

## WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on  
**THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025** in the Pavilion, Fryer Field, West Moors at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:**

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| 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

**25/091 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS**

None

**25/092 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None.

**25/093 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

- a) Cllr Skeats arranged a meeting at County Hall to discuss highways matters with an officer; both the Clerk and the Chair of the Council attended the meeting.

During the meeting the 'Please Slow Down' trial was discussed and agreed that it was not a suitable option for West Moors, as these issues are being addressed in much more proactive ways by the Community Speed Watch Team. 20mph speed limits were discussed at length and this matter will appear on a future Council agenda for members to debate.

Trying to reduce the volume of HGV's through West Moors was also discussed, along with directional signage on the A31.

- b) A report that the container near the garage at Fryer Field had youth climbing on the roof was received on the 25<sup>th</sup> June. Police were called by residents. The anti-climb spikes and paint are being renewed.

**25/094 FINGER POSTS FOR FRYER FIELD**

At the environment meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> June, members requested that finger post signage be investigated for Fryer Field.

Members reviewed information about finger posts, including a quotation.

A further discussion took place about a directional sign for Fryer Field from Station Road.

Members asked that a quote from Dorset works be sought for a brown direction sign 'Fryer Field' to be placed opposite the entrance to the Memorial Hall car park. The finger post signs to be rediscussed once the quote for the directional sign had been received.

**25/095 CEMETERY NOTICEBOARDS**

Members considered the purchase of two new noticeboards for the cemetery to replace the current old noticeboards. After discussion it was

**RESOLVED that 2 new noticeboards made from recycled plastic be purchased and installed in the cemetery at a cost of £800 each.**

*Voting: unanimous*

**25/096 FOOTBALL CLUB SIGNAGE**

The Town Council has been approached by West Moors Football Club requesting permission to place a sign on the pavilion to highlight when their next match is. After discussion it was

**RESOLVED that West Moors FC be permitted to place a sign on the wall of the pavilion to highlight when their next match will be taking place. The sign to be 150cm x 100cm.**

*Voting: Unanimous*

**25/097 BODYCAMS FOR SPEED WATCH VOLUNTEERS**

A speed watch volunteer requested that that Town Council consider the purchase of a body cam to help protect speed watch volunteers for abuse.

The police speed watch coordinator highlighted concerns over the use of bodycams and GDPR. After discussion it was

**RESOLVED to reject the motion to purchase body cams for the speed watch volunteers.**

*Voting: unanimous*

Members of the committee sent their thanks to the Speedwatch coordinator and volunteers for their dedication.

**25/098 REVIEW OF FEES****a. Sports and hire fees**

Members reviewed the sports and facility hire fees, after discussion it was

**RECOMMENDED that all sports and facility hire fees are increased by 5% rounded up to the nearest pound from September 2025.**

*Voting: unanimous*

**b. Cemetery fees**

Members reviewed the cemetery fees, after discussion it was

**RECOMMENDED that the all the fees relating to the cemetery are increased by 5% for residents and 10% for non-residents rounded up to the nearest £1 with immediate effect.**

*Voting: unanimous*

**c. Allotment fees**

Members reviewed the allotment fees, after discussion it was

**RECOMMENDED that the fees for the allotments remain unchanged from April 2026.**

*Voting: unanimous*

**25/099 CEMETERY MATTERS**

Members received information on the number of burials and cremations that have taken place since the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 to date.

Artificial grass remains on some plots even though families have been requested to remove it.

**25/100 UPDATE: PUBLIC TOILETS**

Noted that toilets are due their annual deep clean and that the concrete bollard outside the building has been damaged and will require replacing in the near future.

**25/101    UPDATE: ALLOTMENTS**

A formal inspection took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Four plots were found to be in an unacceptable condition and have received notice to make improvements within 30 days.

**25/102    CORRESPONDENCE**

None

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:00hrs

The next meeting of the Environment Committee is scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 19:30hrs

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