

WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on
THURSDAY 16th JANUARY 2025 in the Pavilion, Fryer Field, West Moors at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs C Holmes – Chair		
Cllr Mrs R Burke	Cllr M Hawkes	Cllr J Randall
Cllr T Salt	Cllr J Staig	Cllr Mrs P Yeo

OTHERS PRESENT: Judi Weedon, Town Clerk

APOLOGIES:

Cllr D Green	Cllr D Shortell
(reasons for apologies were noted)	

24/253 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

24/254 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None.

24/255 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

- a) During the storms in November a portion of a dead tree at the cemetery fell into the garden of 16 Priory Road, this was cleared by Terrafirma.
- b) Christmas Lights: These were well received and the addition of the Christmas tree at Pinehurst Road shops appeared to be appreciated.
- c) Fryer Field: There has been some vandalism of the field in December with what looks like a motorbike jumping over the ditch, this created damage to the grass and the edge of the ditch. Terrafirma will repair this when the area has dried out.
- d) Oakhurst Play area: some replacement parts for the climbing frame have been ordered.
- e) Petwyn: Local company JG Exterior Services have cleaned all the paving on the Petwyn free of charge.

24/256 SIGNAGE AROUND WEST MOORS

Members discussed the agenda item put forward by Cllr Mrs C Holmes, after discussion the agenda matter was not carried forward.

Members then went on to discuss cleaning of street signs, and road name plates. Members requested that a Facebook post be produced asking local residents to help keep West Moors clean, by cleaning their local road name plates. Cllr Staig agreed to have a go a cleaning a few of these to see how they come up.

24/257 STORAGE ROOM HIRE FEE

Members discussed the fee charged for the storage room in the pavilion, after discussion it was

RESOLVED to increase the fee for the hire of a storage room in the pavilion to £30 per month (from April 2025) and review again in 12 months.

Voting: unanimous

24/258 CAR PARK WORKS

Members reviewed 3 quotes to reline the car park at Park Way. After consideration members

RESOLVED to accept the quote from APM for relining the Park Way car park at a cost of £1858, with funds to come from the earmarked service devolution fund.

Voting: Unanimous

24/259 PICKLEBALL COURTS

Members discussed a request from Cllr Yeo to convert one tennis court into two pickleball courts. Members debated whether the public should be consulted about this and that there are currently ideas to convert the tennis courts into another MUGA.

There were no costs in the proposal about how much this conversion would cost. The cost of nets for a pickleball court were sought at the meeting and after discussion it was

RESOLVED to modify one tennis court into 2 pickleball courts in the interim whilst funds are raised for a new MUGA, with the funds (£1,000) for the work coming from the earmarked replacement MUGA grass fund. (nets and line marking)

Voting: unanimous

24/260 COMMITTEE BUDGET

Members considered the draft committee budget for 2025/26 and after discussion made no changes to it. This will now go forward to the Finance and GP meeting for further scrutiny. A copy of the draft committee budget is shown on pages 3270 to 3273 of these minutes.

24/261 CEMETERY MATTERS

Members were informed of updates relating to an unauthorised memorial and artificial grass on plots.

24/262 UPDATE: PUBLIC TOILETS

Repairs to the building where the roller door was removed have been carried out and the gutters have been cleaned out.

Bollards have been installed to protect the front of the building from vehicles.

There have been a few incidences of unpleasant graffiti appearing in the gents this is removed as soon as it is reported to us.

Cllr Mrs C Holmes felt that the cleaning charges were very high and asked that other quotes are sought.

24/263 UPDATE: ALLOTMENTS

Members received a brief update.

24/264 CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Mrs C Holmes highlighted a Dorset Council survey – Town and Parish Council – Climate and Nature Survey and asked that members look at it and respond.

Post meeting note: This survey was sent to all councillors on 28.11.2024 12:15hrs

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:46hrs

The next meeting of the Environment Committee is scheduled for 13th March 2025 at 19:30hrs

SIGNED DATE
Chair of Environment Committee

DRAFT ENVIRONMENT BUDGET 2025/26

Code	Source	BUDGET
		2025/26
<u>INCOME</u>		
1100	Playing Field Fees	
1100/1	Football	4000.00
1100/3	Multi-Purpose	10000.00
1100/4	Other	2000.00
1100/5	Community Event income	3000.00
Total		19000.00
Income from fees paid by various sports clubs for using the sporting facilities		
1110	Cemetery Fees	
1110/1	Memorial	5000.00
1110/2	Interment	12000.00
1110/3	Purchase Graves	6000.00
Total		23000.00
Income from fees paid by various funeral directors and individuals for interment etc. in the cemetery.		
1115	Allotment Rent	1900.00
Income from allotment rent.		
1125	Memorial Benches and Plaques	0.00
fees from Memorial bench and plaque applications		
TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME		43900.00

EXPENDITURE

3010	Fryer Field Maintenance	
3010/1	General	4500.00
3010/4	Contractor fees	10000.00
Total		14500.00
Fryer Field maintenance covers all aspects of keeping the area in a suitable condition for football and general usage. An external contractor is employed to maintain the Fryer Field. (2025/26 £2500 added for new goal posts)		

3020	Pavilion Running Costs	
3020/1	Electricity	1500.00
3020/2	Water/Sewage	800.00
3020/3	Maintenance	5400.00
3020/4	Legionella Testing	1500.00
3020/6	Phone/Broadband	550.00
Total		9750.00
Pavilion running costs include services to the pavilion and maintenance costs required to keep the building in good condition.		
3030	Multi Purpose Play Area	
3030/2	General Maintenance	4000.00
3030/3	Electricity	500.00
3030/5	Fund for additional MUGA	10000.00
Total		14500.00
MUGA and Floodlight running and maintenance costs		
3040	Fencing	2000.00
To cover any fencing requirements in and around the Fryer Field.		
3050	Fryer Field Play area	
3050/1	Maintenance	250.00
3050/3	Safety Inspections	450.00
Total		700.00
Maintenance fund for keeping the play equipment in a safe and satisfactory condition. Monthly inspections are carried out plus an annual inspection.		
3060	Oakhurst Play area Maintenance	
3060/1	Maintenance	250.00
3060/3	Safety Inspections	350.00
Total		600.00
Maintenance fund for keeping the play equipment in a safe and satisfactory condition. Monthly inspections are carried out plus an annual inspection.		
3070	Skate park Maintenance	200.00
3080	Play Equipment	4000.00
For replacement play equipment in the future. Monies go into an earmarked fund		
3100	Cemetery Costs	
3100/1	Non Domestic Rates	1100.00
3100/2	Water Charges	50.00
3100/3	Buy Back of Cemetery Plots	0.00
Total		1150.00
Rates and water charges for the cemetery		
3110	Cemetery Maintenance	
3110/1	General	1500.00
3110/2	Fencing	300.00
3110/3	Gravel	350.00
3110/7	Refuse collection service	850.00
3110/8	Contractor Fees	7100.00
Total		10100.00

Cemetery maintenance covers all aspects of work that is required to ensure the cemetery is keep neat and tidy. It also includes funds to carry out any works to improve/replace the area. Refuse collection is carried out weekly.		
3120	Memorial Inspections	0.00
Memorial Inspections are required every 5 years. The last inspection was in April 2024. Next inspection is in 2029		
3140	Petwyn Maintenance/improvements	250.00
Budget for maintenance and improvement to the Petwyn Village green. Includes water charges for stand pipe located on the Petwyn.		
3150	Allotments	750.00
Allotment maintenance and improvements		
3160	Tree Maintenance	3000.00
Funds for the maintenance of all trees on parish land. A rolling maintenance program is in place for trees on council land.		
3170	Climate Emergency	500.00
Funds to cover work of Climate Emergency actions		
4000	Public seats	
4000/1	Maintenance	300.00
4000/2	Purchase	0.00
Total		300.00
For the repair/maintenance/replacement/addition of public seats.		
4010	Bus Shelters	
4010/1	Maintenance	500.00
4010/2	Purchase	0.00
Total		500.00
Budget for the maintenance of Council owned bus shelters.		
4020	Street Furniture (Inc. Dog Bins)	
4020/1	Maintenance	600.00
4020/2	Purchase	0.00
Total		600.00
Repairs/maintenance/purchase of welcome signs, dog bins, refuse bins, defib maintenance		
4025	Speed Watch and Speed Indicator Device	500.00
Costs associated with the SID and Community Speed Watch team		
4030	General	200.00
A general contingency fund for items not specifically covered in the budget		
4040	Christmas decorations	7500.00
Christmas decoration costs		
4070	Lengthsman	1800.00
Lengthsman costs		
4075	Public Toilets	24000.00
Public toilets maintenance, cleaning, consumables, water, electricity		
4076	Car Park costs	150.00
Costs for Park Way car park		

4090	Dogs	650.00
Cost of emptying of Council owned Dog waste bin.		
4095	CCTV	
4095/1	Purchase/Installation	0.00
4095/2	Maintenance	200.00
Total		200.00
CCTV costs		
4097	Community Event costs	5000.00
4098	Fryer Field Development Plan	0.00
4099	Keep Britain Tidy Events	200.00
Funds for arranging litter pick events		
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURE FOR ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE		103600.00