

**WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on  
**THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2021** in St Anthony's Church Hall, Pinehurst Road at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs R Burke Cllr A Clarke Cllr M Hawkes  
 Cllr Mrs C Holmes Cllr D Shortell Cllr Mrs P Yeo

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mrs Judi Weedon (Clerk)  
 3 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr D Green Cllr A Willats  
**Absent without apologies:** Cllr S Linford

- 21/066 ELECT A COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2021/2022**  
 Cllr Mrs C Holmes was proposed, seconded and duly elected Chairman of the committee
- 21/067 ELECT A COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2021/22**  
 Cllr M Hawkes was proposed, seconded and duly elected Vice Chairman of the committee.
- 21/068 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**  
 None
- 21/069 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS**  
 None
- 21/070 FRYER FIELD ACCESS FROM MEMORIAL HALL CAR PARK**  
 Members considered the access to Fryer Field from the rear of the Memorial Hall car park in light of the current access barrier being removed for the skatepark works.

Members considered various options and heard the views from a Memorial Hall representative and a Bowling Club representative. The Memorial Hall rep stated that this had been discussed in the past and that the Memorial Hall did not have any concerns about a Right of Way being established from their car park to the field and they were in favour of a vehicle access gate being installed.

The bowling club rep raised concerns about access for those with disability needs and stated that the current access had worked well for a long period of time, they also stated that they now have a lot more younger people visiting the club and were concerned about safety.

Members agreed that it would be the ideal opportunity to install a vehicle access gate and a pedestrian gate. The vehicle access gate would assist if emergency vehicles were required to gain access to the field and any pedestrian gate needed to be suitable for wheelchair access.

Members considered various gate options and the costs, after discussion it was **RESOLVED that a 2-in-1 (combined field and pedestrian) gate be purchased and installed at the entrance to Fryer Field adjacent to the Bowling Club at the rear of the Memorial Hall car park.**

*Voting: unanimous*

Members asked if Canvas would be able to assist in any way with the installation. Clerk to ask.

The representatives from the Memorial Hall and Bowling Club were thanked for their input.

**21/071 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

- a) The Barrier at Arnold Road/Castleman Trailway (Newcombe Road) has all been approved and should be installed soon.
- b) Footpath St Leonards Farm Park (E55/8): A formal application has now been submitted by the landowner to get this footpath on the definitive map.
- c) Tennis: New posts and nets will be required at the end of this season as they have reached the end of their useful life.
- d) Allotments: one water tank has moved and is leaning; this is due to be remedied as soon as possible.
- e) Scout Hut: A new dog bin has now been installed after agreement from Dorset Waste and the Scout leader for its location.
- f) Pavilion: Both external doors require replacing as they are now in a bad state of repair.
- g) Football Tournament: Grange FC Annual tournament is taking place on the 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> July. The event has been approved by the FA and we have received copies of their risk assessments to ensure it is Covid safe.
- h) Youth Shelter at Fryer Field: This requires a complete repaint so it is tidy for the new skatepark opening. Cost £750 – Cllr Mike Hawkes to investigate.
- i) Speed Indicator Device: The prototype has been manufactured and is being road tested in Alderholt. Thanks go to Smart Group UK (SG Manufacturing Ltd) for this very kind donation.
- j) CCTV at Fryer Field has been upgraded: On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July a young person was seen on the CCTV deliberately throwing a football at the camera until it moved. An email was sent to all the football clubs and the person was identified. A very apologetic email was received from the mother of the young person.
- k) Litter Pick: The litter pick held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July was very successful and it is now planned to hold a litter pick event bi-monthly as many of the volunteers are happy to do this. Dorset Waste have suggested that if we hold these events regularly we would need to purchase our own equipment. (litter pickers £120 for 20 off, high viz vests £125 for 20 off and gloves £20 for 1 box of 20 pairs). Members agreed to purchase these items.
- l) Tree at Fryer Field: This work is now complete.
- m) Graffiti at Elmhurst Road Bus Shelter was cleared.
- n) Skatepark: We have a progress folder for the skate park works which has photos and daily actions (planned and completed) which will support the evaluation report that is required 12 months after the launch of the project and may help support any future funding applications for other projects.
- o) Cemetery: A free search tool is now available on the website to search graves in the cemetery.
- p) Fryer Field Play area: The birds nest swing was vandalised but has been repaired and is safe for use.

**21/072 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING**

Members considered the quotation for Christmas lighting for the next 3 years. It was noted that the permanent lights in the Petwyn trees are being removed as they have been in the trees since 2015 and are required to be removed and reinstalled to protect the tree growth.

Members also considered purchasing additional lamp post motifs to match the existing.

Members agreed that the Christmas light were an asset to West Moors with lots of positive comments about them. After review of the quotation it was **RESOLVED that the quotation from Light Angels be accepted. The permanent lights on the Petwyn trees being removed and replaced later in the year and the purchase of 4 new lamp post motifs to match the existing. Cost £16,936.58, which includes installation, removal and storage of all festive lighting, spread over 3 years.**

*Voting: unanimous*

**21/073 LITTER PICKERS FOR DOG WALKERS**

Members considered purchasing litter pickers for dog walkers/residents to use whilst walking around West Moors. This matter was being considered after a resident informed us that he would be happy to assist with litter picking during his daily walks.

After discussion it was

**RESOLVED to purchase 6 litter pickers for community use (over 18's only)**

*Voting: unanimous*

Members requested that this be publicised to make residents aware of the scheme.

**21/074 COMMUNITY DOG WATCH SCHEME**

The Community Litter Warden suggested that the Council seek a community minded person to assist with promoting responsible dog ownership. Members felt that there is very little dog fouling around West Moors, with the majority of dog owners acting responsibly.

Members raised concerns that it may antagonise dog owners and cause conflict, and this would not be acceptable for a volunteer position. After discussion it was

**RESOLVED not to implement a volunteer led Community Dog Watch Scheme.**

*Voting: unanimous*

**21/075 STORAGE CONTAINER**

Members considered purchasing a replacement storage container to replace the one located adjacent to the MUGA as the current container is now in a poor state of repair. West Moors Youth FC, who also use the container had agreed to contribute to the purchase of a new container.

After discussion it was

**RESOLVED that a new 20ft storage container be purchased and that the contribution from West Moors Youth FC to pay some of the cost be accepted. An agreement to be drawn up about rights over use of the container, maintenance and liabilities etc.**

*Voting: Unanimous*

**21/076 TRAINING FEES**

Members considered implementing fees for the use of Fryer Field for football training. The current situation is that all local clubs train on the field with no charge and on occasions at least 3 clubs are training at the same time as the office has no control over who uses the field for this purpose.

It was felt that implementing fees for training would add structure and that if more than one club used the field at the same time, they could be allocated a specific area to use. It was stated that clubs/organisations who pay for use of the field would get precedence over those not paying.

Members felt that before implementing such fees that all the clubs who use the field should be consulted and then the item rediscussed.

The Clerk requested that members email questions to the office that they feel should be asked in the consultation.

**21/077 UPDATE: ALLOTMENT**

All rental has now been paid and all plots are let.

One of the water tanks is leaning and will have to be reset.

**21/078 UPDATE: FUTURE PROVISION OF CEMETERY SPACE WORKING PARTY**

The last communication with the ecologist was on the 21<sup>st</sup> June and stated that they will apply for the licence to exclude the badgers in August but will not be able to assist with the sett closure until September.

**21/079 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Email from a resident stating that they feel planting trees on the old BMX area is a waste of space and having wildflowers and a footpath in the area would be better. Cllr Mrs C Holmes to talk to resident to explain the situation.
2. Email with a request for a litter bin at the Council owned bus shelter on the A31 near St Leonards Farm Park. Members suggested that McDonalds are approached to provide a bin and that the organised litter picks take in this area.
3. ICCM Journal Summer 2021
4. Correspondence from a resident about the footpath from the golf club to Farm Road and Riverside Road area, stating that the area is overgrown and the bridge is in need of maintenance. This footpath is on privately owned land and not the responsibility of DC to maintain. Cllr D Shortell to pursue this matter with Dorset Council.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:41hrs

The next meeting of the Environment Committee is scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 at 19:30hrs

SIGNED ..... DATE .....  
Chair of Environment Committee