

WEST MOORS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2012 in the Council Chamber, Pavilion, Fryer Field, West Moors at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs C Holmes – Chairman		
Cllr Bartley	Cllr D Butt	Cllr Ms Edwards
Cllr. P. Holden	Cllr Lewis	Cllr Mrs J Lovegrove
Cllr Mrs Ware	Cllr Mrs P Yeo	Cllr Ms Zyga

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms J Weedon (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllr Mrs O Holder

Absent without apologies: Cllr B Bailey

11/332 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
None

11/333 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None

11/334 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

- a) BMX track and Skatepark minute no 11/168c refers – The Probation Service is scheduled to carry out some work at the Skatepark and BMX track starting on Monday 16th January. The Parish Council has supplied the paint for the Skatepark (sides of ramps only) at a cost of £85.
- b) Moorlands Road parking issues, minute no 11/309 refers – Dorset County Council have visited the area and we are currently awaiting their response to the problems.

11/335 SKATEPARK MAINTENANCE

Members discussed a quote for remedial works required to the Skatepark. It was noted that the quote for £630 was more than the budget for the current year for Skatepark maintenance (£300). It was suggested that consideration should be given to asking the Finance and GP committee to via funds from the election budget heading to the Skatepark maintenance heading. After consideration it was

RECOMMENDED that the works to the Skatepark be approved at a cost of £630 and that any overspend for the Skatepark budget heading come from council reserve funds.

Voting: unanimous

11/336 PLAY AREA WORKING PARTY UPDATE

Members of the working party gave a verbal report on the progress made so far. Members were informed that the focus is currently on completing an application for grant aid from the Dorset Community Fund. A questionnaire had been prepared and given to children and parents at Oakhurst and St Mary's schools in order to show a need for replacement play equipment. Schools had also been asked to provide deprivation statistics. The next step would be for the children to select their preferred design, which would then be displayed in the parish office. At this point other funding streams would be sought such as the Big Lottery and Veola.

11/337 WEEKLY RUBBISH BIN COLLECTION

Members discussed the Dorset Waste Partnership proposals for a change to the weekly collection of household waste. A draft letter was presented to members and after a brief discussion it was

RESOLVED that a letter should be sent on behalf of the Parish Council to the Dorset Waste Partnership highlighting concerns about the changes to the rubbish and recycling collection service.

11/338 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

- a) DCC – Capital Maintenance Programme
- b) Dog Warden report for December
- c) Play area inspection reports highlighting the need to replace cradle swing seats at Fryer Field. Members discussed this matter and it was agreed that the cradle seats should be replaced. Voting: unanimous
- d) Cllr P Holden made members aware that during the recent storms a tree located near Pennington Copse had fallen over damaging a fence in Pennington Road, other trees in the area also look unstable. The land on which these trees are situated does not belong to any council, but to a private landowner (Etchtree Ltd). East Dorset District Council have agreed to make the trees safe. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to EDDC highlighting the health and safety risk the trees in the area pose and to ask them to remind the landowner of his responsibilities.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.02pm

SIGNED DATE
Chairman of Environment Committee

