

**WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in St Anthony's Church Hall, Pinehurst Road at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:**

Cllr K Wilkes – Chair		
Cllr Mrs R Burke	Cllr A Clarke	Cllr D Green
Cllr M Hawkes	Cllr Mrs C Holmes	Cllr S Linford
Cllr Mrs N Senior	Cllr D Shortell	Cllr C Way
Cllr A Willats	Cllr Mrs P Yeo	

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mrs Judi Weedon (Clerk to the Council)  
1 member of Public

**APOLOGIES:** Dorset Councillor M Dyer

- 21/265 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS – LOCALISM ACT 2011 – DISPENSATIONS FROM SECTION 31(4)**  
None
- 21/266 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**  
None.
- 21/267 TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021.**  
Having been circulated, the minutes on pages 2798-2801 agreed, adopted and signed.
- 21/268 TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND SIGN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**
- The Report of the Planning Consultative Committee** held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022, pages 2802-2803 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.
  - The Report of the Environment committee** held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022, pages 2804-2809 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.
  - The Report of the Finance and General-Purpose committee** held on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022, pages 2810-2821 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.  
**Recommendation 21/260a was RESOLVED.** Voting: unanimous  
**Recommendation 21/260b was RESOLVED.** Voting: unanimous
- 21/269 TO RECEIVE TOWN CLERKS REPORT**
- Asset Transfer: A new Dorset Council solicitor has been tasked with dealing with these outstanding transfers and they will get back to us within the next couple of weeks.
  - Woodland Trust Trees: Community Planting Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> January was a success and all the trees were planted.
  - Blackfield Farm letters as per minute no 21/209a: All these letters have now been sent. A verbal response has been received from Natural England. Members requested that if a written response is not received within the next 2 weeks then the Clerk to chase.
  - Public Footpath consultation, minute no 21/232 refer: confirmation from DC has been received and it is likely that the changes will be advertised in March/April, then if there are no objections and once the work is carried out the order will be confirmed and advertised and the legal line on the definitive map moved.
  - Public Address system operator: The local resident who operated the PA for Remembrance Parade and Westival has informed us that he can no longer take on this task. We will advertise to see if anyone local can assist.
  - Dorset Council is recommending a Council Tax increase which equates to a £1.02 per week increase for a Band D household. (2.99%)

- g. Free Trees for Residents: This event is taking place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February from 10am in the Memorial Hall car park.
- h. Jubilee Rock Initiative: The painted rocks are being collected from the local schools and placed on the Petwyn on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

**21/270 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

It was

**RESOLVED that the accounts for payment be approved as attached on page 2825 of these minutes. (Cllr's Wilkes and Yeo to authorise the electronic payments)**

*Voting: unanimous*

**21/271 BUDGET AND PRECEPT**

Members having previously discussed the budgets as presented to committees had further discussion about the increased funding to the youth club. It was agreed that the increased funding for the youth club would be reviewed annually. After debate it was **RESOLVED that the budgets as previously agreed by the Environment committee as shown on pages 2807 to 2809 of the minutes and the Finance and GP committee as shown on pages 2819 to 2821 of the minutes be approved.**

*Voting: unanimous*

It was further

**RESOLVED that a precept of £162,840 for 2022/23 be requested from the billing authority, which equates to a Band D household cost of £52.43 for the year. (an increase of £4.53)**

*Voting: unanimous*

**21/272 MEETING VENUE**

Members discussed where the council and committee meetings should be held. The options included remaining at St Anthony's Church Hall or returning to the pavilion. Members took into account the current Covid situation and the space at each of the venues. After brief discussion it was

**RESOLVED that West Moors Council and committee meetings continue in St Anthony's Church Hall until at least mid- April 2022, when it will be reassessed.**

*Voting: unanimous*

**21/273 COUNCIL STRAPLINE**

Cllr Mrs C Holmes requested that the strapline 'Working for the Public Good', which is used on some Council documents, be changed to 'We Are Here For You'. It was explained where the original wording 'Working or the Public Good' came from and what documents it appears on.

There was debate about whether a strapline was necessary or important. It was suggested that the Council could ask the public in attendance at the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) being held in April what their thoughts were on the subject.

It was further suggested that the Council should consider having a new logo designed, again the residents could be asked at the ATM.

After considerable debate it was

**RESOLVED that the existing Council logo should not be changed.**

*Voting: 10 for, 2 abstentions*

Members then continued the debate about the Council's strapline. It was agreed that the Council needs to let the public know that the Council is here to help them, members discussed the type of messaging they felt was required.

After discussion it was

**RESOLVED that the words 'Supporting West Moors' be placed underneath the current logo and used on public facing documents.**

*Voting: 10 for, 2 abstentions*

An A4 poster to be produced with logo and wording for inclusion on all noticeboards.

**21/274 JUBILEE FLAG**

Members considered purchasing a flag for the Petwyn to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

**RESOLVED that West Moors Council purchase an official purple Queens Platinum Jubilee Flag**

*Voting: 11 for, 1 against*

**21/275 LOCAL PLAN UPDATE**

Members received a copy of a presentation from Dorset Council about the Local Plan and main messages from the Consultation. A copy of the presentation is available in the council office. It was noted that there will be a significant delay in the final Local Plan being adopted.

**21/276 WORKING PARTY UPDATES****A. CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING PARTY**

All members having previously received a copy of the minutes for the working party discussed the recommendation to purchase some more trees to plant at Fryer Field. It was reported that a farm in Dorset is currently selling fruit trees at a reduced cost. The clerk reported that the wildflower seeds had been ordered.

After discussion it was

**RESOLVED that a pack of 210 trees (trees for pollinators pack) be purchased from the Woodland Trust for planting at Fryer Field and also any spare trees left over from the Free Trees for Residents initiative also be planted at Fryer Field.**

*Voting: unanimous*

**B. BUILDING COMMUNICATIONS WORKING PARTY**

Members noted the contents of the report from the working party held on the 12.01.22. Members felt that the Council must explain to the community that they all understand the Nolan Principles for Public Life and have all received training on this issue.

Recommendations from the working party were considered. After discussion it was **RESOLVED that the Council purchased 3 small noticeboards to be placed in high footfall areas near schools, the noticeboards to be used to display important/hot topic information only.**

*Voting: unanimous*

**21/277 DORSET COUNCILLOR REPORT**

A written report submitted by Cllr D Shortell contained information on a statement released by the leader of Dorset Council on the Local Plan, information that the proposed traveller site at Three Cross has been refused at appeal so will not be going ahead. Cllr Shortell also informed members that seven sites for a new household recycling centre were being investigated by Dorset Council and it includes the West Moors Petroleum Depot and Woolsbridge Industrial Estate as well as other sites in Ferndown. A copy of the written report is available to view in the Council office.

**21/278 INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

Cllr C Way reported on his attendance at Youth Club meetings, and that the Youth Club feel that they need to raise their profile. Work to the building has been completed and events are being planned for the summer to raise funds.

Cllr A Willats reported his concerns about the condition that the verges had been left in by the recent gas works in West Moors. Clerk to ask the Community Highways Officer to look into this matter.

Cllr M Hawkes informed members that he is making regular checks on the newly planted trees at Fryer Field to ensure they are not being damaged.

Cllr S Linford reported that he had seen dog walkers at Fryer Field not picking up after their dogs and also allowing dogs to run across the sports pitches. Clerk to ask the Dog Warden to visit the area.

Cllr Mrs C Holmes asked members what the newly planted tree area would be called, as they had been planted as part of the Queens Canopy for the Platinum Jubilee. Clerk to check official websites and report back.

**21/279 CORRESPONDENCE**

All important and informative correspondence is emailed to Councillors as it arrives.

**21/280 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:-** that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was likely that if Members of the Public were present during discussion, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information and they therefore be excluded from the Meeting in accordance with Section 1, subsection (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

*Voting: unanimous*

**21/281 CONFIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Confidential minutes **pages 112 to 116 refer.**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 21.03 hrs

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 19:30hrs

SIGNED ..... DATE .....

Chair

**Payment list dated 27.01.22**

Payment method	Invoice amount	Invoice date	Details
EB 31.01	£212.40	18.01.22	Hallmark - New Chairmanship/Honours board
EB 31.01	£1,544.11	03.01.22	Terrafirma – Grounds Maintenance December 2021
EB 31.01	£752.64	03.01.22	Terrafirma – Lengthsman duties June '21 to Nov '21
EB 31.01	£278.11	03.01.22	Terrafirma – Various tasks in 2021
EB 31.01	£318.00	19.01.22	Terrafirma – benches at Fryer Field and 5 off wheelie bins installation
EB 31.01	£744.00	19.01.22	Terrafirma – badger work in cemetery carried out in November
EB 31.01	£149.04	20.01.22	HVW - 23 off high vis volunteer vests with logo and title
EB 31.01	£91.69	24.01.22	Aqua care – January 2022 Water Hygiene testing
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,089.99</b>		

**Direct Debit and Debit Card payments**

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DD 21.01	£72.51	06.01.22	OPUS- Pavilion electrical supply 06.12.21 to 05.01.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>£72.51</b>		

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