

## WEST MOORS PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** meeting held on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November** 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 R Smith	Cllr Mrs P Yeo

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mrs J Weedon (Clerk)  
Cllr P Warn  
2 residents

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Mrs J Octon Cllr Ms S Zyga

**18/224 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None

**18/225 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**  
None

**18/226 TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT**

- a) Oakhurst Play Area: The chain from the play area was stolen week commencing 24.09 meaning that the school children could not use the park. The gatekeeper replaced this Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October and the Groundsman secured it further. Offensive graffiti was reported and removed the same day.
- b) Skatepark: Repairs and general maintenance and painting of ramps was carried out during the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> October
- c) Allotments: All plots are currently let after a few changes. One set of raised beds have been let and the others have been offered to Diverse Abilities and the local Dementia Action Group. There has been issues with the supply of the cover for the new water tank, the tank was delivered with the incorrect part and we have received 3 others that were also incorrect. The tank is all ready to be connected to the water supply once the correct part arrives from the manufacturer. Cllr Smith stated that the entrance gate required repairing.
- d) Football: Complaints were received regarding the amount of litter that was left after matches on a Saturday. The offending team have been sent correspondence asking them to ensure litter is not left on the field. If it persists then they will be stopped from using the facilities.
- e) War Memorial: This has been cleaned by a local company who offered the best quotation.
- f) Footpath E55/8 through St Leonards Farm Park: DCC have confirmed that the land owner is completing the appropriate application forms for the diversion route.
- g) WW1 Commemoration benches on the Petwyn: These are now installed, and a dedication ceremony took place on the 31<sup>st</sup> October. Many positive comments have been received about the benches.
- h) Additional Benches at Fryer Field: Benches removed from the Petwyn have been relocated to Fryer field near the skatepark. Reaction to this has been positive.
- i) Christmas Lights are due to be installed on the 24<sup>th</sup> November.
- j) Fryer Field: Land adjacent to 241 Station Road. This property recently had all the fence replaced along the boundary with Fryer Field. The home owner is now having problems with animals trying to dig underneath the fence which causes her dogs to be able to escape. The homeowner placed wire mesh under the fence on to parish council land, this caused a health and safety risk and they were instructed to remove it. In consultation with the committee chairman it was agreed that the parish council would provide a solution to the animals digging under the fence. Rubber grass matting has been installed along the length of the fence in the hope that this will solve the problem.

- k) Outdoor Cinema Hire: The cost to hire is £1,300. Film showings should commence after 9.30pm to ensure light levels are low enough.
- l) Pavilion: The shower room floors are in poor condition and are due to be repainted within the next few weeks
- m) Bus Shelters: It has been arranged that on a 6 weekly basis, the two parish council owned bus shelters in Station Road are cleaned.
- n) Pinehurst Road, minute no 18/142 refers: Another official request was submitted to Dorset County Council to investigate the provision of traffic regulations at the A31 end of Pinehurst Road. The highway officer has investigated and reported that the road does not meet the set criteria for the matter to be taken any further.

#### **18/227 BMX AREA RENOVATION**

A group of local residents have approached the parish council offering to undertake works to rework the BMX area which is currently very underutilised. Mr Cadman and Mr Daley attended the meeting to explain their proposals to make the area more useable. They explained that they wish to tidy up the area and rework the ramps in order to tailor them to how people ride nowadays. They are prepared to offer their services free of charge and will provide the machinery required to carry out the work. It is expected that the work would be carried out over a 3 month period. Members raised concerns about safety issues and requested that if approved a copy of a public liability insurance be provided. Members also requested that regular communication with the parish office is vital. The parish council would be able to provide signage and cordon the area off during the proposed works. The offer from the local residents was very well received and after discussion it was

**RESOLVED that the BMX Community Group be granted permission to rework the BMX area with all labour being supplied by volunteers. Work to be carried out in a safe and compliant manner. The parish council to allow a budget of £600 for any extra materials that may be required.**

*Voting: 6 for, 1 abstention*

A meeting on site to be arranged before work starts to discuss the details of access, safety etc.

#### **18/228 BASKETBALL HOOP**

Members considered the installation of a basketball hoop after a request from a young resident. After discussion it was

**RESOLVED that a basketball hoop be installed in between the tennis courts on the fence line at a cost of £525.**

*Voting: 6 for, 1 against*

#### **18/229 CEMETERY AND PETWYN MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

Members discussed the renewal of the contract for the maintenance of the cemetery and the Petwyn. After discussion it was

**RESOLVED to continue with the current contractor Terrafirma Maintenance Southern Ltd, from the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at a cost of £6,589.20 per annum for the Cemetery and Petwyn maintenance.**

*Voting unanimous*

It was requested that next year the council go back out to tender for this contract. The background to Terrafirma being awarded the contract in January 2017 was explained.

#### **18/230 UPDATE: FRYER FIELD TASK AND FINISH GROUP**

Members received a verbal update from task and finish group member Cllr Hawkes, it was noted that no progress had been made. The 'Awards for All' grant application for help towards a community consultation event was declined. Feedback from the National Lottery indicated that some of the costs provided on the application form did

not appear to offer value for money (event entertainment and catering). Further research was carried out and the amounts reduced, and a new application was submitted on the 19<sup>th</sup> October.

**18/231 UPDATE: FUTURE PROVISION OF CEMETERY SPACE WORKING PARTY**

It was reported that the consultant who was contacted about dealing with the badgers has not got back to the council. Cllr P Yeo to follow up.

**18/232 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Dog warden report for September,
2. ICCM Journal – Autumn issue
3. Email from Cllr Lovegrove asking if the council would participate in the National Tree Week. Members felt that this was a good idea in principle and they would like to participate, possible locations and types of tree were discussed, with the preferred location being on grass verge in Heatherdown Road. After discussion it was **RESOLVED that the parish council participate in National Tree Week by planting a tree, the location and tree species to be determined.**

*Voting: unanimous*

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm

The next Environment meeting is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm

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