

**WEST MOORS PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**PRESENT:** Cllr M Hawkes – Chairman  
 Cllr J Bartley Cllr Mrs C Holmes Cllr J Lewis  
 Cllr Mrs J Lovegrove Cllr Mrs J Octon Cllr R Smith  
 Cllr Mrs P Yeo

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

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Ms S Zyga Cllr C Octon

**17/457 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
 None

**17/458 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**  
 A skate park user asked the members what was being done to repair the half pipe ramp. It was explained that there is an issue with the steel rusting on this ramp and that the manufacturer will be attending to replace the rusted steel with new steel plate, no timescale was available. Members asked what the appeal of the West Moors skatepark was, the reply was that it is quiet and out of the way.

**17/459 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT**

- a) A complaint was received regarding the condition of the cemetery after the grass strimming had been completed. This matter was investigated and the contractor notified of this matter.
- b) An email was received regarding the condition of the skate park. Maverick Industries will be attending site to carry out more permanent repairs to the halfpipe ramp.
- c) A resident opposite Fryer Field Play Area has requested to plant flowers or make a feature of the woodchip bank that remains there in order to deter children standing on it and seeing into his property. This matter to appear on a future agenda once the trees have been felled.
- d) Signage minute no 17/065 refers: No progress has been made on this matter.
- e) Tree Work, minute no 17/383 refers: Four companies have been approached to provide quotations, to date two quotes has been received.
- f) Pavilion: repairs to two showers and one toilet has taken place
- g) Youth Shelter: the side panels have been repainted.
- h) Garage at Fryer Field: a small water leak has been detected in the garage, this has now been repaired.
- i) Fencing: post and rail fencing located behind the skatepark has fallen over due to the posts becoming rotten. The posts will be replaced, and the rails reused where possible.
- j) Station Road: Slow markings have now been installed on the entrance to West Moors from Three Legged Cross.
- k) The homeowner of 241 Station Road contacted the parish office about the fencing located on their property but adjacent to Fryer Field and asked if the parish council would assist them in having it replaced. It was noted that the fence in question was not the responsibility of the parish council. However, the homeowner was asked to provide a quotation to replace the fencing along the footpath from Station Road to Fryer Field to the rear corner of the households' property. However, the fence has now been completely replaced and an invoice sent to the Clerk advising of the total cost with the request of a possible contribution. After discussion members

**RESOLVED that they would not be prepared to assist the homeowner with the cost of their replacement fence which is adjacent to Fryer Field, however they were content that the gate which has been installed in the fence which leads directly on to the fryer field could remain, but it was noted that this did not create a legal right of way on to parish council owned land.**

*Voting: unanimous*

**17/460 FRYER FIELD DEVELOPMENT PLAN TASK AND FINISH GROUP UPDATE**

Members of this task and finish group attended a meeting on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Cllr Holmes updated members on progress. Two of the items in the plan have been completed, new curtains shower matting in the pavilion. Carpet tiles and tables for the pavilion are currently being investigated, members agreed that the carpet tiles should be blue.

Skatepark progress: the group are looking at potential funding, they are meeting with Dorset Community Action, visiting other skateparks. Members asked if the member of the public present would be interested in helping, it was confirmed that he would be happy to be contacted in the future about this. It was noted that users would be involved in the design process.

Garage progress: Cllr's Hawkes and C Octon would be investigating a specification for the proposed replacement garage. Cllr Lewis requested that they consider storage as the parish office lacked this facility. Concern was raised about the process of the proposed replacement garage and the slow pace of progress. The next meeting is scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> May

**17/461 FUTURE PROVISION OF CEMETERY SPACE WORKING PARTY UPDATE**

Cllr Lewis reported that ongoing discussion about the cemetery boundaries are required, however working group members would be measuring the boundaries to see if they are similar to those on the original deeds. It was noted that there is little or no scope for extending the existing cemetery. Members were also informed of above ground cremation niches and a memorial tree. It was also noted that the parish council is not obliged to provide a cemetery.

**17/462 ALLOTMENT UPDATE**

Cllr Smith reported that the site gets very wet and that he would like to ensure that if any groundwork is required that this is carried out during the dryer months. He further reported that he would like to see a small pathway from the carpark gate to the allotment gate as this area gets very muddy. More wood chip is required, and Cllr Smith passed the clerk a business card of a tree surgeon who has in the past delivered woodchip to the site. Cllr Smith reported that most of the allotments holders are happy.

*Action: Clerk to try and obtain more woodchip asap*

**17/463 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Dog Warden report for April

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.18pm

The next Environment meeting is scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 2017 at 7.30pm

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