

**WEST MOORS PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 in the Council Chamber, Pavilion, Fryer Field, West Moors at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. J. Bartley	Cllr Miss J Church	Cllr Ms S Edwards
Cllr. P. Holden	Cllr. J. Price	Cllr Mrs J Ware

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ms J Weedon (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Mrs C Holmes Cllr Ms S Zyga

**Absent without apologies:** Cllr Mrs M Hall

**10/024 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None

**10/025 TO ELECT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2010/11**

Cllr Carol Holmes was proposed, seconded and duly elected Chairman of the committee.

Voting: Unanimous

**10/026 TO ELECT COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2010/11**

Cllr Ms Shân Edwards was proposed, seconded and duly elected Vice Chairman of the committee

Voting: Unanimous

**10/027 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Ms S Edwards declared a personal interest in agenda item 7, allotments.

**10/028 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT**

- a) **Play equipment at Fryer Field** – A grant from the Big Lottery Fund has been approved and work has already started on replacing one item of equipment and installing a new item at Fryer Field.
- b) **Petwyn trees minute no 09/369 refers** – Work was completed during the week ending the 28<sup>th</sup> May, apart from the large Oak tree near the War Memorial as this is covered by a tree preservation Order. Work will be carried out on this tree once approval has been received from EDDC.
- c) **West Moors Cricket Club minute no 09/403 refers** – The cricket clubs new container has now been installed. Our own container will be painted green in the near future.
- d) The last game in the football season took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The first cricket match is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May.
- e) Members are informed that the lampposts donated to the Parish Council from SEC were stolen.
- f) There will be a National Play Day event held on the Fryer Field on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August. This has been organised by the senior play ranger at EDDC.
- g) Oakhurst Play Area – The installation of the birds nest swing has been a great

success, however, the playground inspector has noted that due to the amount of use and the children dragging their feet across the ground the concrete base is now visible. This is classed as being dangerous and a high work priority. It has been recommended that rubber matting be installed underneath the swing. A quote for this work is £700. Also lots of the gravel boards at the base of the chain link fence now need replacing. The two parish council groundsmen will complete this work. Members discussed the work required to the play area and agreed that the work should cost no more than £700, however additional quotes should be sought to ensure value for money.

- h) Work to the skate park has now been completed at a cost of £620 including repainting the ramps.
- i) Dog Patrols at Fryer Field – The dog warden has submitted a report for April and in general the area is very clean.

**10/029 ALLOTMENT WORKING PARTY UPDATE**

Members received a verbal update from Cllr Ms S Edwards. The working party currently feel that the Parish Council should wait until January 2011 before proceeding any further with the provision of allotments at the Brook View site. The reason for this being that a more suitable portion of land may become available at that time. Clerk to write to the West Moors Allotment Holders Association explaining the situation. Cllr Edwards suggested that it may be helpful if a map showing all land owned by EDDC and DCC were available. Clerk to investigate.

**10/030 PETWYN WORKING PARTY UPDATE**

Members were informed that plants that had died during the winter have been replaced and the end flower beds have been covered in mulch.

**10/031 COMMUNITY SELF HELP DURING EXTREME WEATHER**

Members discussed correspondence from DCC regarding winter maintenance operation. It was felt that the main shopping area on the Co-op side of Station Road suffered more during snow and icy conditions. Members felt that a grit bin located near the Seychelles Travel shop would be appropriate. Clerk to ask DCC if permission would be granted to locate a grit bin in this position. Also discussed was the storage of bags of salt, Clerk to find out how big these bags of salt are before the Council makes a commitment to storing them.

**10/032 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Dorset County Council – Letter regarding Highways maintenance in 2010/11. Copy given to all members.
- b) EDDC – Letter re Dog Control Orders – EDDC will be making the following dog control orders: The fouling of land by dogs order, making it offence for anyone to fail to remove dog faeces deposited by a dog, for which he/she is responsible, from any land which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access within the District of East Dorset but excluding land placed at the disposal of the Forestry Commission.  
Dog exclusion order for enclosed children's play areas or an enclosed tennis or games court.

- c) Dorset County Council – A new direct dial number to report highways defects is now available on 01305 221020. The ‘Clarence’ reporting system is no longer available.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm

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