

**Attendees** Roger Long (Chairman), John Bartley (Secretary) Pamela Long (Publicity), Pete Holden (District Council), Jenny Winslade (Buses).

**1. Apologies** Donna Marlborough (Vice Chairman & Treasurer), Steve Hunt (Youth), Mike Holloway (other Groups Liaison).

**2. Review of minutes/actions from last meeting.**

These were agreed and signed by Roger.

**Outstanding Actions.**

a) Extra Bus serving West Moors. Jenny reported that Transdev the Bus Co. were reasonably happy with the use being made of the new No 29 route to Bournemouth as usage seems to be increasing. They would like to see continued publicity to make people aware that it was still a case of use it or lose it. Pamela had just had a reminder to that effect published in some of the local papers. Roger wished it placed on record a vote of thanks to Jenny, Donna and Pamela for all their efforts in securing this service for the village.

b) Funding for youth activities for youths aged between 12 and 17. Pete reported that both Steve Hunt and he had investigated this with EDDC but regrettably no funds are available. **Item closed.**

**3. Correspondence**

John read out e mails from those members unable to attend. Broadly each supported the notion that the LAG should continue but not meet again unless an issue affecting the village arose. Steve and Mike thought that the funds held should be retained for future use. Donna suggested using them for an existing project like Christmas lights.

**Agenda Items**

**4. Future of Lag**

Now that East Dorset Community Partnership is concentrating their Parish Plan support on Parish Councils the question arose as to whether West Moors LAG could serve any future useful purpose. After some discussion, and taking into account the representations made by those LAG members unable to attend, it was **unanimously agreed** to continue the LAG, but with a reduced profile. All members to be asked to keep abreast of any issues that might affect the village and to feel free to ask the Chairman to call a meeting when thought necessary. **It was further agreed** to hold at least one meeting per annum and to continue to encourage the Parish Council to use the LAG in cases where a quick response to issues was required.

**5. Review of Parish Plan**

Each of the Action points from the **2007** Parish Plan was reviewed in turn. Of the original 53 points listed it was agreed that 25 had been achieved, and a further 6 had been partly achieved.

6 were deemed as unlikely to succeed and therefore dropped.

Namely:-

**Action point 2.** Provision of a NHS dentist. (No interest from existing dentists in village and a nationwide problem)

**Point 14.** Provision of a pedestrian crossing in Pinehurst Road (A survey had revealed insufficient traffic flow)

**Point 27.** Improvements to Brook Road recycling site (EDDC fully aware of shortcomings but lack of space and funds preventing much improvement)

**Point 47.** Re-establish a Community Association (with so many village associations already operating, volunteers to run such a scheme have not been forthcoming)

**Point 50.** Establish a graffiti wall (Youth Club decided against this following adverse reports from other areas that had tried it.)

**Point 48.** Drinking fountain on Fryer Field (Not nowadays considered an hygienic solution)

**Of the remainder the following 10 points are still considered worthwhile further investigation via Parish, District or County Councils.**

**Points 6** Provision of toilet facilities on Fryer Field.

**Point 15.** Move pedestrian crossing in Station Road.

**Point 21.** Establish more cycleways.

**Point 32.** Resurfacing Pinehurst Road.

**Point 33.** Repairs to Pinehurst Parade service road

**Point 36.** Linking up the two sections of Riverside walk footpath.

**Point 38.** Better use of open space beside Woolslope Road.

**Point 46.** Provision of a Community Drop in Centre.

**Point 49.** Provide a community bus for youth.

**Point 53.** Establish a youth Drop in Centre.

**The remaining 6 points are of a mainly aspirational nature and although it is difficult to achieve success the Plan has drawn attention to the issues:-**

**Point 7.** Keep West Moors as a village.

**Point 8.** Limits to the building of flats.

**Point 10.** Prevent multiple buildings being built on a single site.

**Point 11.** More emphasis on affordable housing.

**Point 18.** Push for building of a by-pass.

**Point 39.** Better protection of trees.

## **6. What to do with existing funds**

Donna had reported that a sum of £348.93 is being held on a joint account with John at the Nationwide B S and this represented the balance of funds raised by the Lag from various sources including the car boot sale. After discussion it was **unanimously agreed** to retain these funds which might be useful for a future project, or if the Parish Plan came up for review in the future.

## **7. AOB**

Pete mentioned that on 12<sup>th</sup> August EDDC councillors plan to tour areas where they have made recent grants. This includes the youth shelter adjacent to the youth club on Fryer Field. They have provided a plaque which is to be attached to the structure.

## **8. Next Meeting.**

To be advised, **but it was agreed** to hold a further meeting next July to discuss any formal review of the Parish Plan and whether a new group might be formed to take any new or outstanding issues forward.

The meeting ended at 4 pm.