

**WEST MOORS PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** meeting held on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September** in the Council Chamber, Pavilion, Fryer Field, West Moors at 7.30pm.

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

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

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Mrs P Yeo Cllr Ms S Zyga

**18/146 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None

**18/147 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**  
None

**18/148 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT**

- a) Floodlight electricity cost information: The LED floodlights were installed 12 months ago and a comparison of electricity costs has been completed for a 9 month period. From Sep 16 to June 17 the cost was £660.02 and from Sep 17 to June 18 the cost was £135.50. A reduction in the cost of £474.52.
- b) Play Area repairs: various minor faults highlighted on the play inspection reports have been dealt with and repaired as necessary.
- c) Skatepark: Maverick Industries have continued to carry out repairs to the half pipe free of charge. The half pipe continues to show signs of corrosion.
- d) An application for a memorial plaque for a bench in Moorlands Road has been approved as per the Memorial Bench and Plaque Policy. The bench was in poor condition so was repainted before the installation of the plaque.
- e) Footpath no E55/8 through St Leonards Farm: The ongoing issue with the footpath being obstructed and the diversion route not being on the definitive map is still ongoing, however DCC have written to the landowner giving them a time period in which to apply for the diversion route to become a legal Right of Way and they will be having a meeting with the landowner to discuss the application.
- f) Allotments: The additional water tank for the north end of the site is due to be installed within the next couple of weeks. All plots are currently let. The raised growing beds for use by people with disabilities should be fully completed by the end of September. One plot is in a bad condition and the tenant will be contacted under the terms of the allotment agreement.
- g) The football season starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. We currently have 3 adult teams and 6 youth teams using the grass pitches.
- h) Fryer Field Trees minute no 18/044 refers: The application to fell 2 x Oak trees at Fryer field has been refused by EDDC. An appeal has been sent to the Planning Inspectorate.
- i) We have received an anonymous donation of two wooden picnic benches for Fryer Field, these will be installed behind the children's play area. Members agreed not to install a disposable BBQ plate on the tables.
- j) Dorset Waste Partnership will be carrying out a recycling initiative in West Moors later in the year and have asked for assistance to publicise the information.
- k) New WW1 Commemoration benches have been delivered and will be installed soon. A small service will be arranged with the church once the benches are in place. Old benches that are removed to be utilised elsewhere. Cllr Holden requested that investigation be carried out to see if there is anywhere suitable to install a bench between the village and Oakhurst Road area (Glenwood/Firs Glen)

**18/149 WAR MEMORIAL CLEANING**

Members considered a quotation for cleaning of the War Memorial and repairing the paving around the Memorial. Members felt that another quotation should be obtained. After discussion it was

**RESOLVED that the War Memorial should be cleaned prior to Remembrance Sunday. Clerk to seek an additional quotation for comparison purposes and then given delegated authority in consultation with the committee chairman to accept the best quotation.**

*Voting: unanimous*

**18/150 UPDATE: FRYER FIELD TASK AND FINISH GROUP**

Members received a verbal update from task and finish group member Cllr Hawkes. Cllr Hawkes stated that the task and finish group would be looking to move on with some other items in the development plan and a meeting would be convened soon. It was reported that a grant application to Awards for All had been submitted for funds to help with public consultations, also that the clerk had started work on a tender document for the skatepark.

A member asked if the task and finish group had considered incorporating the new assets (to be transferred from EDDC) into its remit. A suggestion was made that the area behind Brook View could possibly be utilised as a dog training area in the future.

**18/151 UPDATE: FUTURE PROVISION OF CEMETERY SPACE WORKING PARTY**

It was reported that a meeting was held at the cemetery with a company who deal with badgers. The meeting highlighted that it may be possible to relocate the badgers into the woodland but permission may not be granted to destroy the sett. It was also reported that considerable cost would be involved in preparing the land for future use as burial ground and the area would also need badger proofing. The working party are waiting to receive a written report from the company. Cllr Smith suggested the use of an electric fence to deter the badgers. The working party to discuss this further.

**18/152 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Emails from local residents asking if there is a possibility of having exercise equipment for adults installed in West Moors. A different resident also came to the office to ask the same question. Fryer Field Task and Finish group will be looking at this in the near future. Members went on to suggest various areas where such equipment may be advantageous. e.g. in the Plantation
- b) Email from a resident asking if additional seating could be installed at the field near the tennis courts/artificial grass pitch. It was agreed that the two benches that will be removed from the Petwyn should be relocated somewhere near the skatepark
- c) Allotment and Leisure Gardener Issue 3 2018
- d) Dog Warden report for June, July and August
- e) Letter from 7 year old resident asking for basketball hoop at the field. Members were very positive about this and asked the clerk to investigate costs and positioning.
- f) Information about the hire of an outdoor cinema experience. Members asked the clerk to investigate the costings.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm

The next Environment meeting is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm

SIGNED ..... DATE .....

Chairman of Environment Committee