

**WEST MOORS PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2008 in the Council Chamber, Pavilion, Fryer Field, West Moors at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. Mrs C. Holmes - Chairman		
Cllr. A. Clarke – Vice Chairman		
Cllr. J. Bartley	Cllr. P. Gausson	Cllr. J M Price
Cllr. M. Shine	Cllr. S. Walker	Cllr. K . Warren
Cllr. R. Watson	Cllr. Ms S. Zyga	

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mrs P. Holloway (Assistant Clerk)  
Mr & Mrs Long Mr & Mrs Marlborough

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. J. Church Cllr. P. Holden Cllr. B. E. Wye  
Cllr. J. Young

**ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGIES:** Cllr. A. Hall

**08/140 Agenda Item 8 – To Consider the payment of the Village Crier Subscription fees**

This item was brought forward as Mr Iain Mitchell was in attendance in full costume  
It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that a one off payment of £200 would be given as a Grant as agreed in the December 2006 minutes. The members endorsed Mr Mitchell as the West Moors Crier.

**08/141 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr Tony Marlborough asked councillors that since a grant of £12,000 was given to Ferndown Skate Park from the Daphne Harrison Fund, could we not, in turn, ask if they would be willing to reciprocate. Mr Marlborough was informed that this would not be possible. It was agreed that the Skate park issue for funding would be a future item for the Finance and General Purpose Committee.

Mrs Donna Marlborough asked councillors about the future of the Parish Council website. In her reply to this, Cllr. Holmes stated this matter was on the agenda and it would be discussed then.

Mr Roger Long asked councillors about the refurbishment of the Parish Regalia. He was concerned about the use of ratepayers money being used for this refurbishment. Cllr. Holmes displayed the Chain of Office to members and the public, showing that it was not broken but in need of a new ribbon and cleaning, as it appeared tarnished.

**08/142** It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the wording “Democratic Period” used on this Agenda should be replaced with the old “Questions From Members of the Public” wording.

**08/143 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None

**08/144 TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

Having been circulated, the minutes pages 294 - 300 were agreed, adopted and signed as a true and correct record.

**08/145 TO APPROVE AND SIGN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

a) **The Report of the Planning Consultative Committee** held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008 pages 301 - 302 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

**b) The Report of the Highways and Environment** held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008 page 303, as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

**c) The Report of the Finance and General Purpose Committee** held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008 pages 304 - 312, as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

**Minute no 08/127** – It was **RESOLVED** that the colour of the regalia ribbon be changed to burgundy which co-ordinates with the colour of the Parish Council logo

**d) The Report of the Planning Committee** held on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2008 pages 313 - 317 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

#### **08/146 TO RECEIVE DORSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

**(a)** Cllr P Gausson gave a report on the 2 day strike by Unite on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July after a pay offer of 2.45% was refused. As the government had advised a maximum of 2% award for local government this year, DCC had put by only 2.25%. Every ½% increase in council tax means another £5.85 on Band D tax payers, so DCC is concerned that this may prove an expensive dispute.

**(b)** Queen Elizabeth School – the new school has been plagued by ever escalating costs. As contracts have not been finalised this information concerning the total is commercially sensitive. Final figures will be revealed when contracts are made (hopefully by Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>) and all facts will be revealed.

**(c)** Voluntary organisations – Any organisation that is struggling to find volunteers, The Volunteer centre will be able to help. Contact can be made on 01305 269214 or contact Rebecca at DCC on 01305 224821.

**(d)** Age Concern have just produced their summer issue magazine and this is available for any councillor who may not have seen it.

**(e)** Denominational School Transport – From Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 pupils attending faith schools outside their catchment area will have to pay £203 per annum. Those on benefits or disabled etc. will not be charged. A total of 555 students are involved, saving an estimated £100,000 per annum.

#### **08/147 TO RECEIVE EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

a) Cllr Clarke reported on the situation with BT regarding the removal of phone boxes in Payne Close and Abbey Road. Many of the 32 boxes on the list only had usage in single figures (including two with zero) over the 12 month period. The West Moors boxes had figures of 225 (Payne Close) and 511 (Abbey Rd). I requested than an objection be made by EDDC and this was supported by the committee. BT still has the right of appeal but these boxes were among the seven highest in terms of usage on the list.

b) A briefing was held at EDDC on 21<sup>st</sup> July and described the extremely complex procedure whereby the payment to bus companies is calculated. Figures from the first quarter are still awaited (Sept) to confirm the council's liability this year. Predictions are, however, that usage will continue to grow in the future as the scheme becomes embedded. The frustrating method of government funding leaves many councils with too much money but meanwhile East Dorset is grossly underfunded for even the statutory scheme. A full report of this is held in the Parish Office.

#### **08/148 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr. Holmes gave a report on the dates to which she attended various meetings throughout July.

Meeting with the Police at Eastern Police H.Q. in Ferndown on the 8<sup>th</sup> July to discuss disquiet about the effectiveness of policing in West Moors. Juvenile nuisance was top of her agenda. Sgt. Dimmack outlined the work the police were undertaking:

(a) Alcohol - rounds of "test purchasing" have been conducted to see if outlets are selling to under aged children. On the spot fines are given to those selling to under aged persons and alcohol is confiscated from the purchaser.

(b) Anti Social Dispersal Orders – Section 30 ASDOs are being planned

(c) Restorative Justice – Police, victim, criminal and social workers meet to work out appropriate punishment. These will be used more and more.

(d) Special Constables – Cllr. Holmes asked for some and she was informed that we have one and Sgt. Dimmack will ask if we can have more.

Amber Group – Tasks have been allocated to LAG and Parish Council for action

The Chairman is extremely worried about the state of the Petwyn, the state of the Cemetery and the constant stream of public complaints.

**08/149 TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED** that the accounts for payment be approved, as attached cheque list dated 24.07.08. Clerk to find minutes relating to cheque no. 3896 and 3909.

**08/150 TO RECEIVE PARISH CLERKS REPORT**

**Information only** The Groundsman Wes (Hugo) is getting married on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August and will be having two weeks leave. I have arranged cover for his work at Fryer Field with Mr Read.

(a) Reminder for the Give and Take Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2008 at the Memorial Hall. Volunteers are needed to help out on the day between 9am – 12 noon.

(b) Temporary Groundsman minute no. 08/098 refers – an advert has been placed in the next edition of the West moors Directory

(c) Parish Office break in update – Currently we are back up and running with not too many adverse effects. The insurance company has been informed and invoices relating to the costs already incurred have been forwarded to them. The Police detained 4 people who have since been released and are continuing their investigations. The police have been contacted regarding an appropriate burglar alarm system.

**08/151 TO APPROVE ANNUAL RETURN AND GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR 2007/08**

In the absence of the Clerk, Councillors wished figures to be cross checked before it was signed.

**08/152 TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF A PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Councillors are to reconsider the whole issue of the setting up of a dedicated Parish Council website and its relationship with the community website.

Cllr. Holmes wished for a .gov website to be set up with the Parish Clerk running it. Concerns were raised about the effect of this on the current website which involves 27 organisations/groups in addition to links, including the Parish Council.

It was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that the outgoing administrator be contacted and asked to continue the community website. If Mrs Peskett feels she is unable to carry on, WMPC will need to consider options for the future of the website.

Cllr. Price will contact Mrs Peskett on this matter. It was agreed that a letter of appreciation should be sent to Mrs Peskett on behalf of the Council for all her time and efforts.

**08/153 TO APPROVE PRINTING OF BUSINESS CARDS**

Costs were discussed for this item and it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that we would order business cards from VistaPrint.co.uk at a cost of £10.73 for 250. It was also proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the wording "working for the public good" would be removed from the design.

**08/154 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PARISH PLAN LIAISON GROUP**

No report available as meeting was only held that afternoon. The minutes will be presented to the next meeting.

**08/155 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) EDDC – A standard form for members and the public to use in order to address concerns to the Standards Board monitoring officer. The forms are held in the Parish Office.

(b) Return of the Natives Project – letter kept in Parish Office

(c) EDCP – Letter kept in Parish Office regarding climate changes

(d) West Moors Skate Park Challenge – Mr S. Hunt has asked if they can borrow the Gazebo for the skate festival – This was agreed by members.

**08/156 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

Cllr. Bartley stated that Minutes from the Memorial Hall meetings held between 1929 – 1957 were being sent to DCC archives.

Cllr. Gaussen stated he had received an objection from a resident to the proposed shelter for the skate park area.

Cllr. Price gave a report on the Post Office closures. Four local post offices are to be closed and they are Holt, Longham, Stapehill and Wimborne Road, Ferndown. The situation will be reviewed again in 2011. West Moors may be in danger of losing their Post Office if the usage is low.

Cllr. Price showed members a leaflet on Social Clubs for older people. Brendon Care Clubs leaflet is held by Cllr. Price if anyone is interested.

Cllr. Shine told members that the Headteacher of St. Marys First School has now left.

**08/157 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

**Amenities - Watering of the trees and bushes on the Petwyn**

**Finance and General purpose – To review actions arising from the auditor's report in connection with the Annual Return and Governance Statement for 2007-2008**

**Ward Division**

**Litter outside Library area**

**08/158** The Chairman stated that an additional confidential item relating to staffing matters needed to be considered and it was agreed that the public should be asked to leave at this point. The Council then resolved contingency arrangements in terms of coverage and salary in case of extended staff absence.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

SIGNED ..... DATE .....  
Chairman

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**08/159** Discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2008

It was resolved that in the event of the Clerk's absence, due to illness extending into a second week, the Assistant Clerk would be paid on the Salary Point SCP25 (£10.778) per hour to reflect the additional responsibilities she would carry.

The Assistant Clerk had kindly offered to extend her hours from 12 to 24 plus evening meetings (the latter until the end of August only). This was noted with appreciation. If any extra period of cover is required, further assistance would need to be pursued.

