

WEST MOORS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** meeting held on Thursday 8th October 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 Ms S Edwards
Cllr. P. Holden	Cllr R Long	Cllr. J. Price
Cllr K Warren	Cllr R Watson	Cllr Ms S Zyga

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms J Weedon (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllr Mrs J Ware

09/174 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

09/175 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ms S Edwards declared a personal interest in agenda item 6, Allotments.
Cllr Price and Bartley declared a personal interest in agenda item 8, correspondence regarding the Memorial Hall car park.

09/176 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

- a) **Groundsman Garage minute no 08/166, page 559 minute no 8 refers** – After having the consumer unit cleaned the power to the garage has remained stable to date, however, the underground cable has been electrically tested and a fault has been found necessitating the need for the cable to be renewed as soon as possible. Quotes are being sought.
- b) **Pedestrian Crossing minute no 09/033, 09/063e refers** – Dorset County Council have assessed the site near the library and the next step is a traffic/pedestrian survey.
- c) **Dog Control Orders minute no 09/067 refers** – EDDC are currently carrying out a public consultation on this matter.
- d) **Badger Works in Cemetery minute no 09/130 refers** – Dorset Ecological Consultancy have prepared a mitigation statement for the badger works and a licence to carry out the works has now been received. The works will start as soon as possible.
- e) **Oakhurst Play area** – After the removal of a large piece of play equipment from the Oakhurst Play area due to rotting timber, Three Cross Playgroup have kindly donated some play equipment to us. SAS Playgrounds have been instructed to collect and install the donated equipment which will be a temporary measure to fill the gap left after the removal of the dangerous equipment. The old equipment has already been disposed of so cannot be donated to the Social Club bonfire.
- f) **Goalposts** – New goalposts have now been installed.
- g) **Christmas competition update** – Three designs from Oakhurst First School have been sent to Blachere Illuminations to choose and manufacture the winning design. No competition entries were received from St Mary's School. Last year local businesses made donations towards the cost of the new illumination, if any councillor is willing to canvas local businesses this year please could you collect some letters from the Parish office and be allocated an area of the high street or Pinehurst shops to canvas.
- h) **Weed Killing Schedule** – This is the responsibility of Dorset County Council who contracts the work out. We have previously been informed that spraying would be carried out in June and September. Spraying was carried out in June and sprayers have been seen in the village during October. A request was made to contact DCC to ask what type of weed killer is used. Clerk to arrange.

- i) **Youth Shelter update** – The youth shelter was installed in March 2009 and it was agreed to review it's position 6 months after installation. To date no complaints have been received from the Youth Club, football clubs, cricket clubs or general users of the Fryer Field. Due to this it is not felt necessary to review the positioning as it assumed that the positioning of the shelter is suitable and working well. The issue will only be readdressed if information to the contrary is received.
- j) **Burial Plot at WM Cemetery** – The Parish Council was approached by Mr Marston who wished to pre purchase a burial plot next to his recently deceased wife's burial plot after being told by a local funeral director that this was an option. He was informed that the Parish Council states in its rules that pre purchase of plots was not available. However, the family were very upset by this ruling and made a direct approach to a Parish Councillor who felt that the Parish Council should accommodate the request. The environment committee chairman canvassed members of the Environment committee and a majority felt that Mr Marston's request should be accommodated. The plot has now been purchased and the issue closed. The funeral director who gave out the incorrect information has been into the Parish office and apologised in person for the stress they caused.
- k) **West Moors Village sign** – The West Moors village sign located in Station Road near the A31 has been damaged during a vehicle accident.

09/177 PETWYN WORKING PARTY UPDATE

Members received a verbal report from Cllr Holmes.

The standpipe is due to be connected to the mains supply on the 12th October. Mrs Legrand has donated 1 Judas tree and 10 azaleas. The flower beds are being prepared and planting is due to start on the 16th October. The horticultural society has donated £100 to spend on bulbs, half will be spent this year and half next year.

09/178 ALLOTMENT WORKING PARTY UPDATE

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

It has been confirmed that the holders of the covenant of the Brookview site are prepared to allow allotments, however, an environmental biologist has looked at the site and has advised that it is not a suitable location for allotments. The working party are to continue looking at all options for the providing allotments. It was

RESOLVED that contact is made with neighbouring Town and Parish Councils to ask if there is any possibility for collaborative working for the benefit of all residents (in each participating Town or Parish) who wish to become allotment holders.

Voting: 6 for, 2 against

Cllr Bartley to bring up this item at the next Eastern Area DAPTC meeting.

09/179 PLAY AREA WORKING PARTY

Members received a verbal update from Cllr Holmes.

Installation of the donated equipment from Three Cross play group in Oakhurst Play area has been arranged. Local schools have been contacted to ask what sort of equipment they would like. Funding sources are being sought.

09/180 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

a) Dorset County Council Draft list of Structural maintenance for 2010/11

b) Request from Memorial Hall for help to clear scrub area in their car park. Members asked the clerk to arrange for the lengthsman to carry out this task as well as the Parish groundsmen if they have time to help during their contracted working hours.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.36 p.m.

SIGNED DATE

Chairman of Environment Committee