

WEST MOORS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** meeting held on Thursday 31ST July 2008 in the Council Chamber, Pavilion, Fryer Field, West Moors at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. M. Shine - Chairman
 Cllr. J. Bartley Cllr. A. Clarke
 Cllr. J. Price Cllr. J. Young

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs P. Holloway (Acting Parish Clerk)
 Cllr. R. Watson
 Mrs Anne Bissex

APOLOGIES: Cllr. J. Church Cllr P. Holden

08/164 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

08/165 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

08/166 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

- a) A grant of £2,000 has been received from EDDC regarding the youth shelter
- b) The power supply to the garage at Fryers Field keeps "tripping". An electrician (M.D. Guy) has inspected this and the wiring needs upgrading/replacing. They have, however, advised us not to carry out this work until the roof is repaired. We are still trying to find a contractor who will be prepared to carry out repairs on this asbestos roof. Cllr. Bartley will notify the Clerk of local roofing contractors who has been used by the Memorial Hall.
- c) A vacancy for a temporary part time groundsman has been placed in the main notice board

08/167 TO ENDORSE THE FORMATION OF A FRIENDS OF THE CEMETERY VOLUNTEER GROUP AND AGREE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Cllr. Shine stated that a council cannot create a volunteer group

Cllr. Price stated that when a new assistant groundsman is employed, volunteers would not be necessary.

Cllr. Clarke stated that names and contact numbers of people who wished to volunteer would be required. The Council would not object to the idea of volunteers but the grounds, fencing and maintenance of the cemetery will still remain the responsibility of the Council.

Cllr Bartley proposed, this was seconded and

RECOMMENDED that when the new notice board is placed in the cemetery grounds, we could advertise for volunteers.

Cllr. Bartley told members that the stakes and straps that were put in place some time ago to support old headstones, are in need of replacing as several are rotted. Clerk to find out who the contractor was who carried out this work and get quote to replace these items.

08/168 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

- a) West Moors Horticultural Society – Re: Petwyn – Letter will be sent by Cllr. Clarke in reply to this
- b) Mr & Mrs Johnson – Re: Request to install a bench at West Moors Cemetery – Members did not have any objection to this in principle but the siting of such a bench would have to be agreed. A letter will be sent to Mr and Mrs Johnson inviting

them to a meeting at the cemetery and Cllr. Shine agreed to meet Mr and Mrs Johnson at a convenient time.

- c) AR Carpentry – Quotation for new notice board at West Moors Cemetery – Clerk to ring AR Carpentry and ask for another quote for an A2 size notice board. Members felt that a larger size board would be more beneficial, in order to display the cemetery regulations as well as any other notices required in future. Members also felt that only one board was required and this would be placed by the entrance gate.
- d) Jenny Winslade – Request for allotment – Letter to be sent to Miss Jenny Winslade noting her interest.

08/169 INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

Cllr. Shine reported an increase of rabbits at the cemetery
 Cllr. Bartley reported a dripping tap at the far side of the new part of the cemetery
 Cllr. Clarke told members he had heard from a resident that there was a snake in Pennington Copse
 Cllr. Clarke reported that he had received a good response from two sources with regards to seats for the plantation area
 Cllr. Price informed members he had a leaflet called “Treasure Lovely Memories” which encourages residents to purchase benches, which can be sited in various parts of the village. The information will be held in the Parish Office

08/170 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- Parish Council – Vacancy for chairman to be discussed**
- Parish Council – Maintenance of Petwyn**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.29 p.m.

SIGNED DATE
Chairman