

WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on
THURSDAY 19th JUNE 2025 in the Pavilion, Fryer Field, West Moors at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs R Burke Cllr D Green Cllr M Hawkes
Cllr Mrs C Holmes Cllr J Randall Cllr J Staig
Cllr Mrs P Yeo

OTHERS PRESENT: Judi Weedon, Town Clerk

APOLOGIES: Cllr T Salt Cllr D Shortell
(reasons for apologies were noted)

25/052 TO ELECT A COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN THE YEAR MAY 2025 TO MAY 2026

Cllr Mrs C Holmes was proposed and seconded,

It was

RESOLVED to suspend Standing Order 1ee and after a vote Cllr Mrs C Holmes was duly elected Chairman to the Committee.

25/053 TO ELECT A VICE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN THE YEAR MAY 2025 TO MAY 2026

Cllr M Hawkes was proposed and seconded, and duly elected committee vice chairman.

25/054 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

Cllr J Randall declared an interest in agenda item 9, Field hire for the Friends of the Strays of Greece.

25/055 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

25/056 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

- a) On Monday 2nd June at Fryer Field Play area, dog waste and suspect human waste was found smeared into slides and swings seats. This was cleared and later the same day curry was found down the slides. A police report was filed for this incident.
- b) The gate keeper for Fryer Field is moving out of the area and their last day is the 30th June. The position has been filled by another local resident who lives near Fryer Field. They have provided all the relevant documentation. Members asked that a letter of thanks be sent to the previous gatekeeper.
- c) A local resident has reported offensive graffiti on their front fence, they have been advised to report to the police.
- d) New goal posts have been delivered.
- e) The Floodlight control box has had a new door fitted and is now secure.
- f) Repairs to the artificial grass surface in the Fryer field play area have been scheduled. These will be carried out by Wickstead.
- g) Quotes are being sought for repairs to the safety surface at Oakhurst Play area.

- h) A contract for sanitary disposal bins has been taken out for the toilets in the pavilion.

25/057 SIGNAGE

Members discussed various signage options for Fryer Field. After discussion it was agreed to investigate directional finger posts for installation at Fryer Field. Clerk to investigate styles and costs and report back to the committee.

25/058 DORSET LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY

Members discussed the Dorset Council Nature Recovery Strategy in respect of the Priority 6, Urban priorities and activities. Members agreed that the draft WM Council Strategic Plan should be mindful of these priorities and therefore be included in the draft document for consideration by Council.

Cllr Mrs P Yeo asked about holding a seasonal photographic competition, it was agreed to discuss this at a future meeting.

25/059 FRYER FIELD HIRE CHARGE

Members considered the hire charge in 2026 for the Friends of the Strays of Greece Dog Show. After discussion it was

RESOLVED that the Fryer Field hire charge for the 2026 Dog Show organised by the Friends of the Strays of Greece be set at £100.

Voting: Unanimous

25/060 CEMETERY MATTERS

1. Some artificial grass has now been removed, and further letters have been sent to plot holders requesting removal of the grass.
2. A tree from the woodland adjacent to the cemetery is leaning into the cemetery, the landowner has been contacted and will deal with the tree.
3. Fresh gravel has been laid over some of the driveways.
4. The cremated remains section is becoming quite full, however, there are lots of small spaces that could be utilised for this purpose.

25/061 UPDATE: PUBLIC TOILETS

Since the padlocks have been removed from sight during the time the toilets are open, we have had no further problems.

Members discussed a solar powered CCTV camera for the area, but agreed to not pursue this now, but have the option to reconsider if antisocial behavior starts up again.

25/062 UPDATE: ALLOTMENTS

The Town Council is providing a trailer at the allotments for a week or so, so plot holders can get their green waste removed.

There have been a couple of plots given up and relet since April.

A walk around the allotment in May, resulted in 5 emails being sent asking the tenants to tidy up their plots. This resulted in one relinquishing the plot and others saying they will get on to it.

25/063 CORRESPONDENCE

Allotment And Leisure Gardener Issue 2 2025
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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:10hrs

The next meeting of the Environment Committee is scheduled for 17th July 2025 at 19:30hrs

SIGNED DATE
Chair of Environment Committee