

WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on
THURSDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 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 D Shortell
Cllr J Randall	Cllr T Salt	
Cllr Mrs P Yeo	Cllr M Hawkes	

OTHERS PRESENT: Judi Weedon, Town Clerk
Nadine Hancock, Assistant to Town Clerk
Dorset Councillor Skeats

APOLOGIES: Cllr J Staig
(Reasons for apologies were noted)

25/141 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS
None

25/142 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
None

25/143 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

- a) Quotes for Finger posts and brown directional signage for Fryer Field have been requested from Dorset Works as per minute no 25/094, to date no reply has been received.
Cllr Holmes requested the Clerk chase quotes and copy in Dorset Cllrs Skeats and Shortell to help follow up.
- b) The new goal posts have now been installed.
Clerk reported that, due to groundsman being away and the recent heavy rain, Ferndown Town Council's groundsman had been asked to re-line the pitches for the first weekend of fixtures.
- c) The signage for West Moors FC as per minute no 25/096 has been installed.
- d) Sports fees and cemetery fee increases have been sent out to all concerned and published on the website.

25/144 STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES

Members reviewed the priorities in the adopted strategic plan.

Biodiversity audit: Cllr Yeo offered to conduct research to see what is involved and the next steps. Cllr Shortell to make enquiries with Dorset Council to see if they can offer further advice.

Annual fun run: Members discussed who would organise this, and whether an independent body or experienced consultant would be needed. Officers to do initial investigation into requirements and report back at next meeting. As part of investigation, officers were asked to contact St Mary's School to find out about the group who runs their sports events, to contact a local fitness group about running the warm-up, to contact Moors Valley regarding their weekly Park Run, and to contact a resident who expressed interest in assisting.

Bee-friendly education: Officers to look into options.

Finger posts: Cllr Holmes asked Clerk to find alternative quotes to be presented at the next meeting.

25/145 CEMETERY MATTERS

The two new noticeboards for the cemetery have been delivered and these will be installed in September.

Artificial grass on some plots is still an issue.

25/146 UPDATE: PUBLIC TOILETS

The public toilets have now had their annual deep clean.

There has been a blockage in the urinals, that has been cleared using industrial strength drain cleaner.

A new smart meter was installed at the toilet site on the 29th July, as part of the process SSE came to attend to replace the main fuse.

25/147 UPDATE: ALLOTMENTS

After the inspection in July, four plots were given 30 days to make improvements to their plots.

All have complied, and made an effort to tidy the plots, however one plot still requires a substantial amount of work to bring it up to a decent standard.

The allotment holder's association have suggested that the plot be split in half (it is one of the largest plots we have on the site) and the current tenant to have one half, so it is more manageable, with the other being let to someone else on the list. The Chair of the AHA and the clerk reinspected the plot on the 1st September, although some effort had been made, the plot was found to still be in an unsuitable condition. A letter has been sent to the tenant, about splitting the plot to make it more manageable for them and that volunteers had offered assistance with the plot.

25/148 CORRESPONDENCE

Allotment and Leisure Gardener – Issue 3 2025

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19:50hrs

The next meeting of the Environment Committee is scheduled for 6th November 2025 at 19:30hrs

SIGNED DATE
Chair of Environment Committee