

WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on
THURSDAY 13th MARCH 2025 in the Pavilion, Fryer Field, West Moors at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Judi Weedon, Town Clerk

APOLOGIES: None

24/304 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

24/305 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None.

24/306 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

- a) Hatchards Copse trees overhanging Jubilee Copse were cut back by Dorset Council on the 10th March, they will also consider laying the hedge as a boundary in the future.
- b) Pickleball court lines were installed on the 28th February, posts and nets are up. Publicity has been set up to highlight the courts. Members asked that a poster explaining the rules of the game. It was also agreed to purchase a pickleball set (balls and racquets) for resident to borrow.
- c) Tree Inspections by the arboriculturist were carried out on council land on the 10th March. All trees were found to be in good order with no specific work required.
- d) Park Way Car Park: Relining of the car park has been scheduled for late March / early April. Repairs to the tarmac are required first, there is a large pothole where previous repairs have been carried out, this is being done by Dorset Council (they were the best quote). Also, where the cabling was installed for the EV chargers, the repairs are sinking, JoJu will be repairing this. The Salvation Army clothes bank has been relocated to the corner of the car park opposite the toilets.
- e) An alternative quotation was sought for opening, closing and cleaning the public toilets. This quote was higher than the cost currently paid by the Council for this service.
- f) The office has been receiving lots of complaints related to all the roadworks in West Moors, specifically about the installation of fibre, with residents not being informed of the works and the mess the contractors are leaving. These concerns are investigated by the DC highways officer.
- g) New CCTV signs have been purchased for the pavilion as the current ones were very faded.

- h) The monthly playground inspections have increased in cost from April by £240 per year.

24/307 ANNUAL PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

Members having reviewed the annual playground inspections from the Play Inspection Company

RESOLVED that all the low risk items highlighted within the annual play inspection reports are left as they are, unless the risk increases.

Voting: Unanimous

24/308 CEMETERY MATTERS

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

After discussion members

RESOLVED to amend the cemetery regulations to state that artificial grass is not permitted anywhere within the cemetery

Voting: Unanimous

24/309 UPDATE: PUBLIC TOILETS

Unpleasant graffiti is appearing in the gents, this is removed as soon as it is reported to us.

A recent incident saw a toilet roll holder in the gents being vandalised beyond repair, this has been replaced.

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24/310 UPDATE: ALLOTMENTS

Repairs to the post for the main gate have now been completed.

The area in front of the main entrance gate to the allotments is very muddy, Sturts/Gulliver's Farm have been contacted about this. Members felt that a solution to the muddy entrance was required, Clerk to contact Sturts again to see if some grave/ or crush and roll could be placed in the entrance way.

The water is due to be turned back on, on the 1st April.

24/311 CORRESPONDENCE

Allotment And Leisure Gardener Issue 1 2025

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19:48hrs

The next meeting of the Environment Committee is scheduled for 1st May 2025 at 19:30hrs

SIGNED DATE
Chair of Environment Committee