

WEST MOORS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** meeting held on Thursday 5th November 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 Mrs J Ware
Cllr Ms S Zyga		

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms J Weedon (Clerk)
1 member of the public (Mrs Holland)

APOLOGIES: Cllr. J. Price Cllr R Watson

09/205 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

09/206 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ms S Edwards declared a personal interest in agenda item 6, Allotments.

09/207 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

- a) **Pedestrian Crossing minute no 09/033, 09/063e, 09/176b refers** – No further information at this time, awaiting results from DCC survey outside the library.
- b) **Badger Works in Cemetery minute no 09/130, 09/176d refers** – Dorset Ecological Consultancy has now installed one way gates; these will be in situ for approximately 3 weeks. Installation of the underground fence will begin on the 9th November.
- c) **Christmas competition update minute no 09/176g refers**– A winning design has now been chosen and is currently being manufactured. 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.
- d) **Weed killer minute no 09/176h refers** – The weed killer used by Dorset County Council is a glyphosate (a non residual herbicide).
- e) **West Moors village sign** – The sign has now been located and will be reinstalled as soon as a new post can be sourced and manufactured.
- f) **Allotment update minute no 09178 refers** – letters have been sent to Ferndown, Verwood, Holt, St Leonards and St Ives and West Parley Town and Parish Councils. A reply has been received from Ferndown Town Council.
- g) **Memorial Hall Car Park minute no 09/180b refers** – The Parish lengthsman has now spent between 8 and 10 hours clearing the scrub as requested.
- h) **A31 road markings** – A letter has been sent to the department responsible for the A31 regarding the road marking at the Palmeston roundabout (near MacDonalds). A response has been received stating that they will reassess the road markings to ensure they are not confusing.
- i) The Parish office receives a numerous complaints regarding the condition of the road surface in The Avenue. This has been reported many times. This matter has now been brought to the attention of the asset management section at Dorset County Council who collates and prioritises such works. Once the list of works has been prioritised they will let the Parish Council know where on the list the Avenue ranks and when work is likely to be carried out.

09/208 PETWYN WORKING PARTY UPDATE

Members received a written report from Cllr Holmes. A copy is available in the parish office.

09/209 ALLOTMENT WORKING PARTY UPDATE

Members received a verbal update from Cllr P Holden and Cllr Edwards.
The allotment holders association have received a written report from an ecologist and will be considering the contents and will report back.

09/210 PLAY AREA WORKING PARTY

Members received a verbal update from Cllr Holmes.
Members then discussed the cost of installation of a piece of donated play equipment.
After a discussion it was
RESOLVED not to install the donated play equipment at Oakhurst Play area and the equipment is to be stored by the Parish Council until a decision is made on its future.

Voting: 4 for, 3 abstain

Members then discussed the option of fund raising to help towards the cost of new play equipment a decision on whether to fund raise was deferred until the Parish Council have an idea of how much can be funded through grant aid.

The idea of raising funds by holding a car boot sale on Fryer field was put forward as an option for the future.

09/211 SPORTS FEES

After discussions it was

1. **RESOLVED to decrease the MUGA fees for Saturday and Sundays for all users to £15 per hour effective from 1st April 2010.**
2. **RESOLVED that the Football fees remain unchanged**
3. **RESOLVED that the Cricket fees be increased to £60 per adult match and £30 per youth match effective from the start of the 2010 season.**
4. **RESOLVED that the cost of using the social facilities is increased to £20 per session**

Members then discussed writing a press release once the MUGA has been open for a year in order to raise its profile. Cllr Bartley to write an article in March 2010.

09/212 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Members discussed the environment committee budget for 2010/11 and the preliminary budget is attached on pages 583 – to 587

Members requested that the groundsman make temporary repairs to the cemetery Lych gate. Clerk to arrange

09/213 GARAGE REPAIRS

Members discussed the ongoing issue with the power supply to the groundsman garage. After discussion it was

RESOLVED that the work should be carried out as a matter of urgency. Authority is given to the Clerk to choose the contractor providing the work costs no more than £1625 in total.

09/214 SECTION 106 FUND MOTIONS

Members debated two motions put forward by Cllr C Holmes that may be suitable for funding from Section 106 funds held by East Dorset District Council.

It was

1. **RECOMMENDED that the Parish Council write to EDDC and ask for Section 106 funds to provide off road cycle paths from Collingwood Road, West Moors to Three Legged Cross**
2. **RECOMMENDED that the Parish Council write to EDDC to ask for Section 106 funds to provide safety signs at all main entrances to West Moors 'West Moors Welcomes careful Drivers'**

Voting: Motion 1: 7 for, 1 abstention Motion 2: 5 for, 3 abstentions

09/215 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter from Mrs Holland regarding the width of the pavement between Riverside Road and Heston Way after a lorry's side mirror brushed against her hair. Mrs Holland was present at the meeting and explained her concerns to members. Cllr Holden will check all the hedges in the area and the Clerk will write to households that have overgrown hedges. Clerk to write to Dorset County Council expressing concerns over the traffic in the area and the width of the pavement and ask if traffic claming could be considered.
- b) Letter from Mr Lanigan re the junction of Station Road and Glenwood Road, expressing difficulty when turning left into Glenwood Road. Mr Lanigan has made suggestions for improving the junction. I have spoken to Dorset County Council who have been out and looked at the junction as well as any collision statistics and they do not propose to alter the layout of this junction.
- c) Letter from Dorset County Council regarding new waiting restrictions in station Road and Ashurst Road as already agreed by the Parish Council (see minute no 09/032)

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.02pm

SIGNED DATE
Chairman of Environment Committee