

WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** held on Thursday 27th November 2025 in
The Pavilion, Fryer Field at 7:30pm.

PRESENT:

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| Cllr Mrs R Burke - Chair | | |
| Cllr D Green | Cllr M Hawkes | Cllr Mrs C Holmes |
| Cllr J Randall | Cllr T Salt | Cllr Mrs N Senior |
| Cllr D Shortell | Cllr J Staig | Cllr C Way |
| Cllr K Wilkes | Cllr Mrs P Yeo | |

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs Judi Weedon, Town Clerk
Dorset Councillor A Skeats

APOLOGIES: none

25/225 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
None

25/186 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS – LOCALISM ACT 2011 – DISPENSATIONS FROM SECTION 31(4)
None

25/187 TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30th OCTOBER 2025
Having been circulated, the minutes on pages 3384-3388 were agreed, adopted and signed.

25/188 TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND SIGN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

- a. **The Report of the Environment Committee** held on the 6th November 2025, pages 3389-3391 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.
- b. **The Report of the Planning Consultative Committee** held on the 13th November 2025, pages 3392-3393 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.
- c. **The Report of the Finance and GP Committee** held on the 13th November 2025, pages 3394-3401 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.
Recommendation 25/224 was RESOLVED. Voting: unanimous

25/189 DORSET COUNCILLOR REPORT

Members received a written report from Dorset Councillor Shortell regarding updates on: The response to the Local Plan consultation and new models of housing delivery. Cllr Skeats reported that a new highways officer would now be covering West Moors, on a large bonfire at Blackfield Farm and that DC enforcement at Dorset Council had been carried out.
A copy of the full report is available in the Council office.

25/190 TO RECEIVE TOWN CLERKS REPORT

1. Remembrance Parade was well attended and successful. However, prior to the event the Council had two advanced road closed notice signs stolen, this was reported to the police. Dorset Council kindly lent some of their signs to WMTC.
2. Men's Shed – Members of the organisation have looked at land suggested by the Town Council. They have approached the Memorial Hall about the green space in the Memorial Hall car park, they are also very interested in the space at Fryer Field

between the MUGA and the end of the Memorial Hall car park and will be putting a proposal together to present to members in December.

3. Publicity – response to the consultation results has been mainly positive.
4. Christmas decorations are all in place.
5. Carols on the Petwyn organised by the youth club will be held on Saturday 6th December. The Council office have received a few complaints about the change of day for this event; these have been passed on to the organisers.
6. At the January meeting of the Council, there will be a presentation on the Armed Forces Covenant which the Council can sign up to.
7. Asset of Community Value: West Moors Library has met the requirements and has been listed as an Asset of community value. St Martins Church did not meet the criteria and has therefore not been listed.
8. A resident requested that the council consider a British Heart Foundation Book bank to be located somewhere in West Moors. They were informed that no space was available at the Par Way car park and they should speak to the Memorial Hall Council to see if they could accommodate one.
9. Speed reduction: an email sent to Dorset Council requesting that they consider a 20mph limit outside St Marys school has received a reply stating that the Town Council has to abide by the same DC process for any 20mph limit reduction, such as demonstrating community support.

25/191 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was

RESOLVED that the accounts for payment be approved as attached on page 3405 of these minutes. (Cllr's Yeo and Senior to authorise the electronic payments)

Voting: unanimous

25/192 DAPTC MEMBERSHIP

It was

RESOLVED to continue with the DAPTC membership

Voting: unanimous

25/193 PURCHASE OF BATTERY-OPERATED SPEAKER

Members considered the purchase of battery-operated speaker for use at council events such as Armistice Day.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED to purchase a Bose S1 Pro Battery-operated speaker and stand for use at Council events.

Voting: unanimous

25/194 APPOINT SOLICITORS TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

Members having received information on costings for legal work for asset transfers from Dorset Council

RESOLVED to appoint Tozers solicitors to act on behalf of West Moors Town Council in regard to asset transfers from Dorset Council.

Voting: unanimous

25/196 INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

Cllr Mrs Yeo reported on the Dementia Action Group, Art for Dementia sessions that are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Cllr Yeo also reported that the DAG were entering a tree at the Christmas Tree festival.

Cllr Mrs Holmes reported that she had attended a patient participation group meeting. She stated that she would probably not attend anymore, due to personal commitments.

Cllr Way gave a brief report on the youth club, members having already received a copy of their accounts.

Cllr Staig reported that Pinehurst Community Church were looking at getting the Trussell Trust and the CAB to hold sessions in the church.

Cllr Skeats gave members an update on the progress of the crossing installation near St Marys school and stated that he is hopeful that it will be installed in the summer of 2026.

Cllr Mrs Burke reported on the planting of yew hedging at the cemetery. The Clerk thanked Cllr Burke and her husband for assisting with the planting.

25/197 CORRESPONDENCE

All important and informative correspondence is emailed to Councillors as it arrives.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 19:59 hrs.

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on 18th December 2025 at 19:30hrs.

SIGNED DATE
Chair

| Payment made in between meetings | | | |
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| Payment method | Invoice amount | Invoice date | Details |
| EB 28.11 | £4,867.58 | 18.11.25 | Staff Salaries - Month 8 |

| Payment list dated 27.11.2025 | | | |
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| Payment method | Invoice amount | Invoice date | Details |
| EB 28.11 | £2,200.00 | 13.11.25 | Citizens Advice Bureau - Grant for 2025/26 |
| EB 28.11 | £37.20 | 25.11.25 | South West Hygiene - Sanitary Bin disposal - Pavilion 25.12.25 to 24.03.26 |
| EB 28.11 | £118.99 | 12.11.25 | South West Hygiene - Sanitary Bin disposal - Public toilets - 12.12.25 to 11.03.26 |
| EB 28.11 | £235.00 | 17.11.25 | Laguna Travel - Coach for BYMB - Remembrance Parade |
| EB 28.11 | £1,975.49 | 18.11.25 | HMRC - Tax and NI - Month 8 |
| EB 28.11 | £1,830.66 | 18.11.25 | Dorset Council - Pension contributions - Month 8 |
| EB 28.11 | £83.70 | 19.11.25 | Business Supplies Group - Stationery |
| EB 28.11 | £150.00 | 19.11.25 | DAPTC - Conference Fees for Clerk and Assistant |
| EB 28.11 | £480.00 | 19.11.25 | RHV Tree and Hedge Specialist - Work to cut back trees overhanging FF and Memorial Hall car park |
| EB 28.11 | £320.00 | 24.11.25 | Mike Clifford - work at cemetery to clear and level area ready for hedge planting |
| EB 28.11 | £75.00 | 26.11.25 | A Tanner - Christmas Tree |
| TOTAL | £7,506.04 | | |
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| Direct Debits and Debit Card payments | | | |
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| Payment method | Invoice amount | Invoice date | Details |
| DD 27.11 | £41.31 | 13.11.25 | British Gas - Electricity charges - Public toilets - 12.10.25 to 11.11.25 |
| DD 25.11 | £136.56 | 01.11.25 | 1st Connect - Phone and broadband charges for November |
| DD 04.12 | £82.11 | 20.11.25 | British Gas - Electricity charges - Floodlights - 01.10.25 to 14.11.25 |
| DD 09.12 | £107.31 | 25.11.25 | British Gas - Electricity charges - Council Office - 19.10.25 to 18.11.25 |
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| DC 08.11 | £1.10 | 08.11.25 | Meta - Facebook post advertising for Christmas card competition |
| DC 24.11 | £25.00 | 24.11.25 | Brackendale Nursery - Corokia Plants for Petwyn |
| DC 24.11 | £89.00 | 24.11.25 | Hobbycraft - Christmas Card competition winner prizes |
| Total | £482.39 | | |