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WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL

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There will be a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** to be held on **THURSDAY 23rd JUNE 2022** at **7.30pm** in **The Pavilion, Fryer Field**, to transact the following business:

J Weedon

Judi Weedon
Town Clerk

15th June, 2022

Committee Membership

Cllr Mrs R Burke	Cllr A Clarke	Cllr D Green
Cllr M Hawkes	Cllr Mrs C Holmes	Cllr S Linford
Cllr D Shortell	Cllr Mrs P Yeo	

AGENDA

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence
2. To Elect a Committee Chair
3. To Elect a Committee Vice-Chair
4. To Receive Declarations of Interests on any Matter on this Agenda
5. Questions from Members of the Public (Public to submit questions a minimum of 24 hours prior to meeting. Any questions/representations will be read out) Public session is limited to 10 minutes.
6. To Receive Clerks Report
7. To Receive and approve copies of questionnaires for public consultation at Westival for LED tennis court lights and outdoor gym equipment
8. To Review Fees charged:
 - a. Cemetery
 - b. Sports
 - c. Allotment
9. To Discuss potential improvement to Park Way car park
10. To Approve the removal of the small shelter located at Fryer Field
11. To Consider the installation of a graffiti wall
12. To Receive Update: Allotments
13. To Receive Update: Future Provision of Cemetery Space in West Moors Working Party
14. To Receive Correspondence

Environment Committee Meeting

Thursday 23rd June 2022

AGENDA ITEM 2 and 3 – Election of Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman

Members present are required to elect a Chair and Vice Chair of the committee who will serve until May 2023.

Nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman are put forward at the meeting and a vote will take place.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Clerks Report

- a) Defib Update minute no 21/250 refers: The Defib is now installed on the Pavilion and registered with the appropriate authorities. It will be managed and maintained by WMTC
 - b) Cemetery: An unauthorised ground slab has been erected in the cemetery, the owners on file have been written to and asked to contact the office to discuss the matter.
 - c) The Grange Football Tournament took place over the weekend of the 11th and 12th June.
 - d) Oakhurst Play Area – A fire was deliberately set in the play area on Saturday 21st May around 14:45. The fire service attended. The police were informed. Quotes are now being sought for repairs and an insurance claim is being processed.
 - e) Volunteer Litter Warden: The volunteer litter warden has resigned from the post.
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AGENDA ITEM 7 - Questionnaires for public consultation at Westival for LED tennis court lights and outdoor gym equipment

Attached are two questionnaires for members information and approval.

They will be available at Westival in order to gauge public opinion on the installation of LED lights at the tennis courts and the installation of outdoor gym equipment.

An online survey will also be available in order to give residents a choice of ways to complete. They will also be advertised via Facebook.

A decision on whether to go ahead with either of these projects will be taken after analysing the survey results.

Members are asked to agree the content of the surveys.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Fee Review

All Fees were Reviewed in April 2021

a. Cemetery Fees

At the last review the cemetery fees remained unchanged.

A copy of the current fees are attached for information

An increase is not recommended

b. Sports Fees

At the last review the sports fees remained unchanged. The last increase in fees was in 2018.

A copy of the current fees are attached for information along with a copy of the fees charged by Ferndown Town Council and Ringwood Town Council as a comparison.

An increase in football pitch hire is recommended in order to bring it more in line with other local venues.

c. Allotment rent

At the last review the allotment fees were increased slightly from April 2022

A copy of the current fees are shown below

An increase is not recommended

Plot Size	Fee from April 2022
14 x 9 (5 off)	£68
8.5 x 9 (12 off)	£47
7 x 9 (16 off)	£42
4 x 9 (4 off)	£31
Raised beds (2 off)	£36

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Park Way Car Park

The car park is now in the Town Council ownership.

Terrafirma and the clerk carried out a walkthrough of the area and highlighted work that is required.

The car park requires a general tidy, this has started with the edges being weed killed. Once this takes effect the weeds will be cleared, and the verges tidied up.

The line marking requires renewing, and a quote has been sought for this work. When speaking to Bournemouth White line company it was suggested that the current disabled bays be relocated to where the recycling bins are so that the current disabled bays could be utilised for electric vehicle charging points in the future. The recycling bins to be moved slightly to the right of their current position.

The quote has come in at £1260.

A sign is required to inform people who owns/manages the car park. A quote is being sought from New Forest Signs.

The possible installation of EV charging points: Contact has been made with Dorset Council to discuss with them what EV chargers they are installing so that there is continuity across the county.

Dorset Council use Joju Solar who are the installation and maintenance company who do the work for Mer, who are the operator. All Dorset Council charge points are operated by Mer who are part of the Norwegian national energy company Stadkraft. I will be contacting the DC account manager at Joju to ask for a feasibility study.

Depending on the outcome of the feasibility study Joju/Mer may fund some or all of the installation. But we will also be looking into the Government's [ORCs funding](#) as it could provide up to 60% of the install costs – DC have offered help with the application if WMTC decide to go down that route.

Members are requested to discuss and agree how they would like to proceed with the car park maintenance/upgrade. There are funds available in earmarked fund to carry out works in the car park.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Removal of small shelter at Fryer Field

Members are asked to approve the removal of the small shelter which is situated adjacent to the car park at Fryer Field.

This shelter has been there for many years and is in a bad state of repair.

It is only large enough for a couple of small people to sit at and its usefulness is limited. It appears it is used infrequently and has been burnt on more than one occasions by a disposable BBQ. There is the large shelter located near the skatepark which is much more practical.

If removed the area of the field will be better utilised at events such as Westival.

It is recommended that this is removed.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – Graffiti Wall

Agenda item request from Cllr Steve Linford

Agenda Item:

To consider the installation of a graffiti wall board, to give the younger generation a sense of ownership and hopefully reduce the graffiti and vandalism to the rest of the site

Background Information:

Nearly all local and national councils with a skatepark have an area dedicated to young street artist to showcase their work and feel a sense of pride and ownership in their community. As an article in the Salisbury Journal from 2012 regarding Ringwood's graffiti wall explains this is considered a success. I also found examples in New Milton, Weymouth, Bournemouth and Poole to name a few.

Background documents

<https://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/9603877.councillors-back-graffiti-wall/>

Costs:

A board can be as simple as 2 wooden posts and a piece of marine ply concreted into the ground at a rough price of £500

A concrete block wall will cost around £250 per square metre.

Recommendation:

I would be seeking the council's agreement in the need for somewhere for the youth to express themselves and to agree to begin to get quotes for either a wall or a board.

Additional Notes:

The Clerk has spoken to New Milton Town Council about their project. The graffiti wall they have was commissioned in association with a local youth project and painted by a professional graffiti artist, it was commissioned to cover up an ugly wall. It is not an area for all to use and they have not seen a reduction in graffiti in the area after the project.

A specific location for this project is required

Members need to also consider the pros and cons of such a project

AGENDA ITEM 12 – Allotment update

Allotment inspections were carried out on the 18th May with the Chair of the WM Allotment holders Association. Emails were sent to 4 plot holders asking them to make improvements. Sturts Farm were contacted on the 11th May about the possibility of increasing the allotment site, but no response has been received.

AGENDA ITEM 13 - Update: Future Provision of Cemetery Space in West Moors Working Party

Work is still scheduled for the 12th and 13th July, however the license has not yet been received from Natural England, the ecologist will chase. All the manpower is in place and most of the materials required were purchased last year. However more fencing for underground is required and a 25 metre roll of heavy duty wire mesh will be purchased for this work. Members are welcome to come and see the work in progress.

AGENDA ITEM 14 – Correspondence

1. ICCM Journal – Summer 2022 issue
2. A request from a resident for a new litter bin located by the bench near the doctors surgery – would members like this as a future agenda item?
3. A request from a resident who asked if we could give certificates to the neatest shop fronts – would members like this as a future agenda item?