

WEST MOORS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** meeting held on Thursday 11th June 2009 in the Council Chamber, Pavilion, Fryer Field, West Moors at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Miss J Church Cllr. P. Holden Cllr Mrs C Holmes
 Cllr. J. Price Cllr K Warren Cllr R Watson
 Cllr Ms S Zyga

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms J Weedon (Clerk)
 Cllr S Walker
 2 Members of the public

APOLOGIES: Cllr. J. Bartley Cllr B Wye

09/024 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
 None

09/025 TO ELECT A COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
 Cllr Mrs C Holmes was proposed, seconded and duly elected Chairman of the Committee.

09/026 TO ELECT A VICE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
 Cllr R Watson was proposed, seconded and duly elected Vice Chairman of the Committee.

09/027 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
 None

09/028 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

- a) **Dog Signs at Fryer Field minute no 08/402, 08/550a refers** – 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. EDDC are in the process of recruiting a new dog warden.
- b) **Groundsman Garage minute no 08/166 refers** – No further information at this time
- c) **Memorial Safety Inspections minute no's 08/400c, 08/550c refers** – Awaiting approval from the Diocese before these works are carried out. After investigation, it is confirmed that as the ground in the cemetery is consecrated the Church of England have faculty jurisdiction over the land, which means the Parish Council has to apply to the Diocese before any work can be carried out. The evidence for this is available in the Local Authority Cemeteries Order 1977.
- d) **Skatepark minute no 08/550d refers** – The large skateramp has now been painted
- e) **Brendon Care, Use of the Petwyn minute no 08/551 refers** – Brendon Care Clubs did not hold their event as specified as they could not get safety barriers in time. However, they have thanked the Council for their help and kindness and may ask for permission for a similar event in the future.
- f) **Badgers minute no 08/552 refers** – The Dorset Badger Group has now visited the cemetery and have advised that work is required to control the badgers and have suggested that Natural England Wildlife Advisory unit is contacted for help and further advice.
- g) **Speed Indicator Device minute no's 08/316f and 08/510b refers** – A survey has now been carried out in Moorlands Road and it met the criteria for the installation of a SID. A pole is due to be installed (near no 31a) and then the location will be added to the Dorset Safety Camera Partnership rota. The SID should be located at

Moorlands Road every 12 to 14 weeks for a period of 1 week. This is no cost to the Parish Council for this SID.

- h) **Fryer Field** – Members are informed that recently there has been a proliferation of broken glass outside the youth club, at the skatepark and on the tennis courts. Also the Fryer Field gate keeper has had to ask young people to leave the area on more than one occasion, on one occasion after evicting people from the area his car and others in Bond Avenue were damaged. The police have been informed.
- i) **MUGA update** – Maintenance equipment for the artificial grass has now been received. The usage of the area is slow but the feedback from users is very positive. An advertisement for the MUGA is due to be placed in the Bournemouth Divisional Football Association handbook which is sent to all local clubs, referees etc.
- j) **Tennis courts** – Members were informed that the tennis courts had been padlocked by persons unknown therefore restricting public access. The padlock has been forcibly removed.
- k) **Skatepark** – Members were informed that some very offensive graffiti has appeared at the skatepark. The graffiti has been covered and the police informed.

09/029 PETWYN WORKING PARTY UPDATE

Members received a verbal report from Cllr Holmes.

09/030 ALLOTMENT WORKING PARTY UPDATE

Members received a verbal update from Cllr P Holden.

09/031 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Members were shown designs for additional Christmas lights along Station Road along with costings. After a considered discussion it was

RESOLVED that the Parish Council continue with the current Christmas decorations as erected in previous years, but a commitment is made to increasing the budget and starting a sinking fund in order to enhance the Christmas decorations along Station Road and the Petwyn.

Voting: 5 for, 1 abstention

09/032 CHANGES TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS

Members discussed Dorset County Council proposed changes to waiting restrictions in Ashurst Road and Station Road. After discussion it was

RESOLVED that the Parish Council had no objections to the proposed changes to waiting restrictions in Station Road and Ashurst Road.

Clerk to inform Dorset County Council

09/033 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING RELOCATION

Members discussed information from Dorset County Council on the proposed relocation of the pedestrian crossing south of Riverside Road to outside the Memorial Hall. Members discussed the provision of a pedestrian crossing outside the library and felt that a crossing in this area should take higher priority as there is now a School Patrol crossing outside the Memorial Hall. Members were informed that East Dorset District Council are holding Section 106 funds which have been earmarked for transport improvements in West Moors and Verwood and that ideas on how to spend this money are required in order to ensure that West Moors gets its fair share of any potential funding. After discussion it was

RECOMMENDED that the Parish Council pursue the relocation of the crossing currently sited south of Riverside Road to outside the library and not the Memorial Hall.

Clerk to contact Dorset County Council.

It was further

RECOMMENDED that the Parish Council explore the use of Section 106 funds to enhance road safety in West Moors.

09/034 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Dorset County Council – Structural Maintenance Programme for 2009/10
- b) Dorset Local Access Forum Annual Report 2007/08

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.29 p.m.

SIGNED DATE
Chairman of Amenities Committee