

WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on
THURSDAY 5th MAY 2022 in the Pavilion, Fryer Field at 7.30pm.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs Judi Weedon (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllr D Green

21/371 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

21/372 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Mrs C Holmes declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 5, traffic issues near West Moors Middle School. Cllr Mrs C Holmes took no part in any discussion.

Cllr Linford declared a personal interest in agenda item 5, traffic issues near West Moors Middle School.

21/373 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

- a) The Skate Park Quarter One Evaluation Report was submitted to Veolia and The National Lottery at the end of March. Dorset Community Action are in the process of creating Q2 report which is due by the end of June. Content will include data obtained from CCTV and surveys answered. Members discussed the report and were disappointed that it contained spelling and grammatical errors.
- b) Skatepark: a few bits of graffiti appeared on the skatepark and on some of the signage and the youth shelter. Terrafirma have done their best to try and remove it. Members asked the clerk to talk to New Milton Council as they have a graffiti wall to see if it is viable option for West Moors.
- c) Noticeboard: West Moors Middle School have now installed the A4 X 9 sized green noticeboard and keys for this will be collected by the office Friday 29th April and notices placed within, thereafter.
- d) Footpaths: The Notice of Making a Public Path Diversion and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order, under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, which will divert parts of Footpath 8, St Leonard's & St Ives and part of Footpath 8. West Moors as shown on the order map, was received 12th April 2022. Members received a copy of the Order.
- e) Dogs: There have been concerns that dog walkers with balls exercising dogs on the Spinney, could be disturbing the birdlife and causing degradation to the natural environment, especially around nesting season. These actions are not prohibited so cannot be enforced, it was recommended by the Dorset Council Dog Warden, that a community notice be placed in the Spinney. Following this, signs were erected but shortly afterwards, torn down. They have since been replaced.
- f) Dogs: The Dog Warden has agreed to patrol the following hot spot areas for dog fouling; Braeside Road, Uplands Road and Riverside Walk.
- g) Fryer Field: A vehicle and pedestrian gate will be installed in Fryer Field behind the Youth Club, to allow easy access during the football tournament, as currently, the fence has to be removed and is now very weak.
- h) Speed Indicator Device: No further information available at time of producing agenda
- i) Defib Update minute no 21/250 refers: No update at time of producing agenda, still waiting for the representative from Grange to visit office and confirm details.
- j) Trees: The two Horse Chestnut trees that were donated by a local resident, have been relocated and protected, on Fryer Field, and are no longer in the copse

behind the skatepark. Members felt the need to exercise caution in the future if someone wishes to donate items to the Council.

- k) Litter Pick: The 3rd West Moors Brownies will be doing a litter pick on Thursday 28th April 5.30-7pm from the Memorial Hall to the Police Station along the Castleman Trailway
- l) Litter Warden report: Members noted the contents of the report
- m) Pavilion: The floors in the shower rooms will be repainted during the summer months.
- n) Cemetery: An unauthorised Memorial has been erected in the cemetery, we are tracing who installed it and will contact the owners and inform them it must be removed.

21/374 TRAFFIC ISSUES OUTSIDE WEST MOORS MIDDLE SCHOOL

At the meeting held on the 3rd March Dr Craddock attended and informed members that she had concerns about traffic outside the school during drop off and pick up times. Members discussed the issues highlighted in March by Dr Craddock. Members felt that the road is very busy during school drop off and pick up times so it is very difficult to speed along the road at that time. Members felt a reduced speed limit during school times would be appropriate but understood that this was most unlikely to be approved by Dorset Council Highways. Members present asked the Clerk to investigate if '20 is Plenty' information signs could be erected in the area as seen in BCP and Hampshire Council areas.

21/375 UPDATE: ALLOTMENT

A few tenants have given up their plots which have been relet. Members asked the clerk to approach Sturts Farm to see if they would consider the allotment site to be extended.

21/376 UPDATE: FUTURE PROVISION OF CEMETERY SPACE WORKING PARTY

The ecologist has been reminded to start work in early July to close off the badger sett.

21/377 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Allotment and Leisure Gardener Issue 2 2022
2. ICCM Journal – Spring 2022 issue

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:09 hrs

The next meeting of the Environment Committee is scheduled for 23rd June 2022 at 19:30hrs

SIGNED DATE

Chair of Environment Committee