

## WEST MOORS PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2009 in the Council Chamber, Pavilion, Fryer Field, West Moors at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Mrs C Holmes – Chairman		
Cllr. J. Bartley	Cllr Miss J Church	Cllr. P. Holden
Cllr. J. Price	Cllr K Warren	Cllr R Watson
Cllr B Wye		

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ms J Weedon (Clerk)  
3 Members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Ms S Zyga

**09/061 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**  
None

**09/062 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None

**09/063 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT**

- a) **Groundsman Garage minute no 08/166 refers** – SEB have been contacted to provide a quote for the works to repair the underground cable.
- b) **Memorial Safety Inspections minute no's 08/400c, 08/550c refers** – Approval has now been received from the Diocese and testing is due to take place on the 16/17 July.
- c) **Skatepark minute no 08/550d refers** – The large skateramp has now been painted. Thanks to Mr Hunt for organising.
- d) **Badgers minute no 08/552 refers** – The Dorset Badger Group has visited the cemetery and advised that action is required to contain the sett. They further advised that Natural England is contacted to help with the application for a licence to carry out works and to advise on the works necessary. An application for a licence to carry out works has been completed.
- e) **Pedestrian Crossing minute no 09/033 refers** – Dorset County Council have been contacted and will carry out a survey in Station Road near the library to see if the criteria is met to relocate the Riverside Road Crossing to outside the library.
- f) **Pinehurst Parade update** – East Dorset District Council have again written to all the premises on the parade informing them of their continuing legal obligation to maintain their premises.
- g) **West Moors Cricket Club** – The club have informed us that they are unable to continue hiring the container to store their equipment in and have asked for suggestions. A reply has been sent stating that some of their equipment can be stored in the pavilion loft at the end of the cricket season and the large piece of maintenance equipment can be stored in the groundsman garage and if they require access to the maintenance equipment it will have to be at a mutually convenient time to the groundsman and their selves.
- h) **Playareas** – These have now been inspected by ROSPA (on behalf of EDDC) and the Parish Councils Annual inspection by Digley Associates. In general the play areas do not require major work but some signage requires replacing, the wood chip requires topping up and some fencing repairs are required.
- i) **Goalposts** – An application has been sent to the Football Foundation for help with the purchase of new goalposts for the Fryer Field. If successful the Football Foundation cover half the cost of the new goal posts. Expected Council expenditure if grant application is successful is £670. Clerk to investigate if Dorset FA have any responsibility for providing goal posts.

- j) **Tennis** – The parish office has been approached by a tennis club to use the courts at Fryer Field. A fee will be charged for this as the courts will be unavailable to the public during the time the club are using them. The fee will be in line with other clubs charges.
- k) **Tennis Nets** – Two tennis nets are damaged and require replacement. Clerk to get quotes.
- l) **Football** - A small football pitch has been marked out near the edge of the Fryer Field in order for people to use during the summer months.

**09/064 PETWYN WORKING PARTY UPDATE**

Members received a verbal report from Cllr Holmes.

Members were informed that the winning design was A. Poster to be placed around the village to inform the public of the result. A standpipe is due to be installed.

**09/065 ALLOTMENT WORKING PARTY UPDATE**

Members received a verbal update from Cllr P Holden and Cllr Wye.

A letter has been sent to EDDC stating that the Parish will be pursuing the land off footpath 5 as allotments. EDDC legal department has been contact with regard to removing the covenant on the piece of land. It is hoped EDDC will help with the design layout of the site. It was noted there currently there is not enough land to satisfy the demand for allotments in the area.

**09/066 FRYER FIELD ACCESS**

After a brief discussion it was

**RESOLVED that a gap in the hedge line by the field gate which separates the fields is widened to 36 inches and levelled to allow wheelchair access between the fields.**

Voting: unanimous

**09/067 DOG CONTROL ORDERS**

Members were asked to consider a final consultation on dog control orders for Fryer Field. Members felt that the proposed control orders were in conflict to conditions in the lease of the land which the MUGA is sited on from EDDC. Clerk to contact EDDC legal department regarding this matter. After a brief discussion it was

**RECOMMENDED that the Parish Council agree in principle to the Dog Control Orders as stated in the letter from EDDC dated 26<sup>th</sup> June 2009, but would draw EDDC's attention to the clause in the lease agreement for the land on which the MUGA is sited regarding the prohibiting of dogs in the area and the legal position of this conflict with the proposed dog control orders.**

Voting: Unanimous

**09/068 PLAY AREAS UPGRADE**

Members discussed the idea of upgrading the play areas through grants from funding bodies. The issue of equipment for disabled users was discussed. After a discussion it was

**RESOLVED that a working party of 3 members be set up to investigate the possibilities for an upgrade to the children's play areas at Fryer Field and Oakhurst School.**

Cllr Mrs C Holmes and Cllr J Bartley agreed to form the working party. Members requested that Cllr Mrs M Hall be asked to join the working party.

**09/069 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

None

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.11 p.m.

SIGNED ..... DATE .....  
Chairman of Environment Committee