

**WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE CAR PARKING STRATEGY MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017 AT 10AM**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Carl Powling (Chairman)  
Councillor Peter Banks  
Councillor Dave Bragg  
Councillor Peter Clements  
Councillor Bob Jenkins  
Councillor Sylvia Wargent  
Ms Christine Belgrove (NEPP Business Manager)  
Mr Trevor Degville (Parking Partnership Technical Officer)  
Mr Michael Adamson (Enforcement Officer)

In attendance:

Petra Palfreyman (Town Clerk)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence received from Councillor Sophie Weaver.

**2. TO DISCUSS ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING ON 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record. There were no other matters to discuss.

Proposed: Councillor Clements, Seconded: Councillor Jenkins.

**3. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

Ms Belgrove presented the Income and Expenditure report and supporting documents (attached).

The takings are split 50:50 between Colchester Borough Council and West Mersea Town Council and North Essex Parking Partnership take a 10% management fee for doing that. The fee for this year is £4720.19 (April – Dec 2016). This fee is normally taken at the end of the year so the first quarter ends up with a deficit but West Mersea Town Council have agreed for payments and fees to be managed at quarterly intervals.

**4. ANY OTHER PARKING ISSUES**

Will we get any more traffic wardens? The problems are more acute in the summer months, bank holidays, Regatta, and when the tide is high. North Essex Parking Partnership only have finite resources as they must cover the whole of Colchester area but if we can advise when the peak periods are we, North Essex Parking Partnership might be able to target the times they visit. West Mersea Town Council to share details and dates with Mr Michael Adamson.

Request to change the parking restrictions on Victoria Esplanade. Ms Belgrove explained that drivers can load and unload on double or single yellow lines for as long as it takes. It is not viable to change the current restrictions as it would cost thousands to put in place. In the past workmen have been allowed to use closed car parks when they are working close by. It was proposed that parking restrictions remain the same.

Proposed: Councillor Banks, Seconded: Councillor Jenkins.

Seaview Car park - In previous years, the grass half of this car park has been closed off in the winter to avoid it getting all churned up but in recent times it has been used all year. There used to be a fence all the way across with a gap for car to get through, which could be closed off in the winter but most of the fence is now missing. West Mersea Town Council will consider getting the car park resurfaced so it can be used all year around.

Barclays Bank car park – Could West Mersea Town Council ask if we could have this as a public car park? Ms Belgrove confirmed that it could be included in the parking order if West Mersea Town Council could obtain it. It was agreed that this is an ideal village centre location for a car park and may help the problems in Yorick Road.

#### 5. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 10am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.20am.