

WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** held on Thursday 29th January 2026 in
The Pavilion, Fryer Field at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr J Staig - Vice Chair
 Cllr D Green Cllr Mrs C Holmes Cllr T Salt
 Cllr Mrs N Senior Cllr D Shortell Cllr C Way
 Cllr K Wilkes Cllr Mrs P Yeo

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs Judi Weedon, Town Clerk
 Dorset Councillor A Skeats
 2 representatives from the Men's Shed organisation

APOLOGIES: Cllr Mrs R Burke Cllr M Hawkes Cllr J Randall
 (reasons for apologies were noted)

25/281 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Representatives from the Men's Shed gave members an update on the progress towards the organisation getting up and running in West Moors. They informed members of grant applications they have submitted and local builders merchants who have pledged support in the form of materials. The charity commission application has been submitted, and their constitution was all in place.

They have a letter of intent from the Memorial Hall to use land owned by them and they will be charging the men's shed rent for the use of the land, and facilities within the Memorial Hall.

The next step is to apply for planning permission to erect a shed approx. 16m by 6m, this will require concrete base. They estimate the costs to be approximately £35,000 to build the shed.

25/282 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS – LOCALISM ACT 2011 – DISPENSATIONS FROM SECTION 31(4)
 None

25/283 TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th DECEMBER 2025

Having been circulated, the minutes on pages 3408-3410 were agreed, adopted and signed.

25/284 TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND SIGN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

- a. **The Report of the Planning Consultative Committee** held on the 8th January 2026, pages 3411-3412 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.
- b. **The Report of the Environment committee** held on the 15th January 2026, pages 3413 to 3417 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.
Recommendation 25/265 was RESOLVED, Voting: unanimous
- c. **The Report of the Finance and GP committee** held on the 22nd January 2026, pages 3418 to 3430 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.
Recommendation 25/278b was RESOLVED, Voting: unanimous

25/285 DORSET COUNCILLOR REPORT

Members received a written report from Dorset Councillor Shortell on the roll out of the 20mph speed limits at various locations across the county.
 A copy of the full report is available in the council office.

25/286 TO RECEIVE TOWN CLERKS REPORT

1. West Moors Westival: Organisation for this event has begun.
2. Volunteers Afternoon Tea: The hall at Pinehurst Community Church has been booked for this event on Tuesday 2nd June to coincide with National Volunteer Week.
3. Preparations are in place for the Annual Town Assembly on the 16th April, with a speaker already booked.
4. An account has been set up to take online payments through Gov.UK PAY, it is hoped that this will be used to take payments through the Town Council website in the future.

25/287 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was

RESOLVED that the accounts for payment be approved as attached on page 3433 of these minutes. (Cllr's Yeo and Senior to authorise the electronic payments)

Voting: unanimous

25/288 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2026/27

After the budget and precept having been reviewed and agreed at committee level it was **RESOLVED that the budgets as previously agreed by the committees as shown on pages 3427 to 3430 of the Finance and GP minutes dated 22nd January 2026 be approved and that a precept of £248,947 for 2026/27 be requested from the billing authority, which equates to a Band D household cost of £79.67 for the year. (an increase of £8.64 from 2025/26)**

Voting: unanimous

It is noted that the Band D payment equates to £1.53 per week

25/289 ASSET TRANSFER UPDATE

Members received an update on asset transfers from Dorset Council for the Spinney, open space at Weavers Close and land around Fryer Field.

25/290 FUN RUN PLANS

Members received a report on the organisation of the fun run scheduled for Sunday 10th May.

Members agreed that there should be an entry fee of £5 for adults and £3 for children. They also discussed medals for those completing the fun run and agreed to the recommendation of a wooden medal with a bee on it. Members felt that the medals should not have the year on them, so any surplus could be used again in future years.

25/291 INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

Cllr Way: reported on the latest youth club meeting and the proposed works for the club. He informed members that the youth leader was now fully qualified and the club was open on a Monday and Friday evenings with good attendance. He also informed members that the club were seeking another trustee. Members received a copy of the club's latest accounts.

Cllr Mrs Yeo: reported on the Dementia Action Group and that the collection boxes around West Moors and raised funds as well as the stall at the Carols on the Petwyn event. The Art for Dementia had quite low attendance, but it is hoped that local care homes would start to bring residents to these sessions. The 18th to 24th May is Dementia Action week and the group would be trying to raise awareness during this time. Cllr Yeo also reported about the library being used as a warmer space for anyone to use.

Cllr Mrs Holmes: reported on a meeting held with Green Council Biodiversity solutions who would prepare a proposal to carry out a biodiversity audit for West Moors.

Cllr Salt: reported on the Speedwatch and members were shown statistics. It was noted that Pinehurst Road continues to be the place where most speeding vehicles are caught, however offending has shown reduction over the past 2 years.

25/292 CORRESPONDENCE

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

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:21 hrs.

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on 26th February 2026 at 19:30hrs.

SIGNED DATE
Chair

Payment list dated 29.01.26			
Payment method	Invoice amount	Invoice date	Details
EB 29.01	£586.00	22.01.26	Homestart Wessex - Grant
EB 29.01	£1,238.40	24.01.26	Verwood Cleaning Services - toilet and pavilion cleaning Dec-Jan
EB 29.01	£31.45	23.01.25	Business Supplies Group - Copier paper
EB 29.01	£75.00	10.11.25	S Chislett - Remembrance Day bugler
EB 29.01	£672.00	26.01.26	AM PM Glazing - repairs to patio door at pavilion
EB 29.01	£100.00	26.01.26	Blandford Animal Sanctuary - Deposit for attraction at Westival 2026
TOTAL	£2,702.85		
Direct Debits and Debit Card payments			
Payment method	Invoice amount	Invoice date	Details
DD 23.01	£19.88	22.01.26	Mailchimp - monthly subscription
Total	£19.88		