

**WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on  
**THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021** in St Anthony's Church Hall, Pinehurst Road at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs C Holmes – Chair  
 Cllr Mrs R Burke Cllr A Clarke Cllr D Green  
 Cllr M Hawkes Cllr S Linford Cllr A Willats  
 Cllr Mrs P Yeo

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mrs Judi Weedon (Clerk)  
 Cllr K Wilkes Cllr Mrs N Senior  
 1 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr D Shortell

**21/120 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The Community Litter Warden addressed the committee about an issue with dog bins located on the Spinney (Southern Ave/Heatherdown Road). He informed members that they are regularly overflowing, and dog waste is left in the surrounding area. He suggested that the bins should be removed so dog owners take the waste home and dispose of it in their own bin. He also raised concern about the amount of dog waste in West Moors in various locations and that the Council should be looking for a permanent solution to the problem. The Chair thanked the litter warden for his commitment to WM and asked that an agenda item be placed on the next agenda so the matter of dog mess could be discussed at length.

**21/121 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS**

None

**21/122 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

- a) Youth Shelter at Fryer Field, minute no 21/071h refers: Cllr Hawkes has looked at the youth shelter and the task is too big for him to carry out. Therefore, the quotation has been accepted and the shelter will be painted in mid-September.
- b) Skatepark: Some vandalism occurred on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Aug, this was reported to the police and CCTV images saved.
- c) Skatepark: work is ahead of schedule and is expected to be completed before the end of September.
- d) New access gate for FF, minute no 21/070 refers: this has been ordered ready for install when the Skatepark is nearing completion.
- e) Fryer Field: reports of an adder in the far-right hand corner, warning signs have been put up.
- f) Oakhurst Play area: new seats have been installed on the seesaw
- g) Christmas Lighting, minute no 21/072 refers: The lights in the trees will be removed in in September and the trees checked and any work required will be carried out before the lights go back in before the festive period.
- h) Speed Indicator Device: The SID has now been tested and approved by Dorset Council. However, costs to get the SID up and running include the cost of purchasing from Dorset Council a battery for the unit (£45), fixing bracket for each post it will be fitted to (£55 each) and solar panels for each post it will be fitted to (£175 each). There are two historical posts that a SID can be deployed on, one in Moorlands Road and one in Pinehurst Road (westbound). The Moorlands Road site can be used as is, but the Pinehurst Road site requires the post to be relocated slightly due to highway safety issues. The Clerk has asked the community highway officer to see if DC would relocate this post.

Additional site for SID deployment already discussed was Station Road (southbound) shortly past the 30mph limit. This requires a new post to be installed.

Also, members felt that an additional site in Pinehurst Road (eastbound) should be installed. Clerk to arrange post install at these two sites.  
Members felt that SID deployment in Moorlands Road was unnecessary.  
Members also requested DC to check if a site on Station Road in between Glenwood Road and Pinehurst Road would be suitable for SID deployment.

**21/123 TRAINING FEES**

Members having previously discussed the possibility of introducing a booking system and fees for using the Fryer Field for football training (22.07.21) discussed the results of a survey carried out with the users of Fryer Field football facilities. Members noted that only 3 responses to the survey were submitted.

It was suggested that any business using the Fryer Field should be charged a fee, the Clerk informed them that this is the current situation. After much debate it was **RESOLVED that to avoid future conflict with clubs that a booking system be introduced for football training sessions and that all users of the Fryer Field must book a slot. At the current time no charge will be made for using the Fryer Field (grass areas) for training sessions (for non-profit organisations). This matter to be reviewed in 6 months.**

*Voting: Unanimous*

**21/124 STORAGE CONTAINER**

Members were informed that after the decision to purchase the container at the last meeting (22.07.21) it was discovered that the website was a scam. Further quotes have been sought and members agreed that the container should be replaced even though the cost would be more than previously reported. After discussion it was

**RESOLVED that the Clerk has authority to spend up to £3500 on a new container, the contribution from WMYFC still being in place.**

*Voting: Unanimous*

**21/125 UPDATE: ALLOTMENT**

Cllr Mrs N Senior reported that the WMAHA AGM went well and that all the allotments are cared for. It was noted that the chair of the WMAHA had spent some of his own money helping out a plot owner and that the association felt that if the similar situation arose in the future, then the association should bear any cost.

**21/126 UPDATE: FUTURE PROVISION OF CEMETERY SPACE WORKING PARTY**

The ecologists visited the cemetery on the 25<sup>th</sup> August and said they would be applying for the licence to carry out work on the badger sett.

**21/127 CORRESPONDENCE**

West Moors Flower group would like to replace the cherry tree they planted on the Petwyn in 2006 as it is in poor health. Members had no objection to a replacement tree but requested that any replacement tree should be a native species.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:20hrs

The next meeting of the Environment Committee is scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 19:30hrs

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