

WEST MOORS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on
THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2026 in the Pavilion, Fryer Field, West Moors at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs C Holmes – Chair		
Cllr Mrs R Burke	Cllr M Hawkes	Cllr J Randall
Cllr D Shortell	Cllr J Staig	Cllr Mrs P Yeo

OTHERS PRESENT: Judi Weedon, Town Clerk
Nadine Hancock, Assistant to the Town Clerk

APOLOGIES:

Cllr D Green	Cllr T Salt
(Reasons for apologies were noted)	

26/7/142 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
None

26/7/143 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS
None

26/7/144 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

- a) Skatepark repairs – Canvas will be carrying out minor skatepark repairs within the next few weeks at a cost of £950
- b) Benches at the skatepark have had the wooden slats replaced with plastic ones.
- c) Two new bollards for Park Way car park will be purchased and installed to replace damaged ones along with an additional drop post for Fryer Field.
- d) Overgrown vegetation on bend on Station Road coming away from the A31 roundabout is pushing larger vehicles over the white line. Dorset Highways have been asked to get this cut back and have contacted the landowner.

26/7/145 RECOMMENDATIONS FORM THE STRATEGIC PLAN WORKING PARTY

- a) Signposting for Fryer Field from Station Road – The working party recommended that the council apply for a directional community sign from Dorset Council at a cost of £130 for the application, plus purchase and install costs which are unknown. It was noted that this matter was discussed in November 2025 and declined by council. Members were concerned about the overall cost of this sign being unknown and asked Cllr D Shortell to find out the overall cost from DC and report back before deciding.
It was noted that the youth club paid £475 for their community sign a few years ago.
- b) Orientation Maps for Fryer Field – Members considered quotations for orientation maps to be produced and installed on Fryer Field in two locations. Members felt that the overall cost of these signs was prohibitive and suggested that the Men's Shed be asked if they could make something, it was noted that the Ferndown Men's shed was operating so it was agreed to approach them.

- c) Inclusive Play equipment – the working party having provided quotes for small pieces of inclusive (sensory) play equipment presented them to members. Members agreed that they would like to see the equipment before making a decision and asked that the representative from Pentagon Play be invited to visit and asked to bring along an item of sensory play equipment.

26/7/146 DROP KERB APPLICATION FOR PINEHURST ROAD

Members considered an application from a resident for the inclusion of a drop kerb in Pinehurst Road between Woolslope Road and Avon Road. Members agreed that many people cross in this area and agreed that the addition of a drop kerb would benefit local residents. It was

RECOMMENDED that WMTC apply to Dorset Council for a drop kerb to be installed on Pinehurst Road between Avon Road and Woolslope Road as per the resident request.

Voting: unanimous

26/7/147 PROPOSED FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS

Members considered a request from a resident with a plan to improve the footpaths on the western side of Station Road (heading north), along with comments received from DC highways on the proposals. After discussion members

RESOLVED not to support the request for improvements to footpaths along Station Road as it was not considered a feasible option due to the land not being in the ownership of a local authority, and that any such improvements would be in the vicinity of a high-pressure gas main and the main oil pipeline.

Voting: unanimous

26/7/148 BUS SHELTER REQUESTS

- a) Pinehurst Road opposite Elmhurst Road – members considered a request for some form of shelter at this location. Members felt that the constraints of the site (footpath width, Open Reach boxes) would not make it feasible to put in a shelter in this location.
- b) Shelter on the western side of Station Road near Spar supermarket. Members felt that a shelter located here would severely impede the visibility of vehicles exiting Holly Court and for this reason they could not support the request.

26/7/149 TRAFFIC SURVEY

Members having received the data from the traffic surveys carried out along Station Road and Pinehurst Road in July 2026 discussed the results and although they did show vehicles breaking the speed limit the numbers were low and most speeding took place during the quieter hours of the day.

Cllr Salt in his absence had submitted a document about further steps that could be taken to manage speed speeding vehicles. The details were relayed to members. Regarding a suggestion to install Blue Backed 30pph Camera signs along the roads, members present raised concerns about these creating additional distractions for drivers and that no further action was required apart for the continuation of Community Speedwatch.

26/7/150 CEMETERY MATTERS

Tree work is due to be carried out as some dead trees have been found, these will be removed.

26/7/151 UPDATE: PUBLIC TOILETS

Extra cleaning was required week ending 23rd Aug

26/7/152 UPDATE: ALLOTMENTS

The Allotment Holders Association held their AGM on the 18th August.

The half yearly pest control has been completed.

There has been a noticeable increase in water charges during the summer months.

One plot is currently vacant and being offered to the next person on the waiting list.

26/7/153 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Allotment and Leisure Gardener – Issue 3
- b) Council officers are still receiving lots of complaints about roads not being swept and weed growing in the gutters, these complaints are passed onto Dorset Council
- c) Local Residents submitted a petition to Dorset Council about the amount of mouse barley growing in the verges and public open spaces. The petitioners have received a reply from Cllr Jon Andrews who has asked that the grass cutting timing be changed to stop the seeding of the mouse barley and a request that the roads in the area are all swept.
- d) Cllr Holmes provided information to members on air quality in West Moors.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:16hrs

The next meeting of the Environment Committee is scheduled for 5th November 2026 at 19:30hrs

SIGNED DATE
Chair of Environment Committee