

**WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A PLANNING & FINANCE MEETING**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2017**

PRESENT:                      Councillors:      Carl Powling (Mayor)  
   Peter Banks  
   David Bragg  
   Peter Clements  
   Robert Jenkins  
   Paula Moore  
   Sylvia Wargent  
   Sophie Weaver

   Town Clerk:      Petra Palfreyman

Public session

No members of the public were in attendance.

6405    TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received.

6406    TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations received.

6407    PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

(a) 16 3171

Proposed rear extension and replacement garage.  
24 St Peters Road, West Mersea – Mr B Lord

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

(b) 17 0056

Erection of a detached chalet style dwelling on the site of a previously demolished dwelling.  
57 Churchfields, West Mersea – Mr P Smith

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

(c) 16 3007

New pitched roof to existing garage, and new single storey rear extension.  
20 Alexandra Avenue, West Mersea – Mr S Green

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

(d) 17 0133

Single storey rear extension.  
15 Garden Farm, West Mersea – Ms J Gwillim

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

## 6408 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED

### Applications Passed

- (a) 16 2854  
Proposed 2 storey side extension and extended porch (as approved under 14 4998)  
3 Carriers Close, West Mersea – Mr D Talbot
- (b) 16 2889  
Proposed modifications to existing dwelling house including two storey side extension, and single storey extensions, additional first floor accommodation and external alterations.  
2 Meadow Lane, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Green
- (c) 16 2959  
Two storey extension to rear/side and replacement roof tiles.  
10 St Peters Road, West Mersea – Mr O Gozzett

### Application Withdrawn

- (a) 16 2661  
Proposed conversion of existing outbuilding in to café with proposed side extension.  
Brierley, 16 Cross Lane, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Wild

WMTC Recommendation: Following discussion it was agreed to recommend refusal in respect of this application due to the inappropriate vehicular access.

## 6409 TO NOTE THE CURRENT FINANCIAL POSTION

The Clerk provided a list of cheque payments for December 2016 and the bank statement balance from the latest statement. The cost of the public toilets was discussed and the Clerk agreed speak to Colchester Borough Council to obtain historic emails regarding the agreement with them and West Mersea Town Council regarding the financial agreements. The accountant is still in the process of bringing the accounts up to date, the VAT returns will be completed this month and the payroll will be handed over shortly to deal with the February pay.

## 6410 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE AN APPROACH TO COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL TO REQUEST LIVE BROADCASTING OF THEIR PUBLIC MEETINGS

Following discussion it was agreed that West Mersea Town Council would approach Colchester Borough Council to make a request for the live broadcasting of their public meetings.

Proposed: Cllr Moore, Seconded: Cllr Bragg.

## 6411 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE ANY COMMENTS TO SUBMIT TO HIGHWAYS, ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL, IN RESPECT OF THE PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDERS

Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Highways Management at Essex County Council and state that although West Mersea Town Council do not object to paths B to C and B to F being used as a footpath, we do not agree they should be used as a bridleway.

## 6412 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.

6413 TO DISCUSS THE INSTALLATION AND QUOTE FOR MOTION LIGHT SENSORS FOR ALL THE PUBLIC TOILETS IN WEST MERSEA

Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Powling would write out the specification required for the quotes for the public toilet light motion sensors and the Clerk would request sealed bids from Local tradesmen, if possible.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm