



West Moors Parish Council

Spring 2012 Newsletter

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Annual Public Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting for the public was held on Thursday April 26 and was, sadly, sparsely attended by West Moors Parishioners although those who did attend made very valid contributions.

It would seem therefore that the majority of our parishioners are happy with the manner in which we look after the interests of West Moors.

The chairman of 4 committees submitted reports for the past year, parts of which are reproduced in this newsletter.

Prior to the public meeting there was a very comprehensive presentation by Mrs Gemma Clinton from the Dorset Waste Partnership who explained that our rubbish collection is being slightly changed so that Dorset and Christchurch are served by one system which considerably cuts expenses. Every household will receive an explanatory leaflet in due course.

Extracts from Annual Public Meeting Reports

Parish Council Chairman - Cllr Pete Holden

This last year, the Parish Council has met with new challenges as well as further developing previous plans. All in all, life in and affecting West Moors has ensured another busy year.

A very special thank you goes to all our staff for their hard work and dedication to their duties. This has been a particularly busy year for them involving many challenges, which they have all dealt with in a highly professional and diligent manner.

The Parish Council has continued its planned works of improvement to the Petwyn, the children's play areas, the Cemetery, Fryer Field, and the Christmas lights. Some of the projects would not have been as successful as they were if not for the contribution of free time and effort by numerous residents of West Moors, who all deserve a huge thank you.

The single largest project that currently lay in front of us is the issue of the two under-12s play areas. For all to go to plan will cost just over £130,000 and it is hoped that grant funding will see that plan through.

The Parish Office has now been open over a year and has established itself as a focal point for residents for information, to be make complaints and, indeed, even some compliments. The hope is that greater use will eventually be made of this facility in order to gain the best value for villagers.

In all that the Parish Council does, or plans to do, every consideration at every stage is given to assuring value for money, sound and open governance, and providing facilities that meet the needs and aspirations of West Moors residents.



Extracts from Annual Parish meeting reports cont....

Planning consultative committee

Cllr Ms S Edwards

I can say that there has been interesting and open debate at times and the balance of approvals and refusals by the committee has taken into account areas of special interest and the desire to maintain the character of West Moors and WMPC always aims to take a consistent approach to local planning matters. Deliberation of the 68 applications received, resulted in a total of 16 objections from the Parish and resulted in 5 refusals by EDDC. This means that EDDC have given a different decision to WMPC on 9 applications and the committee does debate how this can happen so I guess sometimes we have to remind ourselves that we are only a consultative committee.

Environment committee

Cllr Mrs C Holmes

MUGA: This year 4 adult teams and 3 youth football clubs have availed themselves of the facilities. Usage has been for evenings and Sundays with space existing for Saturday bookings. Irritating minor vandalism continues to be a problem, especially during school holidays, with the fencing being cut into and broken glass being thrown on to the pitches.

Skatepark: This asset continues to be very popular and requires detailed safety inspections and maintenance. Partnership working between the council, Dorset Police and Probation Service has enabled the skatepark to be repainted under the Community Payback Scheme using four supervised offenders to do the work.

Dog Warden: Patrols of council owned land by East Dorset District Council's dog warden have taken place for the 2hrs per week we pay him for and he has issued no fines on our land. The dog warden also patrols the rest of the village on behalf of EDDC.

West Moors Parish Council only owns 1 double dog bin, which is situated on Fryer Field although there are approximately 26 other dog bins around the village managed by the district council.

Play areas: The play areas for under 12 year old on Fryer Field and adjacent to Oakhurst Community First School are coming to the end

of their natural lives. We want to renew most of the play equipment, surfacing, seats and some fencing to provide good quality play provision for our younger children. We have undertaken a survey of parents/carers at both our first schools and feedback shows there is overwhelming support for the replacement with modern, stimulating and safe equipment. The current woodchip surfacing is particularly unpopular. The children in both first schools selected the chosen designs.

The cost of such a project is large (totalling £130,279 for the two play areas) and would not be possible without seeking funds from external grant makers.

The council has also saved and earmarked 20% of the total costs of the project as required by large grant makers. The project will not go ahead without external sources of funding to support it so we now keenly await the outcome of the grant bidding process, as competition is very stiff.

Finance Committee

Cllr J Bartley

The Parish Council receives money from the public purse by way of a proportion of the Council Tax levied on all households. Band D is used to indicate the average costs.

Last financial year 2011/2012 the band D rate for West Moors Parish Council was £30.79. For the year 2012/2013 the rate for band D will be £30.60.

Last Year for the precept sum of £101,435 we funded the Fryer Playing field, Children's Play Areas, Multi Use Games Area, Skate Park, Pavilion, Cemetery, Petwyn, Christmas Lights, Parish Office, Payroll for Clerical staff and grounds men, plus the community grants that the Parish Council awards from time to time.

Grants: All told the grants totalled just over £4,000 and were awarded to: W M Youth Club, West Moors Memorial Hall, (to offset wear on their car park by those parking to use Parish Council facilities), East Dorset Citizens Advice Bureau, also the Royal British Legion and Talbot Corps of Drums for their participation at the Remembrance Parade.

Council Services – Who's responsible for what?

Below is a list of showing which tier of local government provides which service. The list below is not exhaustive and can be used as a starting point for anyone wishing to speak to one of the councils.

Table reproduced courtesy of East Dorset District Council.

	Area of responsibility	CC	DC	PC
1	Allotments		✓	✓
2	Bus Shelters		✓	✓
3	By-laws		✓	✓
4	Car Parks		✓	✓
5	Care and protection of children	✓		
6	Care for the Elderly	✓	✓	
7	Care for people with a disability	✓		
8	Cemeteries		✓	✓
9	Community Safety	✓	✓	✓
10	Concessionary Travel and public transport support	✓	✓	
11	Conservation/listed buildings		✓	
12	Council tax and business rate collection		✓	
13	Country parks and countryside management	✓	✓	✓
14	Cycle routes	✓	✓	
15	Electoral registration		✓	
16	Emergency planning	✓	✓	
17	Environmental health		✓	
18	Estate management		✓	
19	Highways maintenance	✓		
20	Housing and housing benefit		✓	
21	Industrial and craft units		✓	
22	Leisure centers and swimming pools	✓	✓	✓
23	Libraries and Archives	✓		
24	Licensing of village halls, entertainment, taxis, pubs and markets		✓	
25	Local Economy support and development	✓	✓	✓
26	Local planning and building control		✓	
27	Local land charges and searches		✓	
28	Meals on wheels	✓		
29	Minerals and quarries	✓		
30	Museum and arts	✓	✓	✓

31	Maintenance of public rights of way	✓		✓
32	Parks and open spaces		✓	✓
33	Protecting and enhancing Dorset's environment	✓	✓	✓
34	Public and community transport	✓	✓	✓
35	Public toilets		✓	✓
36	Recycling	✓	✓	✓
37	Refuse collection		✓	
38	Registration of births, deaths and marriages	✓		
39	Road clearance (Fly tipping)	✓	✓	
40	Road safety	✓		
41	Schools, school transport and other education	✓		
42	Street cleaning and litter		✓	✓
43	Street lighting and furniture	✓	✓	✓
44	Theatres		✓	
45	Tourism	✓	✓	
46	Trading standards and consumer protection	✓		
47	Traffic management and transport planning	✓		
48	Tree protection	✓	✓	
49	Village halls and community facilities (run by a variety of organisations, funded by all)	✓	✓	✓
50	Voluntary organisations support	✓	✓	✓
51	War Memorials		✓	✓
52	Water courses	✓	✓	
53	Waste disposal and recycling	✓	✓	
54	Youth clubs	✓		

CC – Services provided by County Council
Tel: 01305 221000

DC – Services provided by District Council
Tel: 01202 886201

PC – Services that can be provided by
Parish Councils



Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Tree dedication

A Ceremony to Dedicate a Tree planted to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen will be performed by HM Lord Lieutenant for Dorset on Friday 1st June 2012 at 11am on the Petwyn, West Moors

All are welcome to attend and we hope to see you at the Petwyn

Party in the Park

West Moors Youth Club are organising a party in the park to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics.

The Party in the Park will be at Fryer Field on Monday 4th June from 2pm. Please look out for further information around the village.

The youth club are also organising a Skatefest on Sunday 3rd June from 2pm at the West Moors Skatepark.

Thank you

West Moors Parish Council would like to thank Mr Boakes for the kind donation of a lawnmower for use in our cemetery after reading about the theft of our equipment in the last newsletter.

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DO YOU WANT TO BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

There are currently two vacancies for Parish Councillors in West Moors.

Becoming a Parish Councillor is one way of putting something back into your local community.

Being a Parish Councillor can be interesting and rewarding, helping to develop West Moors and managing the facilities run by the Parish Council such as the Cemetery and Fryer Field. Contact the Parish office for more details.