

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 19th JUNE 2025** at **7.30pm** in **The Pavilion, Fryer Field**, to transact the following business:

J Weedon

Judi Weedon
Town Clerk

12th June 2025

Committee Membership

Cllr Mrs R Burke
Cllr J Randall
Cllr Mrs P Yeo

Cllr D Green
Cllr T Salt

Cllr M Hawkes
Cllr D Shortell

Cllr Mrs C Holmes
Cllr J Staig

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 Discuss additional signage options for Fryer Field](#)
8. [To Discuss the Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy 2025: Priory 6 - Urban](#)
9. [To Discuss hire fee for Strays of Greece dog show in 2026](#)
10. [To Receive update on Cemetery Matters](#)
11. [To Receive update on Public Toilets](#)
12. [To Receive update on Allotments](#)
13. [To Receive Correspondence](#)

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 2025.

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

Please note that Cllr Mrs C Holmes has been chair of the committee since May 2021 and Standing Order No 1 (ee) states:

‘Where a member of the Council has served as Chairman of the Council or a standing committee for 3 consecutive years or part thereof he shall not be eligible for nomination for a further period unless one year has elapsed.’

This Standing Order is not mandatory and therefore can be suspended if required.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Public Time

Public are required to submit questions a minimum of 24 hours prior to meeting. Please note that the meeting is by law ‘a meeting held in public, not a ‘public meeting’. The law gives members of the public the right to attend and observe but not to speak. Any questions/representations received will be read out) Public session is limited to 10 minutes

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Clerks Report

- a) On Monday 2nd June at Fryer Field Play area, dog waste and suspect human waste was found smeared into slides and swings seats. This was cleared and later the same day curry was found down the slides. A police report was filed for this incident.
- b) The gate keeper for Fryer Field is moving out of the area and their last day is the 30th June. The position has been filled by another local resident who lives near Fryer Field. They have provided all the relevant documentation.
- c) A local resident has reported offensive graffiti on their front fence, they have been advised to report to the police.
- d) New goal posts have been delivered.
- e) The Floodlight control box has had a new door fitted and is now secure.
- f) Repairs to the artificial grass surface in the Fryer field play area have been scheduled. These will be carried out by Wicksteed.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Signage for Fryer Field

Cllr Mrs C Holmes has requested that members discuss the inclusion of informational and directional signage at Fryer Field.

At time of producing agenda no suggestions have been put forward detailing what exactly is required/suggested.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Priority 6 - Urban

Cllr Mrs C Holmes has requested that members discuss the Dorset Council consultation, Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy 2025 – Priority 6 – Urban, to see if the Town Council can adopt any of the ideas.

Copy below.

Priorities and activities

Priority 6 - Urban

Our towns and villages have increased nature-rich spaces, so wildlife can travel between buildings, roads, parks, gardens and the wider countryside.

This priority is to make more nature-rich spaces in our towns and villages, to provide wildlife habitat between buildings and roads. This can be achieved through various actions such as changing how we manage gardens and recreation spaces like parks and golf courses or including more street trees and natural drainage.

Connecting urban nature areas with wilder natural habitats in the countryside not only supports wildlife but also enhances our interaction with nature. Increasing connection with nature can benefit people's mental and physical health and help address inequalities.

Spending time enjoying natural spaces or being surrounded by natural features like green walls and ponds provides direct health benefits. Whilst increasing space for nature near our homes and communities can provide indirect health benefits such as protection from air or water pollution, shading from extreme heat, flood protection, climate adaptation, job creation and increased economic activity.

Typical urban species



Hedgehog



Slow worm



Common frog



Nature recovery in action

Wildlife garden at Kinson Recreation Ground: Kinson recreation ground is 3 hectares of urban park with short cut amenity grass and no trees or hedges on site. An underused corner of the site has been transformed from a green desert into a wildlife-rich site, now featuring a pond, meadow, fruit trees, hedges, along with sunny banks and rocky habitats. There is seating and an information board inviting people to pause, relax, and connect with nature.

This project, funded by the Green Recovery Challenge Fund in 2022 and delivered by [The Parks Foundation](#) who are a charity improving BCP's parks, is part of the BCP Nature Recovery Network. It aims to enhance habitat and biodiversity, engage communities, and improve the appearance of 8 urban parks within some of BCP Council's most densely populated and disadvantaged wards.

The work at Kinson Recreation ground was supported by local volunteers and residents who got involved in the practical work and are now helping to look after the green space. Other parks involved in this nature recovery initiative include Branksome Recreation Ground, Haskell's Recreation Ground, Jumpers Common, Kinson Manor Playing Fields, Muscliff Park, Pelhams Park, and Slade's Farm.



Kinson recreation ground



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Potential activity

Use wildlife-friendly gardening practices in homes, businesses, community growing projects, churchyards and similar spaces



Adapt mowing and maintenance regimes in green spaces such as parks, sports fields, and grounds of hospitals, schools or businesses. Create wild patches and meadows, and areas for insects to overwinter



Create sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) features in towns and villages, such as rain gardens, swales, street trees and ponds to slow water and provide wetland or boggy habitat



Increase other kinds of urban greening such as living walls and green roofs, on both existing and new buildings, or other infrastructure such as bus shelters



Create more nature-rich spaces in nurseries, schools, colleges and universities. For example, gardens or allotments for students to grow plants and food, and wildflower strips around sports fields



Create more nature-rich spaces on golf courses, or consider changing land-use where these facilities are underused or provided for people to enjoy elsewhere



Sustainably manage existing trees in towns and villages, replacing these where they are removed or lost due to age or disease



Increase tree canopy cover by establishing and maintaining more trees in gardens, parks, and along streets, focusing on areas that have the lowest tree equity scores. For Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, follow the guiding principles outlined in BCP Urban Forest Strategy



In new developments, keep as many existing trees on site as possible and if trees are lost, carry out new tree planting, with numbers greater than those removed. Favour local and native species, or new species that provide a similar ecological function if more resilient or suited to the urban environment



Maintain and establish new fruit trees and orchards within public spaces. And establish related community groups and ways for people to use the fruit and care for the trees



Create dead wood habitats such as standing dead wood, log piles and dead hedges to provide homes for wildlife, using locally sourced material



Explore the suitability of newer methods of creating woodland. For example, the Miyawaki method involves planting a large number of seedlings at once, to replicate natural regeneration as the fastest growing saplings will thin out the rest
































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Potential activity

Increase the use of hedges, rather than just fences and walls, around homes, gardens, and public open spaces			
Continue and expand Dorset's successful 'cut and collect' approach to road verge management, to restore and maintain wildflower-rich habitat			
Manage verges, hedgerows and trees alongside road and rail infrastructure to create wildlife corridors and consider installing green crossings to reduce habitat fragmentation			
Explore opportunities to convert underused streets or neglected areas into small 'pocket parks'			
Use permeable materials if creating hard surfaces in urban areas, such as driveways, to direct rainwater into soakaways that flow back down into the ground instead of the wastewater system and therefore reduce flood risk. Limit use of sealed surfaces like concrete and artificial grass that water runs over quickly, flowing into drains and the wastewater system			
Use water butts to catch rainwater and use this to water plants during drier months. This water is good for the garden as it's rich in nutrients and helps conserve drinking water			
Increase natural darkness by using timers and movement sensors on household and street lighting, to reduce light pollution that disturbs the natural rhythms of wildlife, for example, bats, birds, insects. Choose lights that are not too bright and warmer shades, then position the lights as low as possible and pointing downwards rather than into the sky			
Make nature recovery a key consideration in development, following policy and guidance on biodiversity net gain, green infrastructure, urban greening, sustainable drainage systems (SuDs), sustainable/active travel, landscape character, suitable alternative natural greenspace (SANGs), and habitat restoration on minerals and waste sites			
Include species enhancements in the design of new buildings and developments. For example, bird and bat boxes/bricks, bee bricks, hedgehog highways			
Consider and mitigate impacts on bats and birds before starting any renovation or repair works on buildings or structures, so that species can continue using the site once the works are complete			
Support initiatives for communities to take care of nature spaces near to homes and community buildings			
Protect and enhance green corridors that connect up nature areas to help wildlife travel through towns, and often provide trails for people to travel along too			

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Fryer Field Hire fee

The friends of the Strays of Greece have asked if they can hold their Dog show again in May 2026.

In order for the FOTSOG to budget, members are asked what the charge for the exclusive hire of the field would be for the day in 2026.

The past two years we have charged £50 hire fee and in 2025 we also charged for electricity and water used during the event, which was £19.73.

As a comparison we charge the Grange £350 plus the utilities for the field for their 2-day tournament event.

It is recommended that the hire charge for the use of the field and pavilion is increased slightly.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Cemetery Matters

1. Some artificial grass has now been removed, and further letters have been sent to plot holders requesting removal of the grass.
2. A tree from the woodland adjacent to the cemetery is leaning into the cemetery, the landowner has been contacted and will deal with the tree.
3. Fresh gravel has been laid over some of the driveways.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Public Toilet Update

Since the padlocks have been removed from sight during the time the toilets are open, we have had no further problems.

Cllr Mrs C Holmes has found a CCTV camera (£60) that could be used as a cheaper option to professionally installed CCTV. It is solar powered and therefore does not need a power supply. It does require a SIM card for the data, this would be an additional cost at between £5 and £10 per month.

Please see link to item being sold on Amazon [Solar Powered CCTV camera](#)

Members would have to consider where such a camera could be mounted and if this would cover the area required, if they are minded to consider purchasing one.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Allotment Update

The Town Council is providing a trailer at the allotments for a week or so, so plot holders can get their green waste removed.

There have been a couple of plots given up and relet since April.

A walk around the allotment in May, resulted in 5 emails being sent asking the tenants to tidy up their plots. This resulted in one relinquishing the plot and others saying they will get on to it.

AGENDA ITEM 9– Correspondence

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