



West Moors Parish Council

Spring 2013 Newsletter



The Parish Council plays a major role in West Moors. We have specific duties but are also involved in much, much more.

You may be aware that the Parish Council is responsible for the upkeep of the Petwyn, Fryer Field and the cemetery.

...and that it provides sports facilities, children's play areas, bus shelters, public seating and the Christmas lights.

...and that residents are kept informed via our website, notice boards and newsletters.

...and that this is all managed from the Parish Office in Park Way.

...and that its members are all residents and democratic representatives of West Moors.

But you may not be aware of the greater role, beyond that of our basic duties as a Parish Council.



Working for West Moors

The Parish Council initiated, led and coordinated the campaign to save the library when it was threatened with closure in 2011.

We were the point of focus for villagers and we worked hard to get the Arnold Close to Ashurst Road footpath reopened in 2009.

The Parish Council pays for the services of the Lengthsman, whose work helps keep West Moors clean and tidy.

To mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics we introduced the 'Legacy Award' in 2012, which helps a West Moors youth achieve their potential in sport.

The Parish Council works with the Royal British Legion in organising the events on Remembrance Sunday.

We got the ball rolling with the owners of the Woolslope Farm land in bringing that into public use. It is now owned by East Dorset District Council.

...and, no we haven't forgotten, we are still working towards providing allotments for West Moors residents.

Supporting West Moors

The Parish Council also has a proud record of financially supporting community organisations, particularly over the last twenty years.

A major boon to this has been the bequest left by Daphne Harrison, which has helped create and enhance facilities. For this we will all be forever grateful.

Over £8,000 has been given to support pre-school and school education. Along with a further £40,000 for youth organisations and activities.



The Parish Council spent over another £40,000 on its own children play areas.

Adult sport has been helped with over £14,000 and nearly £3,000 has gone toward adult artistic and cultural activities.

The library received £99,000 in order to build the computer extension, which is available to all residents.

The much treasured West Moors Memorial Hall has received over £13,000.

Proud of West Moors

The Parish Council might be the smallest unit of local government but we fight above our weight for West Moors.

There are up to 15 councillors – currently there are 3 vacancies – and a hand full of dedicated staff.

We work with the other local authorities, the Police, the schools, charities and local clubs and societies to help keep West Moors a healthy, happy and desirable place to live.



Navitus Bay Wind Farm Cable Route

Residents should be aware that the cables carrying the electricity generated offshore by the proposed wind farm located off the Dorset coast will be coming through West Moors to Mannington. The cables will be buried underground and will pass through the Plantation along the route of the current electricity pylons, onto the Ministry of Defence base, through paddocks and then across West Moors Road near the junction of Newmans Lane, turning back on itself to follow the road before turning north at Sturts Farm while following the main route of the B3072 and later veering off heading to the Mannington substation. Maps of the proposed route of the cable are available at:

<http://www.navitusbaywindpark.co.uk/onshore-project-details>

Copies are also available to view in the parish office.

Public consultations are on-going and are publicised on the local noticeboards.

Do you enjoy living in West Moors?

If so, perhaps when drafting your will you might like to consider making a small bequest to help us to continue to improve the village facilities. The Skate Park, Children's Playground, Multi Use Games Area, Village Hall and Bowls Club have all benefitted from past bequests. Also the Library was saved from closure, again because of a generous bequest which had enabled us to improve the facility.

Your Parish Councillors have made every effort to prune spending and to keep Council Tax as low as possible. In the current economic climate, however, it is very difficult to find extra money to continue to improve facilities for everyone. Any extra funds would be most welcome and you may be assured that any bequest will be used wisely and for the good of West Moors.

Thank you
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Parish Councillors

Would you like to be a member of the Parish Council and make a difference in the local community.
If so please contact the parish office to find out more.

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