

WEST MOORS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** meeting held on Thursday 19th February 2009 in the Council Chamber, Pavilion, Fryer Field, West Moors at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms J Weedon (Clerk)
17 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES: Cllr. J. Church

ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGIES: Cllr Mrs M Hall

08/455 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Chris Parry passed a document to the Committee regarding AFC Bluebridge

08/456 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Holden declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 5, Playground Inspection Contract

08/457 ALLOTMENT WORKING PARTY UPDATE

Members received a written report from the Allotment Working Party on the meeting held with potential allotment holders and on a meeting of the newly formed Allotment Holders Association. Its contents were noted. A copy is available in the parish office. Three potential sites have now been identified as suitable for allotments, Sturts Farm (nr Gulliver's Farm, land off Canterbury Close and land adjacent to footpath no. 5. The working party presented draft letters to the committee for approval. The letters are to the current owners of the land expressing an interest in using them for the provision of allotments. Many members of the public present were from the newly formed allotment association. They informed members that they had produced a draft constitution and asked that consideration also be given to a plot of land near the entrance to the village from Ferndown on the left hand side of Station Road. Working Party members will consider this at their next meeting and report back to the committee. The allotment holders association thanked the working party members for their help and suggested that the preferred site would be the Sturts Farm area. After discussion it was

RECOMMENDED that letters be sent to the land owners stating the Parish Council interest in the land for the provision of allotments.

08/458 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

- a) **Memorial Bench minute no 08/336 refers** – The Parish office has written to the applicant with conditions on the placement of the bench
- b) **Youth Shelter minute no 08/401 refers** – The Youth Club has sent a letter expressing concern regarding the placement of the youth shelter. The matter will be discussed at full Council on the 26th February.
- c) **Dog Signs at Fryer Field minute no 08/402 refers** – After talking with the dog warden she felt it prudent to put up temporary signage at the present time until we have received confirmation that the proposed dog control orders can be enforced.
- d) **Groundsman Garage minute no 08/166 refers** – With the roof now repaired an electrician has been to inspect the wiring and found that the underground supply wire from the pavilion to the garage has a fault. A quote has been supplied for this

work and the Finance and GP committee will consider the cost implications at the next meeting. Clerk to seek further quotes.

- e) **Memorial Safety Inspections minute no 08/400c refers** – Letters have been sent to all suppliers of memorials in the cemetery informing them of the future inspections, an article will be placed in the West Moors Directory and the Daily Echo, notices have been placed in the cemetery. Anthony Ives Memorials will make safe any memorial found defective for a fee of £20 per memorial. Issues were raised to the necessity of the memorial inspections.
- f) **AFC Bluebridge minute no 08/400e refers** – The outstanding fees have now been paid.
- g) **Damage at Fryer Field by vehicles minute no 08/400g refers** – The police are following this matter up
- h) **West Moors Youth Football teams are no longer using the Fryer field as their under 15's team has disbanded.**
- i) **The assistant Clerk will be attending a 'Managing Burials Workshop' in March.**
- j) **Cemetery – the groundsman has started replacing the grass with gravel around the cremated remains tablets.**

08/459 PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

After a brief discussion it was

RESOLVED that SAS Playgrounds be given the contract for playground inspections at Fryer Field and Oakhurst Play areas.

08/460 FLOODLIGHT CONTRACT

Members discussed the current contract held with SEC for general maintenance of the floodlights. After a considered discussion it was

RESOLVED that subject to a quote from electrical contractor MD Guy for general maintenance of the floodlights being lower than the SEC contract price that the SEC contract is not renewed. The contract for the maintenance of the floodlights to be reviewed in 12 months.

08/461 FLOODLIGHT OPERATION

Members discussed why the floodlights were initially rotated to shine on the skatepark and grass area and why they were installed originally. The issue of light pollution was discussed. Members were informed of the restrictions in the operation of the floodlights. In light of the Multi Use Games Area nearing completion the floodlights are due to be rotated back to their original position to illuminate the MUGA. They will then be available at a fee for users of the MUGA. After considered discussion it was

RESOLVED that the floodlights are no longer used to illuminate the skatepark area as illuminating the MUGA takes priority. Consideration to be given at a later date to altering the lights operating controls (wiring) and/or the installation of additional lights in order to gain greater flexibility of the floodlights.

08/462 MUGA UPDATE

Members received an update on the progress of the MUGA work and initial plans for the official opening of the site. Security of the site fencing was discussed and it was

RESOLVED that gravel boards be installed around the complete site in order to secure the fencing at the base. Work to be carried out by Parish Council groundsman.

08/463 MUGA FEES

Members discussed fees to be charged for the artificial grass surface. It was

RESOLVED the scale of charges for the artificial grass surface be implemented as shown below with a review of the charges taking place in 6 months:

Adults

Between 9am and 4pm (Mon to Fri)	£20 per hour
After 4pm (Mon to Fri)	£25 per hour
Saturday and Sunday (all day)	£25 per hour
Pitch with Floodlights:	
After 4pm weekdays including Sat and Sun	£30 per hour

Juniors

Between 9am and 4pm (Mon to Fri)	£15 per hour
After 4pm (Mon to Fri)	£20 per hour
Saturday and Sunday (all day)	£20 per hour
Pitch with Floodlights:	
After 4pm weekdays including Sat and Sun	£25 per hour

08/464 YOUTH FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Members considered a request to hold a youth football tournament in May. Members considered a report by the groundsman on the request and consideration was given to the tournament affecting the cricket outfield. After a lengthy discussion it was **RESOLVED that the tournament could go ahead providing the football pitch could be marked out without any impingement on the cricket outfield. Mr Steve Hunt to supply the size of pitch required.**

08/465 BEAT THE BANDS

Members considered a request for the annual beat the bands event to be held at the skatepark. The event is due to be held on the 4th July between 2pm and 10 pm. Members considered a request for the provision of a lorry to be sited at the skatepark for the event. After discussion it was

RESOLVED that approval be given to hold the event, any vehicle required for the event being the sole responsibility of the event organisers, any damage caused by vehicles to the Fryer Field or surrounding areas/fencing to be repaired/returned to the original condition by the event organisers and no disruption is caused to the users of the cricket field as a result of the event. The fields to be checked prior to the event to ensure that the ground is firm enough to take the proposed lorry.

Cllr Bartley requested on behalf of the Memorial Hall that a gate be installed in the fencing by the bowls club by the pathway to the MUGA. He was informed that the council did not currently have money in its budget for this.

08/466 CEMETERY FLOWERS

The committee considered a request to remove plastic flowers from the cemetery which have deteriorated. After considered discussion the committee felt that this request could not be supported.

08/467 PETWYN WORKING PARTY UPDATE

Members received a verbal report from Cllr Holmes. 2 designs have now been drafted and costed at £3000 per design. Costings have been sought for a standpipe and an electricity supply. Letters have been sent to potential sponsors and some positive replies have been received. It is hoped to display the designs in March for the public to choose their desired option. Anne Bissex from the Horticultural Society has joined the working party and the horticultural society may be willing to donate some funds towards the project.

Mrs Donna Marlborough informed members that the Petwyn was saved to be a simple village green and objected to money being spent on improvements. Mrs Marlborough was informed that the Parish Council would like to ensure that the Petwyn is seen as a place of civic pride.

08/468 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

- a) AFC Bluebridge – Letter informing of a team name change to AFC West Moors – noted
- b) Request from the Skatepark committee for maintenance of skatepark ramps. Clerk to arrange repairs if costings fall within the allotted budget.

08/469 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:- that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was likely that if Members of the Public were present during discussion, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information and they therefore be excluded from the Meeting in accordance with Section 1, subsection (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

08/470 MUGA Update

Members discussed items relating to security of the MUGA. See confidential minute file page 10.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

SIGNED DATE
Chairman