

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2016

PRESENT:	Councillors:	Carl Powling (Mayor) Peter Banks David Bragg Peter Clements Paula Moore Sylvia Wargent
IN ATTENDANCE:	Town Clerk:	Petra Palfreyman
	Borough Councillors:	Robert Davidson

Presentation by Elaine Tustin, Colchester Borough Council Helpline

The meeting was preceded by a short presentation from Elaine Tustin who works for the Colchester Borough Council Helpline. Elaine explained the role of the Helpline and gave a demonstration of some of the equipment.

Public Session

Three members of the public were in attendance. Members of the public questioned whether West Mersea Town Council were going to raise an objection to the 350 houses that have been proposed to be built in West Mersea.

A member of the public raised the question of removing some of the parking restrictions on Victoria Esplanade (also item 11 on the agenda).

Report from Colchester Borough Council Zone Warden

The team have recently successfully prosecuted fly tipping on the island. If any fly tipping is found the wardens look for information within the rubbish which could lead them to the culprit and then they would be called in for an interview under caution.

The success of the recent community litter pick was mentioned.

Complaints have been received about parking on grass verges around Churchfields. This is not enforceable as there are no parking restrictions but the team can leave a polite notice on the windscreen of the cars.

There will be zero tolerance regarding the signs on the Strood for events, birthday, weddings and any other functions. If no contact details, the signs are taken straight down. If there is a phone number, they are called and given 2 days to remove the notice. This is treated as fly tipping and can incur a £25 fine.

Reports from Borough Councillor

Apologies given for Borough Councillors Patricia Moore and John Jowers.

Parking is worse in Yorick Road on a Wednesday when the bank car park is closed. Can the bank be approached to ask if they will leave the car park open?

Borough Councillor Davidson will request yellow lines for one side of Yorick Road and around the Rosebank/Firs Road area.

Councillor Davidson will provide contact details for Mike Lilley the portfolio holder for Safer Communities and Licensing.

The Dog Fouling consultation is now in force on any land that has public access. A £50 fine can be charged to offenders.

At the recent Local Plan meeting it was agreed that 200 new homes on the Island would be a more realistic figure.

Rose Cottage (planning application no. 16 1508) was called in on 9th June 2016 but the comments are missing from the website. Councillor Davidson will be querying where they have gone.

The Christmas lights in Colchester are being switched on Sunday 20th November. There will be stalls and other entertainment too.

Councillor Davidson will speak to Mike Lilley about getting some yellow lines painted on Victoria Esplanade.

Councillor Davidson thanked West Mersea Town Council for the very nice Civic Service, buffet and wine.

Councillor Davidson gave his apologies as he will not be able to attend the West Mersea Remembrance Sunday service.

6357 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Councillors Jenkins, Mullis and Weaver and Borough Councillors Jowers and Moore.

6358 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest received.

6359 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 29 SEPTEMBER 2016 – MATTERS ARISING

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Clements, SECONDED by Councillor Moore that the MINUTES of the Meeting held on 29 September 2016, be CONFIRMED.

ALL IN FAVOUR.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

6360 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & FINANCE MEETING OF 20 OCTOBER 2016 – MATTERS ARISING

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Banks, SECONDED by Councillor Wargent that the MINUTES of the Meeting held on 20 October 2016, be CONFIRMED.

ALL IN FAVOUR.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

6361 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

(a) 16 2513

Proposed front/rear and roof extension with small side extension.

54 Yorick Road, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Bird

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend CONSENT be granted in respect of this application, on condition that the neighbours comments are taken into account.

(b) 16 2516

Change of use from detached outbuilding to dog training and exercise centre.
Brierley, Cross Lane, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Wild

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend CONSENT be granted in respect of this application.

(c) 16 2628

Replace first floor timber door with glazed combination door/window panel, and make minor alterations to external staircase; all to cart lodge within curtilage of Grade II listed 'Redwing Cottage'.
Redwing Cottage, 6 Colchester Road, West Mersea – Mr D O'Brien

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend CONSENT be granted in respect of this application.

(d) 16 2686

Construction of two storey extension to the rear of this detached house. Approx. 5.5m x 6.6m.
45 East Road, West Mersea – Mrs J Gurton

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend CONSENT be granted in respect of this application.

(e) 16 2644

Demolition of existing detached dwelling and replacement with new 4 bedroom detached dwelling.
22 St Peters Road, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Porter

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend REFUSAL in respect of this application as the proposal does not comply with good design guide. S7, paragraph 56 of NPPF.

(f) 16 2662

Proposed part single/part two storey extension to rear of existing building, revised from previously refused application 16 1012.
32 East Road, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Monk

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend CONSENT be granted in respect of this application.

(g) 16 2669

Rear single storey glazed garden room extension.
9 Beach Road, West Mersea – Mr J Banting

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend CONSENT be granted in respect of this application.

6362 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Applications Passed

(a) 16 2191

Erection of single storey side-rear extension (following demolition of attached storeroom).
4 Firs Hamlet, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Bloomfield

(b) 16 2240

Extend the lounge area at ground floor level replacing garden room. Enlarge hall and WC. Form accommodation at ground floor and first floor for aged parent. Form family bedroom accommodation over garage. Extend bedroom. Form balcony area to bedroom.
16 Estuary Park Road, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Whittaker.

(c) 16 2407

Addition of an extension for a bedroom and en-suite bathroom over part of existing single storey side projection.
26 Yorick Road, West Mersea – Mr R Gaspar

Planning Appeal

(a) 15 2803

Outline application for erection of detached single storey dwelling.
34 Yorick Road, West Mersea – Mr S Greenfield

6363 TO DISCUSS SETTING UP A CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Council resolved to set up a Cemetery Committee consisting of Carol Fountain, Mark Dixey, Councillor Bragg and Councillor Moore.

6364 TO DISCUSS HOW EXPENDITURE FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WILL BE MET

The Neighbourhood Plan group will discuss grants and funding at the next Neighbourhood Plan meeting.

6365 TO ADVISE THE COST OF A SERVICE TO THE RANSOMES LAWNMOWER AND TRACTOR

Following discussion the Council agreed the cost of the servicing for the Ransomes lawnmower and tractor.

6366 TO ADVISE THE COST OF REPAIRING THE SHUTTERS AT THE GLEBE

Following discussion the Council agreed the cost of repairs to the roller shutter at the Glebe Pavilion.

6367 TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO CHANGE PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON VICTORIA ESPLANADE AND AGREE A WAY FORWARD

Following discussion this item was adjourned to the Car Park Strategy meeting.

6368 TO CONFIRM COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE FOR THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

All Councillors at the meeting confirmed they would be attending the Remembrance Sunday Service. Councillor Powling will lay the wreath.

6369 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

Bradwell Working Group – Next meeting 18th November 2016.

Communications Committee – Next meeting 9th December.

Facilities and Assets Committee (formerly Environment) – Nothing to report.

LCAP – Nothing to report.

Neighbourhood Plan – Next meeting 16th November.

Personnel Committee – Next meeting 14th November.

Sports & Recreation Committee – Councillor Clements reported that the recent meeting had been postponed to give West Mersea Town Council a chance to look at the leases.

Traffic & Waterside Committee – A meeting has been arranged for 12th December.

The meeting was suspended at 9.00 pm for Mr J Akker to give a brief report about the recent Local Plan meeting.

Meeting resumed 9.15pm

6370 MAYOR'S NOTES

It was agreed to engage an accountant to bring the accounts up to date and to outsource the payroll.

6371 Mayor to MOVE that the press and public be excluded during the transaction of the following items on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

6372 TO DISCUSS THE QUOTES AND AGREE TO PURCHASE NEW TELEPHONE AND A NEW BROADBAND SYSTEM FOR THE OFFICE

Following discussion it was agreed to purchase new office phones and set up a new fibre optic broadband service.

6373 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A CHAIRMAN'S/MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE

Following discussion it was agreed that a Mayor's allowance of up to £500 per year was added to the budget. All expenditure must be recorded and receipted.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm