

WEST MOORS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** meeting held on Thursday 8th January 2009 in the Council Chamber, Pavilion, Fryer Field, West Moors at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr. M. Shine - Chairman		
Cllr. J. Bartley	Cllr. J. Church	Cllr Mrs C Holmes
Cllr P. Holden	Cllr. J. Price	Cllr. J. Young
Cllr B Wye		

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms J Weedon (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllr. A. Clarke

ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGIES: Cllr Mrs M Hall

08/398 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

08/399 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

08/400 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

- a) **Garage roof minute no 08/263 refers** – Work has now been completed.
- b) **Memorial bench minute no 08/336 refers** – The Parish office is currently in negotiations regarding the placement of the bench.
- c) Memorial Safety checks will be taking place starting on the 6th April 2009.
- d) MUGA update – Orders have now been placed for the work. The area has been sprayed with moss killer and the area is due to be swept in early January to remove all the moss and loose surface in preparation for the work to commence. The tarmac contractor is due to start work on the 19th January and meeting of the two contractors and EDDC will take place before any work is commenced.
- e) The clerk reported that the Council has had problems collecting football fees from AFC Bluebridge recently and is currently collecting cash before matches take place. The outstanding amount owed is slowly being paid off. It was suggested that if Bluebridge wish to play next season then fees for the complete season are paid in advance.
- f) The Clerk reported that during December there was a fire at the cemetery and some fence panels were damaged. The fence panels have been replaced.
- g) The Clerk reported that a car had been driven on to the Fryer field on the evening of the 7th January and has caused damage to the sports field. The police have been informed.
- h) The clerk reported that in conjunction with the groundsman they were looking at marking out another full size football pitch in order to increase revenue for the Council. The Clerk to report back to the committee once exact measurements have been completed.

08/401 YOUTH SHELTER

Cllr Holden reported that all the funds are now available to purchase the youth shelter. The youth were canvassed in November as to the siting of the shelter and professionals from EDDC and the police have also been consulted. The youth preferred site is between the bowls club and the MUGA boundary. Experts see youth shelters as a natural extension of youth facilities and felt that it should be placed near the youth centre. It was noted that the shelter should be aimed solely at the youth and not treated like a park bench. Comments were noted that older youths may be a bad influence on younger children at the youth centre. Members supported the idea of

keeping the youth facilities together. After considerable discussion on the placement and orientation of the youth shelter it was

RECOMMENDED that the youth shelter be sited near the youth centre with the opening orientated in an easterly direction. The exact location to be confirmed after a meeting with EDDC officials and reported to the next meeting.

08/402 DOG SIGNS AT FRYER FIELD

In order to aid the work of the newly appointed dog warden it was felt that additional signage was required in the Fryer Field area. It was also noted that under the conditions of the lease with EDDC for the land that the MUGA is sited on 'no animals are not permitted within the playing field area'. After discussion it was

RESOLVED that 'No Dogs Allowed on Playing Fields' signs be placed at all entrances to the playing fields. It was further resolved that the dog bin currently sited on Fryer Field near the bowls club be relocated to the Memorial Hall car park side of the fence.

Cllr Bartley to ask Memorial Hall Council for permission to site the dog bin on their land.

08/403 MUGA BOOKING PROCEDURE

Members discussed various options for booking the MUGA once the refurbishment is completed. After considered discussion it was

RESOLVED that all bookings for the MUGA be taken through the parish office. A deposit for keys to be taken and keys returned to the library if the parish office is closed. The system to be reviewed after 3 months of operation.

08/404 PETWYN WORKING PARTY UPDATE

Mr Peter Burns has now designed two planting schemes and the designs have been drawn up by EDDC. After the working party has approved the drawings the village will be able to vote to choose their preferred design. It is hoped to recruit a team of volunteers to assist in the maintenance of the Petwyn.

Consideration is being given to a water and power supply on the site. Sponsorship is being sought from developers and the horticultural Society has been contacted.

08/405 ALLOTMENT WORKING PARTY UPDATE

Members received a written report from the Allotment Working Party. Its contents were noted. A copy is available in the parish office. Two sites have been identified and the next step is to involve those people who have expressed an interest in renting an allotment. After discussion it was

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to interested parties inviting them to a meeting.

Cllr Bartley to confirm a suitable date at the Memorial Hall.

08/406 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

a) Planting Places Awards – Application now open for top examples of green spaces across the South West region.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.57 p.m.

SIGNED DATE
Chairman