

## WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on  
**THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 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

**24/360 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None.

**24/361 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS**

None.

**24/362 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

- a) Tree Inspections were completed on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025. No actions were found to be required at this time.
- b) Park Way Car Park: Relining of the car park has been completed, and Dorset Council have repaired all the potholes.
- c) The Spinney has a new wooden sign thanks to local resident Keith Randell and to Dorset Council for assisting with installing it.
- d) The Strays of Greece dog show is due to be held at Fryer Field on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025, they have been charged £50 for the hire of the field and pavilion for the day.
- e) Goal posts are due to be taken down in early May. New goal posts will be purchased before the start of the new football season (as budgeted for).
- f) The Floodlight control box door is broken and needs replacement as soon as possible. This metal door is very old and is rusted making it hard to open/close. There was also a recent incident where someone got into the box and switched off the power to CCTV. Quotes are being sought for a replacement metal door.
- g) Dorset Council Please Slow Down Trial. The PCC in a recent newsletter highlighted a trial to assist with slowing vehicles down. The clerk wrote to DC to be included in the trial (Glenwood Road area), which has been declined, they stated *'We would not be looking to use these in West Moors, as you already have a very good SID programme. We could look at how the SID could potentially be used to support Glenwood Road. The first step would be to get a speed survey done, so we can see if there is an issue there. A survey would cost £295+VAT. Please note you already have 3 sites for your existing SID, so adding any further sites would mean purchasing another SID.'*  
Cllr Salt will be following this matter up.

**24/363 CEMETERY MATTERS**

- a. Unapproved memorial on plot OO16 – Members felt that the family had now had enough time to order the permanent memorial which had been approved and asked that the clerk write to the family stating that the unapproved memorial would be removed and stored if the permanent approved memorial had not been ordered within one month.

*Post meeting note: The stone mason has confirmed that the approved memorial has been ordered and is likely to arrive in the country within the next few weeks, once arrived they will endeavour to fix as soon as possible.*

- b. Artificial grass on graves, members asked that the clerk write to all those plot owners that still had artificial grass on the plots, requesting that it be removed.
- c. Cemetery boundary fence with 26 Priory Road. Members discussed some work that had been carried out to stabilise the boundary fence by the residents and concern that screws had been placed in trees. After writing to the residents about this, they informed the Council that the fence was the Council's responsibility.  
The clerk had researched all the documents held in the council office and could not determine who was responsible for this fence.  
Members asked the clerk to contact the residents to see if they could provide evidence of responsibility before making any binding decisions.

**24/364 UPDATE: PUBLIC TOILETS**

Verwood cleaning services have identified who is regularly leaving alcohol bottles in the toilets and have approached them about it.

**24/365 UPDATE: ALLOTMENTS**

The area in front of the main entrance gate to the allotments which gets very muddy, has been tidied up by Sturts Farm. Clerk to send thank you letter.

Cllr Shortell left the meeting at 8pm due to another commitment.

**24/365 STRATEGIC PLAN**

Members discussed the Environment and Community, and Highways section of the strategic plan. Cllr Holmes having produced a draft document for members to review. Members agreed with the format of the draft.

Members spent time discussing the finer detail of the wording for some items such as fun runs and community walks.

Cllr Holmes stated that she felt that some items that will appear in the final strategic plan document should be started, such as additional signage at Fryer Field.

Cllr Salt agreed to write something for inclusion in the plan for highways in time for the next meeting.

Members spent time discussing issues with the local doctor's surgery and felt that it may be appropriate to ask for a meeting with the practice manager to find out about any ongoing issues they have.

**24/311 CORRESPONDENCE**

Allotment And Leisure Gardener Issue 1 2025

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:30hrs

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

SIGNED ..... DATE .....  
Chair of Environment Committee