

WEST MOORS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** meeting held on Thursday 14th May 2009 in the Council Chamber, Pavilion, Fryer Field, West Moors at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms J Weedon (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: None

ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGIES: Cllr Mrs M Hall

08/548 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

08/549 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

08/550 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

- a) **Dog Signs at Fryer Field minute no 08/402 refers** – We are awaiting the results of a public consultation of dog orders from East Dorset District Council before any new signage is ordered for the Fryer Field area. The Dog warden (Laura) has left EDDC, they are currently recruiting a new dog warden to take over from Laura. No tickets have been issued to dog users in Fryer Field and the area does not have a serious dog fouling problem.
- b) **Groundsman Garage minute no 08/166 refers** – No further information at this time
- c) **Memorial Safety Inspections minute no 08/400c refers** – We are awaiting approval from the Diocese before these works are carried out. Members had a discussion on whether the Diocese should have any authority over issues that arise in a Local Authority Cemetery even though the ground is consecrated. Members requested that the Clerk find paperwork regarding a previous issue that arose with the Diocese approximately 5/6 years ago and that research is conducted to see which authority takes precedence, the local authority or the diocese.
- d) **Skatepark** – Painting of the large skate ramp. Mr Hunt has been asked to organise this as he is in possession of the paint. The parish office has not been informed of a date for this work.
- e) **Playground inspections** – The new inspection contract with SAS playgrounds has begun and some minor works are needed in the Fryer Field play area. These works will be completed by SAS as soon as possible. The inspection sheets are available in the Parish office should members wish to view them.
- f) **WM Cricket Club minute no 08/533b refers** – The cricket club have placed a container at Fryer Field in order to store their equipment. The Parish Council groundsman does have access to the equipment stored in the cricket clubs container. However, the cricket club placed this container on site before being given an official letter (currently the siting of a storage shed is a recommendation to Council) and the container is much larger than anticipated. EDDC have confirmed that planning permission is not required for the container. The cricket club have been informed that should the Parish Council not approve the recommendation the container will have to be removed.

08/551 USE OF PETWYN

Members discussed a request from Brendon Care Clubs for use of the Petwyn. They wish to place tables on the area in order to sell craft items to help support the club. After a considered discussion it was

RESOLVED that Brendon Care be granted permission to set up stalls to sell craft and bric-a-brac items on the Petwyn on Saturday 25th May. However, Brendon Care must consider the issue of safety of the visitors to the stalls regarding Station Road.

It was further suggested that Brendon Care consider utilising the pavement along Station Road for any future events as members felt this may be a more suitable option. Permission to use the pedestrian pavement from the relevant authority would be required.

08/552 BADGERS

Members reviewed a quotation for work in the cemetery to help control the badgers encroachment into the area. It was suggested that the proposed works be deferred until next year as the work is not accounted for in the current budget, this will enable the cost to be added to the budget for 2010/11. Members requested that the garden waste that is currently on the badger sett be removed after the 1st July. Concerns were expressed over the speed at which the badgers are encroaching into the cemetery. It was suggested that the money set aside for Memorial testing be used for this purpose.

After further discussion it was

RESOLVED that further research was required from organisations that deal with badgers before a decision could be made.

08/553 PETWYN WORKING PARTY UPDATE

Members received a verbal report from Cllr Holmes and a written report that is available in the Parish office.

08/554 ALLOTMENT WORKING PARTY UPDATE

Members received a verbal update from Cllr B Wye and a written report from the Allotment Working Party. A copy of the report is available in the Parish office.

08/555 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Cllr J Bartley, e-mail regarding access to Fryer Field children's play area, minute no 08/534 refers. Cllr Bartley left the Council Chamber after informing members that he had researched the installation of a RADAR lock for the gate. Members noted the contents of the e-mail

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.22 p.m.

SIGNED DATE
Chairman of Amenities Committee