

WEST MOORS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT** held on Thursday 17th January 2008
in the Council Chamber, Pavilion, Fryer Field, West Moors at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr R Watson – Vice Chairman
Cllr. Mrs C. Holmes Cllr. B. Wye Cllr Ms S. Zyga

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. J. Weedon (Clerk)
Cllr A Clarke

APOLOGIES: Cllr K. Warren Cllr P. Gausson Cllr P Holden
Cllr Mrs M Hall Cllr D. Knight

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

07/294 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

07/295 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

- a) **Notice boards minute no 07/086, 07/178a, 07/241a refers-** The new notice board is being installed on the 28th January. East Dorset Housing Association are having railings installed on the wall but have taken our notice board into account. We have applied for a grant from Dorset Community Action towards the cost of the new noticeboard.
- b) **Pinehurst Rd/Station Road roundabout minute no 07/049e, 07/085e, 07/178d, 07/241c refers** – No further information at this time.
- c) **Parkway car park minute no 07/186, 07/241j refers** – Occasional complaints are still being received that the British School of Motoring are meeting in the car park. A letter has been written to the BSM Regional Office asking them to look into the matter.
- d) **Request for a bench minute no 07/244d refers** – a request to have a bench located at the Moorside Road/Pinehurst Road area was turned down at the last meeting. Mrs Peters has written again asking for members to reconsider their request. Members discussed the request and after due consideration it was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED that the request be declined again due to financial constraints and reviewed later in the year when the budgets are set for 2009/10. Clerk to send letter to Mrs Peters explaining the decision.
- e) **Pinehurst Road resurfacing minute no 07/244f refers** – A letter has been sent to the LAG informing them that the Parish Council support the resurfacing of Pinehurst Road. A letter was also sent to Dorset County Council highlighting the issue. DCC have replied that currently there are no plans to carry out major surfacing works in Pinehurst Road and it is unlikely that any major resurfacing works will take place in the next three years. The road is structurally sound and will therefore receive only minor surface repairs. When they do carry out resurfacing they will consider the use of a material with sound absorbing properties. Members asked that a copy of the DCC letter be sent to the Local Action Group.
- f) **Parkway parking issues** – Many people park on the yellow lines along Parkway, this has become a major issue so to help address the problem the Police have requested that kerb markings be installed to prohibit loading and unloading in the area.
- g) **EDF energy** – Residents along Station Road have received letters informing them that work to replace the street lights is due to being shortly. A representative from EDF energy will be attending the Highways and Environment committee meeting on the 28th February 2008 to discuss and explain the improvements to street lighting.

07/296 TO CONSIDER CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS FOR 2008

Cllr Holmes informed members that Blachere Illuminations are available to help organise and run a children's competition to be run in local schools in which the children are asked to design a Christmas decoration. The winning entry is then made up into a freestanding decoration or one to place on a lamp post at a cost of approximately £500. Sponsors are sought to fund the manufacture of the winning entry. Tesco Express has already been approached and asked if they would like to sponsor the competition. Members felt that the competition was a good idea and it was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED that the Parish Council run a Children's Design a Christmas light Competition in local schools and seek sponsorship from local businesses.**

07/297 TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE INTRODUCTION OF CAR PARK CHARGES AT PARK WAY

A letter has been received from the Traders Association strongly objecting to the introduction of car park charges. Members discussed issues relating to the car park such as the development of flats above Tesco which will not have any parking provided on site. It was felt that the public need to be encouraged to use the car park instead of parking on the double yellow lines along Park Way. They felt that the introduction of charges may lead to parking problems in the surrounding roads and a loss of business for the local traders. It was proposed seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the Parish Council strongly resist the introduction of car park charges at this time.

The Clerk to write to EDDC promptly as it is due to be discussed at the district council shortly.

07/298 TO CONSIDER FOOTPATHS AND RIGHTS OF WAY IN WEST MOORS

This item was not discussed as Cllr Holden was not present and it was felt that his input was vital. It will be placed on the next Highways and Environment committee agenda.

07/299 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter from Mrs Quinlan expressing concern over the design and layout of the mini roundabout at the Station Rd/Pinehurst Road junction. The letter has been passed onto DCC. The committee noted the contents.
- b) Dorset County Council – Letter stating that driveway protection markings are to be painted across 3 Farm Road.
- c) Dorset Wildlife Climate Change Workshop on the 1st March 2008 – Cllr Wye to attend
- d) DCC Structural Maintenance Draft Programme 2008-09 - copy available in Parish office

07/300 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

- a) Cllr Clarke – informed members that the pathway from the Guide hall in Ashurst Road through to Arnold Close is in need of repair. The Local Action Group are currently trying to tap into community partnership funding in order to carry out repairs. It was suggested that the contractor currently building in Ashurst Road be contacted via EDDC to see if they could repair the pathway. The Clerk to report the pathway to Dorset County Council via Clarence.
Cllr Clarke also informed members that EDDC had approved the decision not to provide free black sacks in the coming financial year. The sacks will still be available to purchase for a reduced fee of £2 per roll.
- b) Cllr Holmes reported that an item had appeared in the Advertiser on the 16th January in connection with the bus service cuts. This news item has made the Parish Council aware of the Campaign for Better Transport which is calling for Wilts and Dorset to form a 'stakeholder panel' as they have done in Oxford. The panel would include council officials and passenger groups.
- c) Cllr Wye informed members that he attended the DAPTC Eastern Area meeting on the 16.01.07. It was pointed out during the meeting that parish councils need to be

aware that they must ensure the safety of any street lamps which they own. Clerk to investigate if West Moors is directly responsible for any street lamps. It was also noted that Canford Bridge into Wimborne would be closed from May to September 2008 with the majority of traffic being diverted through Canford Bottom roundabout.

07/301 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

SIGNED DATE
Chairman of Highways and Environment Committee

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