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WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** to be held on **THURSDAY 13th MARCH 2025** at **7.30pm** in **The Pavilion, Fryer Field**, to transact the following business:

J Weedon

Judi Weedon
Town Clerk

6th March 2025

Committee Membership

	Cllr Mrs C Holmes – Chair			
Cllr Mrs R Burke	Cllr D Green	Cllr M Hawkes	Cllr J Randall	
Cllr T Salt	Cllr D Shortell	Cllr J Staig	Cllr Mrs P Yeo	

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 Receive Annual Playground Inspections](#)
6. [To Receive update on Cemetery Matters and make decisions based on the report.](#)
7. [To Receive update on Public Toilets](#)
8. [To Receive update on Allotments](#)
9. [To Receive Correspondence](#)

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Clerks Report

- a) Hatchards Copse trees overhanging Jubilee Copse will be cut back by Dorset Council, they will also consider laying the hedge as a boundary.
- b) Pickleball court lines were installed on the 28th February, posts and nets are up. Publicity has been set up to highlight the courts.
- c) Tree Inspections by the arboriculturist are due to be carried out on council land on the 10th March.
- d) Park Way Car Park: Relining of the car park has been scheduled for late March / early April. Repairs to the tarmac are required first, there is a large pothole where previous repairs have been carried out, this is being done by Dorset Council (they were the best quote). Also, where the cabling was installed for the EV chargers, the repairs are sinking, JoJu will be repairing this. The Salvation Army clothes bank has been relocated to the corner of the car park opposite the toilets.
- e) An alternative quotation was sought for opening, closing and cleaning the public toilets. This quote was higher than the cost currently paid by the Council for this service.
- f) The office has been receiving lots of complaints related to all the roadworks in West Moors, specifically about the installation of fibre, with residents not being informed of the works and the mess the contractors are leaving. These concerns are investigated by the DC highways officer.
- g) New CCTV signs have been purchased for the pavilion as the current ones were very faded.
- h) The monthly playground inspections have increased in cost from April by £240 per year.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Annual Play Inspection reports

A copy of the annual play inspection reports carried out by The Play Inspection Company on the 10th January 2025 are attached separately for your information.

Please note that there are a few minor issues that require attention, but overall, the risk factor is low.

After reviewing the report members are asked if they would like all the minor (low risk items to be rectified)

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Cemetery Matters

1. Unapproved metal gate memorial on Plot OO16: An application for a permanent memorial on this plot has now been received and approved. The metal gate will remain in situ until the permanent memorial is in place.
2. Artificial grass remains around plots OO15 to OO19, minute no 24/202 refers, an email was sent to the plot owners on the 08.01.25 as per the committees instructions. To date the grass has not been removed.
3. The Council staff would like clarification from the council as to whether artificial grass can be installed in the part of the cemetery reserved for ground slabs, Rows OO and NN. The reason for this is that there is artificial grass installed in row OO as stated above in item 2 and having read the cemetery regulations, it reads like artificial grass is not prohibited in these rows. If members do not wish to see any artificial grass anywhere in the cemetery, then the regulations need to be amended to state this.

Extract from the Cemetery regulations dated 29.06.2023

1. No form of kerbing, fencing, chippings or permanent artificial grass is permitted in the lawn area** of the Cemetery.

*** Lawn area of cemetery relates to the entire cemetery apart from the oldest part of cemetery as you enter through the main gates. (used to say new part of Cemetery)*

Rows JJ, KK, LL, MM, NNA, Plots 20 to 44 are lawned area only and only headstones are permitted.

Rows OO and NN, Plots 1 to 44 are not classed as lawned area.

Full copy of cemetery regulations attached separately to the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Public Toilet Update

We are still getting unpleasant graffiti appearing in the gents, this is removed as soon as it is reported to us.

A recent incident saw a toilet roll holder in the gents being vandalised beyond repair, this has been replaced.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Allotment Update

Repairs to the post for the main gate have now been completed.

The area in front of the main entrance gate to the allotments is very muddy, Sturts/Gulliver's Farm have been contacted about this.

The water is due to be turned back on, on the 1st April.

AGENDA ITEM 9– Correspondence

1. Allotment And Leisure Gardener Issue 1 2025