

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 12th MARCH 2026** at **7.30pm** in **The Pavilion, Fryer Field**, to transact the following business:

J Weedon

Judi Weedon
Town Clerk

3rd March 2026

Committee Membership

Cllr Mrs C Holmes – Chair

Cllr Mrs R Burke
Cllr T Salt

Cllr D Green
Cllr D Shortell

Cllr M Hawkes
Cllr J Staig

Cllr J Randall
Cllr Mrs P Yeo

AGENDA

1. [To Receive Apologies for Absence](#)
2. [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.
3. [To Receive Declarations of Interests on any Matter on this Agenda](#)
4. [To Receive Clerks Report](#)
5. [To Consider Proposal for Biodiversity report](#)
6. [To Approve Oakhurst play area cleaning](#)
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 1 – Apologies for Absence

The Clerk will give the apologies for those councillors who have given prior notice that they are unable to attend the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: That a reason for all future apologies for non-attendance at meetings will be required. This is part of the Local Government Act 1972 s 85(3) and Sch 12 para 40. The reason for the apology will be noted in the minutes.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Questions from Members of the Public

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 3 – Declarations of Interests

If an item appears on the agenda that a member holds a pecuniary interest in, as stated on their registration of pecuniary interest form, they must declare that interest and follow the rules set out in the Code of Conduct.

If any member is in any doubt whether to declare an interest, please speak to the clerk

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Clerks Report

- a) Petwyn – The new benches have been installed.
- b) Pavilion: The patio door has now been repaired.
- c) The replacement floodlights have now been installed and are working well, they are being checked on a weekly basis.
- d) Tennis Courts – A tennis coach used the courts for a few weeks, but found the surface was not of an acceptable standard.
- e) Allotments – The waiting list will no longer be accepting people who live outside the boundaries of West Moors.
- f) Annual Play Inspection reports were received in early February, all defects were classified as low or very low risk. A copy of the reports are available if you wish to see them.
- g) Benches at Skatepark – A quote for refurbishment of two benches has been requested.
- h) Skatepark – Canvas have been contacted to come and repair cracks that have appeared in the skatepark.
- i) EV Charges in Park Way car park – on 25.02.26 it was discovered that the cables from the charger had been cut off and stolen. This was reported to Dorset Police, Dorset Council and MER.
- j) Dorset Council are advertising a statutory notice about a new pedestrian crossing in Station Road near the Memorial Hall.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Biodiversity

The Clerk and the Committee Chair met with Green Council solutions to discuss biodiversity audits as this was item EC1 in the Council Strategic Plan.

We had a long discussion with them, and they have prepared a proposal for carrying out a biodiversity audit, the proposal is attached for members.

The cost is £4750, the council has not included costs for this in the 2026/27 budget.

The clerk also reached out to Dorset Wildlife Trust, as they also carry out such audits. A copy of their reply is attached for members.

Cost is dependent on how long it takes so it has been estimated at £3825

If members are minded to have a biodiversity audit carried out, consideration needs to be given to where this should be carried out i.e. scope of works.

During the meeting we spoke about Fryer Field and the Cemetery being the main two areas that should be considered.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Play area surface cleaning

Members are asked to consider having the play surface at Oakhurst play area cleaned professionally.

The play surface has never been cleaned since it was installed in 2015. The surface is very dirty and has moss growing in some places, which could be a slip hazard.

The general condition of the flooring is satisfactory.

Quotes have been received, one from a national company specialising in play area cleaning and one from a local company who have carried out work at Ringwood School.

Quote A – National Company is for 5 step cleaning soft surface process.

- 1 - Full vac/blower of loose debris from surface.
- 2 - Hypo rinse and scrub of surface.
- 3 - Flat plate jet wash deep clean.
- 4 - Full power rinse wash of area.
- 5 - Final rinse and spray with fungicidal solution to deter moss/algae growth.

Given your area size and the requirement for a mains water supply the cost will be £1500

Quote B – Local Company used by Ringwood School £425 to include all materials and bringing water to site.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Cemetery Matters

Nothing to report

Burial figures for 2025 (Jan to Dec)

New burials	3
Re opens	17
New Cremation	3
Reopen cremation	4
Resident	14
Non Resident	13

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Public Toilet Update

The toilet system in first stall in the ladies and the first stall of the men's have now been renewed as the flush systems had not worked for quite a while.

The waste pipework from the urinals has been renewed with larger diameter waste pipe to stop the blockage issues.

One in-line shut off valve had to be replaced due to a leak

Terrafirma removed lots of offensive graffiti from the men's public toilets during January

No other issues to report.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Allotment Update

The clerk has spoken with the Chair of the Allotment Holders Association in regard to plot owners making sure their plot is defined in some way. He has sent an email out to plot holders and will be bring the matter up at their next committee meeting.

The Chair of the AHA has confirmed that the water tanks have been cleaned out prior to the water being turned back on, on the 1st April.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Correspondence

Allotment and Leisure Gardener – Issue 1 2026