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WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL

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There will be a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on **THURSDAY 13th JANUARY 2022** at **7.30pm** in **St Anthony's Church Hall, Pinehurst Road**, to transact the following business:

J Weedon

Judi Weedon
Town Clerk

6th January, 2022

Committee Membership

Cllr Mrs C Holmes – Chair
Cllr M Hawkes – Vice Chair

Cllr Mrs R Burke
Cllr D Shortell

Cllr A Clarke
Cllr A Willats

Cllr D Green
Cllr Mrs P Yeo

Cllr S Linford

AGENDA

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence
2. To Receive Declarations of Interests on any Matter on this Agenda
3. 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.
4. To Receive Clerks Report
5. To Discuss letter received by residents of Shaftesbury Road in connection with Oakhurst Play Park
6. To Receive information on the Oakhurst Play Area Lease
7. To Discuss Grange request to install a defibrillator at Fryer Field Pavilion
8. To Consider Committee Budget for 2022/23
9. To Receive Update: Allotments
10. To Receive Update: Future Provision of Cemetery Space in West Moors Working Party
11. To Receive Correspondence

Environment Committee Meeting

Thursday 13th January 2022

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Clerks Report

- a) Speed Indicator Device: All the posts are now in place, and we are waiting for Dorset Council to approve the actual SID device. A License agreement pursuant to Section 72 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act has been signed with DC to allow us to put up the SID's when they are ready.
- b) Christmas Lighting: An electrical issue was found in the connection for the Christmas tree lights, this meant that for long periods they did not work. The Clerk issued a work order to get the infrastructure in the lamppost updated so the lights were on during the festive period. This will be an additional cost associated with this work.
- c) The damaged Cherry tree on the Petwyn was removed a new tree was planted by the West Moors Flower Group on the 23rd November.
- d) Dog waste Bins minute no 21/187 refers: All bins have now been replaced.
- e) Fryer Field Vandalism: the two picnic benches were pulled out the ground at sometime during the weekend of the 4th December. They will be resecured in the new year. There was also an attempted break in at the garage over the festive period, nothing was taken.
- f) Pavilion: The external floodlight and PIR light have both stopped working, these were both replaced with LED lights on the 5th January.
- g) Cemetery and Fryer Field maintenance contact: There will be no increase in cost for the years 2022/23
- h) Cemetery gates: It was discovered on the 21st December that some damage has occurred to the gates, the drop bolts have been bent. There is no indication of how this happened. Repairs will be carried out as required.
- i) Trees for Residents as approved minute 537 dated 17.12.20, have now been ordered as they came back into stock. Once received they will be advertised to residents and a collection day will be arranged.
- j) Footpath through St Leonards Farm Park. DC were notified of the TC response and at the end of the consultation period DC will prepare a report which will decide if an order is to be made. If an order is to be made it will likely be made and advertised in March/April 2022. This will then be subject to an objection period. If there are no objections, as soon as the required works are carried out and the route is certified, then the order can be confirmed and advertised. It is at this stage that the legal line is moved, and the definitive map and statement updated.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Oakhurst Play Area

In November and December, we received complaints about the use of the Oakhurst Play area by residents who live close to the park, an email was also received from the school who had been receiving complaints from residents.

A letter dated 1st December from residents of Shaftesbury Road is attached along with the email from Oakhurst School.

We were informed, that after school, lots of parents and children were using the park, which created lots of noise. It was reported that parents had their car radios on loud and when approached they were rude to residents.

After discussing the matter with the gatekeeper, she confirmed that the play area was in high use after school each day. She confirmed that the park was always shut by 7pm daily and most of the time was locked up much earlier than that.

After this discussion on the 9th December I instructed the gate keeper to only open the park from 3 until 3.45 on school days until further notice, with no change to weekend opening. These times allow for the parents to use the park whilst waiting for their older children to come out of the middle school.

Members are asked how they would like to proceed in the future with managing the park opening/closing times.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Oakhurst Play Area Lease

WMTC has a lease with Dorset Council and a License agreement with the Heath Academy Trust for the land on which the play area at Oakhurst is sited.

The lease and licence allow the Council to provide a play park and the TC is responsible for all maintenance of equipment and fences, for the cleanliness of the area and to ensure it is safe to use. The school has exclusive use of the park during school hours.

The original lease dated 01.04.1998 was for 24 years, which means it expires on the 31.03.2022. The licence with the Heath Academy Trust terminates on the same day.

Dorset Council were reminded in December 2020 that this lease is due to expire in March 2022, an email was received on 18.12.2020 asking if we wish the terms to remain the same, a reply was sent on 22.12.20 stating that I could not see any reason to change any terms of the agreement but once received the WMTC would have to review it, no further communications were received from DC. They were again contacted in December 2021 and copies of all documents held by WMTC were forwarded to the Senior Commercial Surveyor for Assets and Property at Dorset Council. The last communication with them was on the 20.12.2021.

Members are asked if they wish to renew the lease for the play area with the same terms or if they wish to renegotiate new terms.

A copy of the original lease and licence are attached for your information.

The Clerk is unsure what happens if the lease expires before a new document is in place, who becomes responsible for the maintenance, cleaning, opening//closing etc.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Defibrillator at Pavilion

Grange Youth FC have applied and been successful in receiving a defibrillator for grass roots football clubs and have asked if it can be installed at the pavilion for all to have access to.

The defibrillator they have received has not come with a weatherproof box to install to an external wall. They are therefore asking if the Council will provide a weatherproof box and pay for the electrical installation for the install as well as take on the responsibility for it, with the weekly checking and reporting.

Financial implications:

Weatherproof cabinet	£600
Installation to Pavilion external wall	£130
Weekly checks and submission of Report (staff time)	£260 per year
New batteries	£47.50 per year
New pads	£14 per year (if unit deployed then this cost increases)
Maintenance – cost of any issues that need rectifying – unknown cost	
Vandalism – unknown cost	

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Committee Budgets

The draft committee budget is attached for review to ensure it includes all items that members require.

Once reviewed the draft budget will be looked at by the Finance and GP committee where they will make a recommendation to Council on the Precept amount to be requested.

Please refer to the email sent to all on the 10.12.21, with suggestions on how to decrease the budget to an acceptable level. A copy of these suggestions are also attached.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Allotment update

Nothing to report

AGENDA ITEM 10 - Update: Future Provision of Cemetery Space in West Moors Working Party

Work to put in the first phase of the badger fencing took place on the 12th November. Pictures of the work are available if anyone wishes to see them.

The complete sett closure will take place in July 2022.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – Correspondence

1. ICCM Journal – Winter 2021