

**WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** held on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024** in  
St Anthony's Church Hall, Pinehurst Road at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:**

|                          |               |                   |
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| Cllr Mrs R Burke – Chair |               |                   |
| Cllr A Clarke            | Cllr M Hawkes | Cllr Mrs C Holmes |
| Cllr J Randall           | Cllr T Salt   | Cllr Mrs N Senior |
| Cllr C Way               | Cllr K Wilkes | Cllr Mrs P Yeo    |

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mrs Judi Weedon (Clerk to the Council)  
Dorset Councillor M Dyer  
2 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr D Green Cllr D Shortell

**23/275 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**  
None

**23/276 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS – LOCALISM ACT 2011 – DISPENSATIONS FROM SECTION 31(4)**  
None

**23/277 TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023**  
Having been circulated, the minutes on pages 3120-3122 were agreed, adopted and signed.

**23/278 TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND SIGN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

- a. **The Report of the Planning Consultative Committee** held on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 page 3123 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.
- b. **The Report of the Environment Committee** held on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 pages 3124-3129 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.
- c. **The Report of the Finance and General Purpose Committee** held on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 pages 3130-3140 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.  
**Recommendation 23/268a was RESOLVED** *Voting: unanimous*  
**Recommendation 23/268b was RESOLVED** *Voting: unanimous*  
**Recommendation 23/269a was RESOLVED** *Voting: unanimous*  
**Recommendation 23/269b was RESOLVED** *Voting: unanimous*

**23/279 TO RECEIVE TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

- a. Strategic Plan: Reminder of this session on the 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Pavilion.
- b. D-Day events: The hall at Pinehurst Chapel has been booked and the fish and chip meal organised. The Land Girls have been booked to play at the event and in the Care Homes. The event will be advertised later in the year.
- c. Local Council Award Scheme: The application has been submitted and the results will be received in early April.
- d. Welcome to West Moors sign: On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan we were informed by a resident that the sign on the A31 had been hit by a vehicle. On inspection the poles holding the sign were damaged beyond repair, the sign itself was ok. It will be reinstalled when new poles can be sourced. The police have been contacted to see if they have the details of the accident so we could claim against the driver's insurance, no reply received to date.
- e. On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April officers will be attending a free training event at the vitality Stadium in Bournemouth from 9am to 1.30pm on counter terrorism relating to the new Martyn's Law which is coming into force for organisers of events.

**23/280 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

It was

**RESOLVED that the accounts for payment be approved as attached on page 3143 of these minutes. (Cllr's Yeo and Wilkes to authorise the electronic payments)**

*Voting: unanimous*

**23/281 BUDGET and PRECEPT**

After the budget and precept having being reviewed and agreed at committee level it was **RESOLVED that the budgets as previously agreed by the Environment committee as shown on pages 3126 to 3129 of the minutes and the Finance and GP committee as shown on pages 3139 to 3140 of the minutes be approved.**

*Voting: unanimous*

It was further

**RESOLVED that a precept of £183,444 for 2024/25 be requested from the billing authority, which equates to a Band D household cost of £59.43 for the year. (an increase of £2.70 or 4.75%)**

*Voting: unanimous*

**23/282 DORSET COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Members received a written report from Dorset Councillors Shortell and Dyer with information on young carers.

Cllr Dyer informed members that he had been approached by a resident who wishes to have a smoke control zone (for wood burning fires) applied to West Moors. It was suggested that the resident contact the Town Council to discuss this matter.

A copy of the full report is available in the council office.

**23/283 INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

Cllr Clarke reported that the latest Living Well (Dementia) magazine was out and is available in the Council office.

Cllr Way reported on his attendance at the latest Youth Club committee meeting and stated that the committee was looking for a new chairperson.

Cllr Salt reported on the Community Speed Watch, 3 sessions had been held so far in January. A total of 7 session held with 54 vehicles reported for speeding.

**23/284 CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**23/285 To Exclude the Press and Public in accordance with Section 1, subsection (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960**

*Voting: unanimous*

**23/286 TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND SIGN CONFIDENTIAL FINANCE AND GP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES.**

**The Confidential Report of the Finance and General Purpose Committee held on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 pages 124-126 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.**

Cllr Holmes wished her sincere thanks minuted to the Council staff for all the work they do.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 19:58 hrs

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 19:30hrs

SIGNED ..... DATE .....  
Chair

| <b>Payment List Dated 25.01.24</b>          |                       |                     |  |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|--|
| <b>Payment method</b>                       | <b>Invoice amount</b> | <b>Invoice date</b> | <b>Details</b>   |
| EB 29.01                                    | £234.00               | 18.01.24            | Presto Plumbing – New auto shut off taps in Pavilion                                       |
| EB 29.01                                    | £1,800.00             | 18.01.24            | Home Start Wessex – Grant for 2023/24  |
| EB 29.01                                    | £1,500.00             | 18.01.24            | Citizens Advice Bureau – Grant 2023/24   |
| EB 29.01                                    | £37.81                | 16.01.24            | City Plumbing- 1 x shower head for men’s showers   |
| EB 29.01                                    | £297.00               | 16.01.24            | Play Inspection Company - Annual Play Inspections  |
| EB 29.01                                    | £1,248.00             | 22.01.24            | Verwood Cleaning Services – Cleaning of Public toilets WE 30.12-20.01.24 and pavilion (4x) |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>£5,116.81</b>      |                     |  |
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| <b>Direct Debit and Debit Card payments</b> |                       |                     |  |
| <b>Payment method</b>                       | <b>Invoice amount</b> | <b>Invoice date</b> | <b>Details</b>   |
|   |                       |                     |  |
| DC 16.01                                    | £3.00                 | 16.01.24            | GOV.UK- land registry search: End of Arnold close  |
| DD 22.01                                    | £63.42                | 22.01.24            | Toolchimp - 2 x padlocks for MUGA  |
| DD 25.01                                    | £132.73               | 01.01.24            | 1 <sup>st</sup> Connect – Office calls/office & broadband pav 01.01 – 31.01.24             |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>£199.15</b>        |                     |  |