

# WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2015

PRESENT:	Councillors:	John May (Mayor) David Bragg Peter Clements Robert Jenkins Alan Mogridge Carl Powling Eric Straughan Sylvia Wargent Sophie Weaver
IN ATTENDANCE:	Town Clerk:	David Tucker
	Borough Councillors:	John Jowers Peter Sheane

### Report from Borough Councillor Peter Sheane

Borough Councillor Sheane advised that Colchester Borough Council were to debate the Bradwell issue on 22nd October 2015.

Six monthly inspections of the island caravan parks were supposed to be carried out, and the effect of the new 12 months residence on the Mersea Island School was being closely watched.

### Report from Borough Councillor John Jowers

Borough Councillor Jowers reported that an attempt was made to install a mini roundabout at Queens Corner some years ago but to no effect. He advised he would be contacting Councillor Rodney Bass regarding the issue. Borough Councillor Jowers stated that Colchester Borough Council has no say in the future of the Bradwell Power Station, the responsibility lies with Maldon District Council.

It was clear that a comprehensive evacuation plan for Mersea in the event of a catastrophe is required.

Councillor Weaver added that a peaceful protest would be held by residents, on Sunday 4th October at 4pm.

Garden City - this concept, if adopted, would lead to a lower necessity for new houses built in villages.

### **6162 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence received from Borough Councillor Patricia Moore.

### **6163 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **6164 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 27 AUGUST 2015 - MATTERS ARISING**

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mogridge, SECONDED by Councillor Powling that the MINUTES of the Meeting held on 27 August 2015, be CONFIRMED.

ALL IN FAVOUR

**Matters arising:**

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

**6165 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING MEETING OF 10 SEPTEMBER 2015 - MATTERS ARISING**

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Powling, SECONDED by Councillor Clements that the MINUTES of the Meeting held on 10 September 2015, be CONFIRMED.

ALL IN FAVOUR

**Matters arising:**

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

**6166 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF 17 SEPTEMBER 2015 - MATTERS ARISING**

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Powling, SECONDED by Councillor Jenkins that the MINUTES of the Meeting held on 17 September 2015, be CONFIRMED.

ALL IN FAVOUR

**Matters arising:**

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

**6167 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

- (a) **15 1788**  
Proposed single storey side extension.  
**Brambles, Willoughby Avenue, West Mersea - Mr Shoulders**

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

- (b) **15 1860**  
Construction of single storey extension to provide new cloakroom and toilet.  
**19 Kingsmere Close, West Mersea - Mr G Wass**

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

- (c) **15 1926**  
Replacement dwelling.  
**35 Yorick Road, West Mersea - Mrs J Woolley**

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

- (d) **15 1971**  
Single storey porch to front of property.  
**14 Reynead Close, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs Ivemy**

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

- (e) **15 2053** (Resubmission 15 1102)  
Raising and lengthening roof and removing small dormer and reinstating with larger dormer. Material of roof is now to be slate.  
**3 Victoria Esplanade, West Mersea - Mr M Rodwell**

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

- (f) **15 2058**  
Creation of a Use Class A3 cafe unit within the undercroft area.  
**30 High Street, West Mersea - D Pittock and L Pittock**

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

## **6168 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS**

### **Applications Passed**

- (a) **15 1500** \* (Resubmission of 14 5701)  
Demolish existing dwelling and create three new dwellings.  
**21 Prince Albert Road, West Mersea - Mr S Downes**

WMTC Recommendation:

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend Refusal on the following grounds:

- Overdevelopment of the site.
- Potential vehicular access problems.

- (b) **15 1639**  
Conversion of existing garage to annexe.  
**27 Empress Avenue, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs S Wild**

WMTC Recommendation:

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend Consent be granted in respect of this application, subject to the annexe remaining ancillary to the main building.

- (c) **15 1386**  
Construction of single storey extension to kitchen and family room to rear of dwelling. Removal of a glazed roof to utility room at side. Construction of bedroom over the utility room to side of existing dwelling. Revisions to application 14 6580.  
**10 Richmond Road, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs Blackmore**

- (d) **15 1515**  
Erection of a replacement dwelling with cart lodge.  
**77 East Road, West Mersea - Mr John O'Kane**

- (e) **15 1804** (Resubmission of 15 1211)  
Erection of detached property.  
**Plot adjacent 98 Fairhaven Avenue, West Mersea - Mr A & Mrs L Bender**

- (f) **15 1681**  
Conversion of existing conservatory to dining room and new wall cladding to bungalow.  
**7 St Peters Road, West Mersea - Mr Barry Jones**

- (g) **15 1426**  
New industrial unit to match existing units.  
**Waldegraves Business Park, Waldegraves Lane, West Mersea - Mr David Lord**

WMTC Recommendation: Following discussion it was agreed to recommend Consent be granted in respect of this application, but we are concerned at the apparent lack of adequate car parking facilities.

### **Application Refused**

- (a) **15 1359**  
Demolition of existing house and erection of new house.  
**12 Kingsland Beach, West Mersea - Mr D King**

## **Application Withdrawn**

- (a) **15 1257**  
Proposed rear extension, alterations to roof, including side facing roof dormers and replacement garage.  
**16 New Captains Road, West Mersea - Miss A Davis**

### **6169 TO CONSIDER A DEVELOPMENT SITE SITE PROPOSAL AS SET OUT IN THE COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL'S LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Following discussion it was agreed no comment should be made to Colchester Borough Council until all suggested sites had been considered.

### **6170 TO CONSIDER INSTALLING A HEARING LOOP IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

As only one quote had been received the Clerk was asked to obtain additional quotes before a decision can be made.

### **6171 TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS:**

**Bradwell Monitoring Committee** - Councillor Wargent presented her report (attached).

**Local Community Action Panel** - Councillor Mogridge presented his report (attached).

**Environment Committee** - Councillor Jenkins reported on the meeting held on 15th September (attached).

**Waterside Committee** - The Clerk gave a verbal report on the meeting held on 16th September (minutes to follow).

**Website Working Group** - Councillor Wargent reported that there were a number of administrative problems, primarily with the webmasters, with some of the links and graphics not working.

**Youth Interest Group** - Nothing to report - meeting to be arranged, date to be confirmed.

**Communications Group** - Meeting to be arranged.

### **6172 LETTERS RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION**

- (i) NHS England re Island Pharmacy relocation - Noted.
- (ii) Action for Family Carers re AGM - Noted.
- (iii) Mr J Taylor re Sporting events on Mersea - Following discussion the Clerk was asked to contact Mr Taylor for more information.
- (iv) Mrs B Mogridge re MICA funding application - The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Mogridge to confirm the Councils' support.

### **6173 MAYOR'S NOTES**

Councillor May advised that there was to be a Charity Lunch at the Titash on 29th November 2015 at 12 noon. Further details available via the West Mersea Town Council offices.  
A staff lunch was to be held at The Coast Inn at 1pm on 18th December.

### **6174 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.**

Staff matters.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.