% rounded to nearest whole figure**

*Voting: unanimous*

Fee increase to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

**26/7/035 STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW**

Members reviewed items in the Councils Strategic Plan related to the committee, it was suggested that the plan have an addendum added stating what had been completed and items in progress.

After discussion members

**RECOMMENDED setting up a working party to look at priority:**

**EC4 - Work with partners to expand the range of facilities on Fryer Field for introduction of equipment and activities suitable for disabled people of all ages.**

**and**

**EC5 - Produce maps and signposts to improve access to and use of recreation, leisure, open and green spaces.**

**With members being drawn from all Councillors and the working party reporting back to the environment committee.**

**The working party will have no decision making powers.**

*Voting: unanimous*

**26/7/036 CEMETERY MATTERS**

During the recent improvements to the cemetery area where the yew hedging has been planted, it was suggested that a gate be installed in the rear fence so that spoil from graves and general green waste could be placed in the wooded area (owned by the Council).

A quote to put a gate in and clear some land in the woodland has come in at a cost of between £470 and £510. Members felt that this was not a necessary expense and at this time did not wish to have a gate installed.

**26/7/037 UPDATE: PUBLIC TOILETS**

Members received a brief report on the public toilets.

**26/7/038 UPDATE: ALLOTMENTS**

Plot no 32 has been divided in half after the tenant handed the plot back. These two plots have now been let.

Allotment Inspections were carried out on the 13<sup>th</sup> May:  
Letters have gone to 8 plot holders asking them to make improvements to their plots.

An eviction letter has been sent to one tenant due to non-payment of fees as per clause 9.1.5 of the allotment tenancy agreement. They have been given until the end of May to clear their personal belongs off the plot.

**26/7/039 CORRESPONDENCE**

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:11hrs

The next meeting of the Environment Committee is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 19:30hrs

SIGNED ..... DATE .....  
Chair of Environment Committee