

WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on
THURSDAY 23rd JUNE 2022 in the Pavilion, Fryer Field, West Moors at 7.30pm.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Amie Fawcett (Assistant to the Clerk to the Council)
1 member of the public

APOLOGIES: Cllr D Green Cllr D Shortell

22/042 ELECT A COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2022/2023

Cllr Mrs Carol Holmes was proposed, seconded and duly elected Chairman of the committee

22/043 ELECT A COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2022/23

Cllr Mike Hawkes was proposed, seconded and duly elected Vice Chairman of the committee.

22/044 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

22/045 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None

22/046 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

- a) Defib Update minute no 21/250 refers: The Defib is now installed on the Pavilion and registered with the appropriate authorities. It will be managed and maintained by WMTC.
- b) Cemetery: An unauthorised ground slab has been erected in the cemetery, the owners on file have been written to and asked to contact the office to discuss the matter.
- c) The Grange Football Tournament took place over the weekend of the 11th and 12th June and apart from a vehicle being left in Julia's farm overnight, it went well.
- d) Oakhurst Play Area: A fire was deliberately set in the play area on Saturday 21st May around 14:45. The fire service attended. The police were informed. Quotes are now being sought for repairs and an insurance claim is being processed.
- e) Volunteer Litter Warden: The volunteer litter warden has resigned from the post.
- f) Cemetery: Tree work for the cemetery has been authorised.
- g) The cemetery pedestrian gate has had the latch removed. Terrafirma is in the process of its repair. No safety defects present.

22/047 QUESTIONNAIRES FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION AT WESTIVAL FOR LED TENNIS COURT LIGHTS AND OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT

Members were provided with a questionnaire for tennis court LED lighting and Outdoor adult gym equipment, which will be publicised on various platforms.

A decision on whether to go ahead with either of these projects will be taken after analysing the survey results.

Members reviewed each of the surveys and felt that they required some amendment, members suggested various amendments and after discussion it was

RESOLVED that both surveys be used pending the agreed amendments being made and are to be used at; WESTIVAL (50 copies of each) on Facebook and online.

22/048 FEE REVIEW**a) Cemetery fees:**

Members reviewed the cemetery fees charged by the council.

After discussion it was

RECOMMENDED that the Cemetery fees for 2022/23 remain unchanged

Voting: unanimous

b) Sports fees:

After discussion it was

RECOMMENDED that the Sports fees be increased from 1st September as shown:

Football Grass Pitches	Current fee	As from 1st Sep
Adult Match	£58.00	£60.00
Youth Teams (small adult pitch)	£30.00	£30.00
Youth Teams (9x9 pitch)	£23.00	£24.00
Youth Teams (Mini Soccer)	£14.00	£15.00
Adult Teams – cost per hour		
Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm	£20.00	£21.00
Monday to Friday after 4pm	£25.00	£26.00
Saturday and Sunday	£15.00	£16.00
<i>Pitch with Floodlights</i>		
After 4pm weekdays	£33.50	£35.00
Saturday and Sunday	£22.50	£24.00
Youth Teams (under 18) – cost per hour		
Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm	£15.00	£15.00
Monday to Friday after 4pm	£20.00	£20.00
Saturday and Sunday	£15.00	£15.00
<i>Pitch with Floodlights</i>		
After 4pm weekdays	£28.00	£28.00
Saturday and Sunday	£22.50	£24.00
Sports Pavilion Meeting room and Kitchen		
Per session. Morning, Afternoon or Evening	£27.50	£30.00

Voting: unanimous

c) Allotment fees:

After discussion it was

RECOMMENDED that the Allotment fees for 2022/23 remain unchanged

Voting: unanimous

22/049 PARK WAY CAR PARK

Members were requested to discuss how they would like to proceed with the car park maintenance/upgrade. After discussion it was

RESOLVED that an “Owned and managed by” sign be erected by New Forest Signs, as quoted, stating our contact number but no logo. Further upgrades to be discussed once a response has been received from Dorset Council reference the EV charging points. No charges to be applied in Park Way car park.

Voting: Unanimous

22/050 REMOVAL OF SMALL SHELTER AT FRYER FIELD

Members were asked to approve the removal of the small shelter which is situated adjacent to the car park at Fryer Field.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED that the small shelter be removed immediately.

Voting: Unanimous

22/051 GRAFITTI WALL

Members were asked to consider the need for somewhere for the youth to express themselves and whether quotes should be sought for either a wall or a board.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED that further consultation is required to ascertain the benefits of this project, such as West Moors Youth and Community Club, Dorset Police and any other Dorset Local Councils that have introduced a similar feature in their community.

The item to be revisited once engagement has been made and feedback provided.

Voting: Unanimous

22/052 UPDATE: ALLOTMENT

No further update since the agenda.

22/053 UPDATE: FUTURE PROVISION OF CEMETERY SPACE WORKING PARTY

Members shared their concern that there is only 3 weeks until work is due to start and fear the opportunity to proceed will be missed.

Cllr Clarke expressed it was imperative the ecologist be chased every day.

Cllrs Burke and Hawkes will treat the front wooden fence at the cemetery by the end of July.

22/054 CORRESPONDENCE

1. ICCM Journal – Summer 2022 issue
2. A request from a resident for a new litter bin located by the bench near the doctor surgery – members requested this be a future agenda item.
3. A request from a resident who asked if we could give certificates to the neatest shop fronts – members agreed not to have this as a future agenda item.
4. An email from the former Volunteer Litter Warden with reasons for protecting the Spinney with a PSPO, issued by Dorset Council - members requested this as a future agenda item.
5. Dorset Waste Services (DWS) have agreed to install an extra bin at the A31 truck stop by Abbey Road being emptied weekly or more if needed, to help tackle the litter problem. Members were very pleased.
 Additionally, DWS have offered to install a port a loo at the same location, using a secure concrete base, sharing the cost (Capital) with Highways England.
 The proposal is that West Moors Town Council fund the maintenance cost (Revenue) of said port a loo. Members requested this as a future agenda item, after research into which other local councils have contributed to a highways or Dorset Council improvement scheme such as this. Potential costs of basic port a loo maintenance to be sought.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:00hrs:

The next meeting of the Environment Committee is scheduled for 21st July 2022 at 19:30hrs

SIGNED DATE
Chair of Environment Committee