

WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on
THURSDAY 3rd MARCH 2022 in St Anthony's Church Hall, Pinehurst Road at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs C Holmes – Chair
 Cllr Mrs R Burke Cllr D Green Cllr M Hawkes
 Cllr S Linford Cllr D Shortell Cllr Mrs P Yeo

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs Amie Fawcett (Assistant to the Clerk)
 Cllr K Wilkes
 3 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Cllr A Clarke Cllr A Willats

21/308 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Dr Deborah Craddock, Headteacher of West Moors Middle School spoke about her recent communication with Dorset Highways, regarding the speeding problem (exceeding the 30mph limit) on Heathfield Way, outside the school at drop off and collection times.

Members of staff and many parents of the school are becoming increasingly concerned for the children's safety at peak times, and the road being street lit to indicate the speed limit is not proving sufficient.

Dr Craddock requested the support of West Moors Town Council, to help investigate the possibility of positioning visual reminders of the speed limit outside the school, whether it be a SID, a speed warning road sign, road markings and/or a crossing.

The Chair invited Dr Craddock to the Environment meeting scheduled for May so this item can be discussed fully.

21/309 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Mrs P Yeo declared a personal interest in agenda item 6, movie night therefore chose not to vote.

21/310 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

- a) Speed Indicator Device: No further information reported
- b) Oakhurst Play Area: No further complaints about the play park and the two new gatekeepers have not reported any issues.
- c) Grange Annual Football Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June.
- d) Defib Update minute no 21/250 refers: No update available.
- e) A donation of two Horse Chestnut trees (about 12 years old) from a local resident have been planted at Fryer Field.
- f) Storm Damage: A few of the roof panels from the garage were blown off and a few branches came down in the cemetery. This has since been repaired.
- g) Skatepark: Feedback/evaluation report Q1 for the funders is due now and Dorset Community Action are working on writing up the report with details of user information provided to them by the office.
- h) Floodlight upgrade: We have not been successful in securing any external funding for this future project.
- i) Litter Warden report: Copies of the reports are available upon request.

21/311 OAKHURST PLAY AREA LEASE

All members present, were shocked at the extortionate cost of £750.00 to renew the Oakhurst Play Park lease for a period as small as 10 years.

Cllr Yeo noted that the Council funded the play equipment, the gate keeper's salary and the regular inspections carried out within the park. The question was raised, would it be possible to approach Oakhurst First/and or Heath Academy Trust Academy to negotiate a contribution towards the renewal fee.

Members expressed their disappointment with Dorset Council but agreed there was no preferable alternative, as the play park is frequently used during and out of school hours. After discussion it was

RESOLVED that West Moors Town Council agree to the £750.00 legal fees for the renewal of Oakhurst Play Area lease for a 10 year period.

Voting: Unanimous

21/312 MOVIE NIGHT ON FRYER FIELD

Two Youth Club representatives provided members present with further details on the proposed movie night, which is hoped to take place on 20th August on Fryer Field. Members were asked if Fryer Field could be closed to the public for the duration of the event, and the Chair of the Committee explained this was not possible.

The Youth Club can request a fee/donation at entries to the field/event but cannot deny the public access.

Various questions were put forward to the Youth Club representatives regarding litter, noise, disruption with parking and insurance. Answers given, assured the Committee that the event planning seemed sufficient, but further discussions on Temporary Public Liability Insurance were needed. It was suggested that letters be delivered to the residents of Bond Avenue prior to the event.

The Chair declared it was a great novelty project which should be well received.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED that West Moors Town Council allow a movie night organised by West Moors Youth and Community Club, to take place on Fryer Field, on 20th August, free of charge.

Voting: Unanimous

Terms and Conditions to be agreed, such as event insurance.

21/313 NEW CHAIRS FOR THE PAVILION

Ferndown Drama Group requested the Council purchase an additional 6 chairs for the Pavilion, to accommodate their regular rehearsals. This would cost approximately £210 in total.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED that the council purchase 6 more chairs, to be retained as Council property.

Voting: Unanimous

21/314 UPDATE: ALLOTMENT

The water tanks have been drained and the allotment holders will be cleaning them out before the water is turned back on, on the 1st April.

2 tenants have recently relinquished their plots and they have already been relet.

21/315 UPDATE: FUTURE PROVISION OF CEMETERY SPACE WORKING PARTY

Cllr Mrs Penny Yeo briefly reported that no action can be taken until July this year, however paperwork will commence around May time, in preparation.

21/316 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Allotment and Leisure Gardener Issue 1 2022

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:12 hrs

The next meeting of the Environment Committee is scheduled for 5th May 2022 at 19:30hrs

SIGNED DATE

Chair of Environment Committee