

WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Virtual **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** meeting held on **Thursday 14th January 2021** via Zoom at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr M Hawkes - Chair
 Cllr Mrs R Burke Cllr A Clarke Cllr D Green
 Cllr Mrs C Holmes Cllr Mrs N Senior Cllr D Shortell
 Cllr A Willats Cllr Mrs P Yeo

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs Judi Weedon (Clerk)
 Cllr K Wilkes

APOLOGIES: Cllr S Linford

542 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
 None

543 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
 None

544 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

- a) Fryer Field Maintenance contract with Terrafirma is due for renewal in March 2021, the cost will be increased by 2%.
- b) Dogs: A few complaints about dog mess in Elmhurst Road have been received and Dorset Council dog services have agreed to carry out checks in the area and replace signage where necessary. The office produced a leaflet and highlighted the issue on social media.
 Dog fouling issue near scout hut as reported by Cllr Linford, when available a new bin will be installed Dorset Waste Partnership.
 A new Dorset Council Dog Related Public Space Protection Order came into effect from the 1st January, this has not changed the rules relating to Fryer Field but incorporated the old dog control orders that were already in force on the field. New signage has been installed around the field highlighting the dog users should not allow their dogs onto marked sports pitches. As part Dorset Council updating these orders, they offered Town/Parish Councils the opportunity to send a member of staff on a training course so they can issue Fixed Penalty Notices for dog fouling etc. This Council does not currently employ anyone who could carry out this task, so I have requested that if Dorset Council run the course again (the current course is fully booked) we get plenty of notice so Council can consider if they wish to employ an enforcement officer.
- c) Geocache: A request to place a small geocache on the Petwyn was authorised in December.
- d) Woodland Trust Trees: The order has been delayed due to lockdown and we should not encourage people out of their homes at this time. The order will be placed towards the end of the lockdown.
- e) Skatepark funding: An application submitted in November to the Dorset Council Leisure Development Fund for between £1000 and £5000 will be considered on the 23rd February. Veolia approved funding has been granted an extension until 7th May 2021

545 BMX AREA WORKS

Members consider a quotation for the approved works at the BMX area.
 After discussion it was

RESOLVED that the quotation for £2610 be approved and works to commence as soon as possible.

Voting: unanimous

546 PETWYN TREE PLANTING

Members considered a request for the West Moors Horticultural Society to plant a flowering cherry tree on the Petwyn at no cost to the Council.

After consideration it was

RESOLVED that the West Moors Horticultural Society be granted permission to plant a flowering cherry tree on the Petwyn in an open area opposite Glenwood Road. The Horticultural Society to be reasonable for all aspects of the planting under the supervision of the Council groundsman.

Voting: unanimous

547 PINEHURST ROAD NOTICEBOARD

Members received information on costs of a replacement noticeboard at Pinehurst Road shops as previously agreed. After discussion it was

RESOLVED that the quotation from New Forest Signs be approved to replace noticeboard at Pinehurst Road, using the existing posts.

Voting: unanimous

548 UPDATE: ALLOTMENT

The WMAHA have arranged for a delivery of manure.

549 UPDATE: FRYER FIELD TASK AND FINISH GROUP

No meeting of the task and finish group has been held. It was noted that all outstanding items from the task and finish group have been passed to Cllr Colin Way for inclusion in the proposed Council business plan. This task and finish group to be disbanded.

550 UPDATE: FUTURE PROVISION OF CEMETERY SPACE WORKING PARTY

The working party have met on a few occasions and members reviewed their report. After reviewing the report it was agreed that dealing with the badger issue was a priority and that an ecologist be contacted who could assist with this. It was also noted that funds were required to be included in the 21/22 budget to fund any works required to deal with the badgers.

551 COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2021/22

Members reviewed the draft committee budget. After discussion the draft committee budget was approved to go forward the Finance and GP for further scrutiny and approval.

552 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Dog Warden reports for October/November and December 2020
- b) ICCM Journal Winter 2020

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:00hrs

The next Environment meeting is scheduled for 4th March 2021 at 7.30pm

SIGNED DATE
Chair of Environment Committee