

WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on
THURSDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2023 in the Pavilion, Fryer Field, West Moors at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs C Holmes – Chair		
Cllr Mrs R Burke	Cllr A Clarke	Cllr M Hawkes
Cllr T Salt	Cllr D Shortell	Cllr Mrs P Yeo

OTHERS PRESENT: Judi Weedon – Clerk

APOLOGIES: Cllr D Green Cllr J Randall

23/145 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

23/146 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

none

23/147 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

- a) EV charging points: An update is expected during September.
- b) Pedestrian Crossing update: We have received verbal confirmation that the crossing has been approved and will go ahead.
- c) Fryer Field, Queens Jubilee Copse: The plaque located next to the Cherry tree has been replaced free of charge as the original plaque deteriorated in a very short space of time. A date of Saturday 30th September has been set for more work at the copse, we have a few volunteers who have agreed to help out.
- d) Legionella: With all the news about legionella recently, just to confirm that the pavilion is checked on a monthly basis, and we receive a report a day after the checks are completed. Any issues are highlighted, and the appropriate action is taken as required.
- e) The Spinney: A local resident informed us that he has been attacked by a dog who was not on a lead. Please see email from resident dated 9th August, sent to members on 25.08.23.
- f) The Spinney – Agreement has now been reached with Dorset Council to allow volunteers to carry out work to tidy this area. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the committee met with the volunteers to discuss their plans. Dorset Council have approved the list of work, which was put together by the volunteers. The work will require supervision from someone in the council and we will need to remove all green waste. The first date set is the 16th September, Cllr Burke will be in attendance for this one time only, going forward Cllr Randall will be supervising the volunteers.
- g) Fryer Field: On Monday 28th Aug a fire engine gained access to FF by cutting off the padlocks to the main gate, the gate in the fence to allow access to the field and the field gate behind the youth club. Replacement padlocks have been purchased and a key given to Ferndown Fire Station.
- h) Oakhurst Play Area: a part of the Pirouette Spinner has been replaced.
- i) Pavilion: Painting of the ceilings in the changing rooms, hallway, and toilets along with all door frames will be carried out in September.
- j) Benches: 2 benches in Pinehurst Road will be painted during September.
- k) Fryer Field: On Wednesday 6th Sep, one of the manhole covers, located in Fryer Field (within the area of a football pitch) was found to be cracked and damaged. This has been replaced as a matter of urgency.

- l) Fryer Field: There has always been a small amount of mole activity of Fryer Field but over recent weeks they have begun to invade the football pitch farthest away from the pavilion, this has made the pitch dangerous to use, so it has been taken out of use until further notice. A pest control company has been instructed to try and eradicate the moles using traps buried in the ground, this will not be a quick process. If this does not work, then a company who uses gas will have to be found (not many people do this anymore).
- m) Free PT sessions and access to Anytime Fitness in Ferndown for West Moors Residents on Wednesday 20th September (National Fitness Day). This has been posted on social media, noticeboards and webpage.

23/148 ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVES

- a) Community Speed Watch
After hearing a talk from the Community Speed Watch coordinator in August members discussed restarting the scheme and purchasing the appropriate items. Cllr Salt informed members that he now had five volunteers signed up to assist. After discussion it was

RECOMMENDED that The Community Speed Watch is resurrected and that £300 is made available to purchase the equipment required.

Voting: Unanimous

Cllr T Salt to contact the relevant staff at the Dorset Road Safety Partnership team in order to get the project up and running.

- b) Speed Indicator Device (SID)
Cllr Holmes explained that the SID's approved by Dorset Council used quite old technology, however these were the only ones approved for use of Dorset roads. It was noted that there are already 3 approved locations within West Moors for SID deployment. Members having received information on costings and how to operate community SID's discussed the merits of the signs and after discussion it was

RECOMMENDED that the Council purchase one Speed Indicator Device with associated solar panels from Community Infrastructure Levy funds.

Voting: Unanimous

Members requested that they receive regular updates from both these initiatives.

23/149 PAVILION FLOORING

Members considered a request from Cllr Randall to consider replacing the flooring in the pavilion meeting room. After discussion it was

RESOLVED that a quote for £1000 be accepted to replace the flooring in the pavilion meeting room with good quality grey carpet tiles.

Voting: Unanimous

23/150 OUTSIDE GYM EQUIPMENT

The Council installed outside exercise equipment in January 2023, this addition to Fryer Field has been a success. Members are asked to expand the equipment by adding a horizontal bar. After discussion it was

RESOLVED that the quote from Caloo for Horizontal Bars be accepted and installed alongside the current outdoor exercise equipment. Funds to come from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Voting: Unanimous

23/151 CEMETERY MATTERS:**a) Unauthorised Memorial unpaid fees**

Members discussed the unpaid retrospective memorial fees from Plot NN19. Members gave various views on how to proceed, with an understanding that it is a difficult situation. After debate it was

RESOLVED that court proceedings are issued to try and recover the £275 unpaid retrospective memorial fee from the Deed of Grant owner for Plot NN19, in the small claims court.

Voting: 5 for, 2 abstentions

b) Artificial Grass

Members discussed the artificial grass currently on burial plots OO15-OO19, as well as a memorial on plot OO16.

Members felt that enough time had passed since the funerals and that the grass and memorials should now be removed.

It was noted that the council had already approved a large memorial for plots Plots OO18-19 (vault) and that a letter should now be sent asking that if the official memorial application is not received within one month then the artificial grass would need to be removed from these plots along with the grass on plots OO17, in order that the plots are in keeping with the rest of the cemetery.

In regard to Plot OO16 members requested that the Council enquire whether a headstone is going to be installed as the current iron gate will need to be removed along with the artificial grass. If the family wish the iron gate to remain then a memorial application form is required.

In regard to plot OO15, members were informed that a memorial application had been received and approved. This will then lead to the artificial grass being removed.

23/152 UPDATE: PUBLIC TOILETS

Repairs were carried out to one of the cisterns in the men's facility, which was constantly running.

No complaints have been received about the condition of the facility.

Members are asked to consider when setting budgets to allow for some refurbishment, such as a new door on the storeroom located at the rear of the facility, upgraded lighting (which would save on electricity usage, and a new flushing system for the urinals (they automatically flush, wasting water, the units currently on the system cannot be adjusted to decrease the flushing frequency).

Members discussed the automatic flush on the urinals and felt that it would be appropriate to repair this now to save on water bills.

It was therefore

RESOLVED that a new automatic flushing system for the urinals be approved with funds coming from the current budget.

Voting: unanimous

23/153 UPDATE: ALLOTMENTS

Members were advised that there is still an issue with rats at the allotment site.

A local resident has offered to attend and shoot them with an air rifle, he has all the appropriate insurance etc. The Clerk suggested that the resident speak to the Chair of the Allotment Holders Association to see what he thinks. The Chair of the Allotment Holder's Association has been in contact with Sturts Farm to ask

permission. The Clerk has also been in communication with Sturts about his matter and they have advised that they use a company to assist with pest control. The pest control company are visiting the site and will offer the best solution for controlling the rats.

One water tank is leaking and requires repair.

23/154 CORRESPONDENCE

1. ICCM Autumn issue
2. Allotment and Leisure Gardener issue 3, 2023

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:26 hrs

The next meeting of the Environment Committee is scheduled for 2nd November, 2023 at 19:30hrs

SIGNED DATE
Chair of Environment Committee