

## WEST MOORS PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May in the Council Chamber, Pavilion, Fryer Field, West Moors at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Bartley Cllr P Holden Cllr. Mrs C. Holmes  
Cllr. M. Shine

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ms. J. Weedon (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr J Price Cllr. B. Wye Cllr. J. Young

**ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGIES:** Cllr Mrs M Hall

**08/038 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None

**08/039 TO ELECT CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 2008/09**

Cllr Shine was proposed, seconded and duly elected Chairman of the Amenities Committee

**08/040 TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 2008/09**

Cllr Young was proposed, seconded and duly elected Vice Chairman of the Amenities Committee

**08/041 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Bartley expressed a personal interest in agenda item 10, Memorial Hall request. He remained in the room and took part in the discussion.

**08/042 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

- a) **Painting of container near tennis courts, minute no 07/289, 07/405c** – A letter has been sent to the community service department requesting help to paint the containers at fryer field. This matter has been followed up but no response has been received. Members felt that as this matter was not urgent then the community service route should continued to be pursued.
- b) **Security at Fryer Field minute no 07/407 refers** – The trees have been planted and the fence repaired.
- c) **Floodlight installation minute no 07/408** – A purchase order has been sent out for this work.
- d) **Groundsman working hours minute no 07/410** – As the groundsman has been off sick for the last 6 weeks this item has not been addressed.
- e) **CCTV** – The homewatch CCTV camera that they have kindly lent to the Parish Council has been installed but is not yet operational. Clerk to check with Police that it is legal to use the CCTV in a public place before it becomes operational.
- f) A recent request was received from Oakhurst First School to mark out football pitches on their playing field for a cluster football tournament. The temporary groundsman completed this task and the school were very appreciative of this gesture from the Parish Council. A thank you card has been received from the Head teacher and the Parish Council has been thanked in the school newsletter. Oakhurst School won the tournament.
- g) Further vandalism has occurred at the Fryer Field. During the weekend of the 10/11<sup>th</sup> May it appears that people have been having BBQ's in the area. The small shelter by the car park has been burnt. A letter has been sent to Inspector Henley regarding policing in the area.
- h) It has come to light that the waste bins at the Fryer Field are being used by people to put dog waste into. A dog bin is due to be installed on the Fryer Field.

- i) MUGA Update – All quotes have now been received and it is hoped that the application to the football foundation will be submitted shortly. Cllr Bartley expressed concern over the regeneration of the MUGA and asked if it would be used. A copy of the funding bid will be given to each councillor so they are aware of the support for the project.
- j) The playgrounds have recently been inspected and some work has been recommended. This work will be undertaken soon.

**08/043 REPORT OF COMMITTEE CEMETERY VISIT**

Members were informed that the cemetery appears to have been not kept in a suitable condition for a number of years. The boundary hedges are unkempt and the fencing in a poor state, a number of shrubs and trees are growing out of older graves. Members were informed that because of the groundsman having been off sick for a number of weeks the grass has been left to grow. A contractor was employed to cut the grass and that task will be completed shortly. Cllr Shine agreed to approach Pinehurst Chapel to ask if they would volunteer to help tidy up the area. It also appears that some headstones are loose. Clerk to contact Verwood Town Council to arrange Memorial inspections. Members also felt that consideration should be given to removing the kerbing in the older part of the cemetery in order to make maintenance easier. The use of wire cages was also discussed. After further discussion it was felt that cemetery maintenance needs to be addressed with a permanent solution. It was felt that the current groundsman does not work enough hours in order to maintain the cemetery to a high standard. It was therefore proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED that the Council employ a part time groundsman (6 hours a week) for a trial period of six months with the specific task of tidying the cemetery. The job to then be reviewed. The pay scale for the post to be LC1, SPC 11.**

**08/044 TO APPROVE REVISED CEMETERY REGULATIONS**

Members reviewed the revised regulations and after discussion it was **RESOLVED to adopt the revised cemetery regulations. A copy of the regulations to be placed in the cemetery and to ensure that anyone purchasing a plot is given a copy.**

**08/045 TO REVIEW THE FLOODLIGHT OPERATION TIMES FOR THE SKATEPARK**

It was noted that when the youth shelter is installed then the floodlights may need to be on more often. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED that the floodlights be switched on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings between 9pm and 10.30pm, with the times being reviewed in September.**

**08/046 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO USE PART OF THE FRYER FIELD AS AN OVERFLOW CAR PARK**

A request was from the Memorial Hall council who have asked if the Parish Council would consider opening up part of the land behind the memorial hall car park, by the multi purpose play area as an overflow car park. The request has been generated after the Primary Care Trust approached the Memorial Hall as a possible site for the development of a Medical Centre. It is felt that in the future, should the development take place that parking may be a problem when events at the bowls club, the multi use games area and the memorial hall are taking place at the same time. Members agreed to write to EDDC to ensure that they had no objection to the suggestion that some form of carpark to act as an overflow car park be sited on the land, EDDC have to be consulted as the land is owned by them and leased to the Parish Council. Clerk to action

**08/047 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

The West Moors Horticultural Society has requested permission to plant daffodils in the shape of the letters 'WMHS' on the Petwyn. The parish council currently have no control

over the grass cutting on the Petwyn and therefore the daffodils that are currently planted get cut down. After discussion members felt that the planting of more daffodils on the Petwyn was not suitable and it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED that the offer from the Horticultural Society be declined. However members agreed that should the Horticultural Society wish to plant a floral display in one of the flower beds then they may do so providing they maintain the flower bed in a suitable condition. Clerk to write to the Horticultural Society**

**08/048 TO CONSIDER SECURITY TO FRYER FIELD FROM THE STATION ROAD PATHWAY**

The police have asked that the gate from Station Road to the Fryer Field be locked at night as residents have complained about youths. Currently a gate exists at the entrance to the pathway but it is unable to be locked as the post is rotten. Members requested that the Clerk investigate whether the current Fryer Field gatekeeper would be willing to undertake the extra task of locking this gate. If the current gatekeeper is willing to take on this task then a new post is to be installed in order for the gate to be locked at dusk.

**08/049 TO DISCUSS THE LEGIONELLA RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PAVILION**

Having previously been circulated the members noted the content of the report and were informed that East Dorset District Council would be undertaking the testing regime and billing the Parish Council for the work. EDDC will also be obtaining quotes for the remedial work recommended. Members to be informed at a later date when quotes have been received.

**08/050 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) PACT letter – requesting that the Multi use games area be unlocked for the summer months. Members agreed to leave the area unlocked until work starts on the regeneration and to put up one tennis net. Clerk to arrange
- b) Bluebridge FC – e-mail regarding proposals for the forthcoming season. Members discussed the content of the email but felt that not enough information was present to decide on the proposals. Clerk to write to Bluebridge to ask for clarification on what the proposals will cost the Parish Council.

**08/051 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

None

**08/052 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Youth Shelter

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

SIGNED ..... DATE .....  
Chairman of the Amenities Committee