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 6th NOVEMBER 2025 at 7.30pm in The Pavilion, Fryer Field, to transact the following business:

Judi Weedon
Town Clerk

31st October 2025

Committee Membership

Cllr Mrs C Holmes - Chair

Cllr Mrs R Burke Cllr T Salt Cllr D Green Cllr M Hawkes Cllr D Shortell Cllr J Staig

Cllr J Randall 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 Discuss the development of the cemetery area that is currently not used.
- 6. To Receive information on the organisation of a Fun Run
- 7. To Receive update on Cemetery Matters
- 8. To Receive update on Public Toilets
- 9. To Receive update on Allotments
- 10. To Receive Correspondence

AGENDA ITEM 3 – 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 4 – Clerks Report

- a) A reply from Dorset Council about the application for a brown directional sign for Fryer Field has been received and in order to proceed an application fee of £122 is required. This fee is non-refundable and there is no guarantee that the application will be successful. The chair of the committee was informed and suggested that we cancel the application.
- b) There have been lots of complaints regarding overgrown hedges, these have been submitted to Dorset Council for action.
- c) Weavers Close: There has been an issue with the refuse (dog waste) bin at this location, which resulted in it being removed by Dorset Waste, after negotiation with a local resident we are trying to get the bin relocated, this may include WMTC putting down a concrete pad for the bin to be sited on.
- d) Bollards outside Tesco express, this item has been chased yet again. We were made aware that DC highways did not have any funds to install additional bollards, so requested a quote so the WMTC could install them. To date no reply has been received.
- e) Yellow box junction, on Station Road by Pennington Road, this matter has been chased again to see if it is possible for this work to be carried out, no reply has been received.
- f) A councillor requested that we consider a pedestrian sweeper to assist with clearing leaves off of footpaths. After researching we could not find a local company to do this, the purchase of equipment to carry out this task seemed unrealistic as WMTC have no way of disposing of such a large amount of leaf litter. Terrafirma has cleared some leaves but does not have the resources to clear every area.
- g) Floodlights covering the tennis and skatepark. Skatepark users asked to have the floodlights on Wednesday evenings, a price per hour was agreed. However, on checking the lights it appears that they have all failed in some way. The electrician who installed them has been in touch with the manufacturer, they will be replaced under warranty, but we are unsure when this work will be completed.
- h) MUGA gravel boards are rotten (between MUGA and tennis), these are due to be replaced next week, along with 3 posts around the pavilion car park, again these were rotten and had snapped off.
- i) Report attached separately on attendance at Climate Change workshop attended by the Assistant to the Clerk

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Development of the Cemetery

Cllr Burke has requested that members now consider how to develop the unused part of the cemetery (former badger sett).

The far right hand corner is used for spoil when digging graves, so this does need to remain available.

There is an oak tree in the middle of the area which could be developed, by placing a circular bench around the tree and planting shrubs etc.

Members to discuss any ideas so these can be budgeted for.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Fun Run

Initial investigations into a Fun run attached separately.

Members are asked for comment on the attached document.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Cemetery Matters

The two new noticeboards have now been installed.

Some overhanging trees from the Brewer land surrounding the cemetery have been cut back.

Statistics Since April 2025 New graves: 1 full burial, 3 cremated remains 13 reopens

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Public Toilet Update

There have not been any problems with the toilets since last reported.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Allotment Update

All allotment plots are now being utilised and the clerk and the chair of the Allotment Holders committee are continuing to monitor progress on plots that have been asked to make improvements.

The main issue at the site is that some plot holders do not maintain the footpaths between their plots as stated in the allotment renal agreement.

The water to the site will be turned off on the 1st November.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Correspondence

None at time of producing agenda