

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 11 JUNE 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

Report from Borough Councillor

Borough Councillor John Jowers advised that on 9th June the Colchester Borough Council Planning Committee accepted the potential development suggestions for formal inclusion in the Local Development Plan, and Essex Police were currently considering selling the Chelmsford Police Headquarters. (see West Mersea Town Council comments submitted to Colchester Borough Council).

6102 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence received from Borough Councillors Moore and Sheane.

6103 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Clements declared a non pecuniary interest in planning application 15 0867.
Councillors Bragg and Wargent declared a non pecuniary interest in planning application 15 1102.

6104 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 14 MAY 2015 - MATTERS ARISING

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Clements, SECONDED by Councillor Jenkins that the MINUTES of the Meeting held on 14 May 2015, be CONFIRMED.
ALL IN FAVOUR

Matters arising:

The Clerk advised that the Asset Transfer documents for the toilets acquisition had been signed off by Colchester Borough Council and were expected shortly.
The West Mersea Town Council website, although 'up and running', required a good deal of work to make 'user friendly'.

Action

6105 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- (a) **15 0736**
Exterior insulation to front and side of house and wood cladding.
43 Victory Road, West Mersea - Mr Cassell Johnson

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

- (b) **15 0867**
Proposed extensions and alterations.
55 Firs Road, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs Angus Milgate

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

- (c) **15 0929**
Single storey side extension and new dropped kerb.
61 Yorick Road, West Mersea - Mr Kevin Burr

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

- (d) **15 1073**
First floor extension, single storey rear extension and porch to side for private use.
13 Willoughby Avenue, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs Andrew Stebbing

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

- (e) **15 1027**
Replacement balustrade to balcony and new replacement doors and windows to front porch.
68 Coast Road, West Mersea - Mr Derek Gaye

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

- (f) **15 1067**
Proposed first floor extension and minor associated alterations.
97 East Road, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs David Gregory

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

- (g) **15 1068**
Proposed front entrance porch.
31 Empress Avenue, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs Scott-De'ath

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

- (h) **15 1128**
Replacement of existing detached bungalow and garage, with new detached chalet style house and garage.
92 Fairhaven Avenue, West Mersea - Mr Andrew Dixon

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

- (i) **15 1102**
To take off roof and remove small dormer and reinstate with larger dormer.
3 Victoria Esplanade, West Mersea - Mr Michael Rodwell

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

6106 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Action

Applications Passed

- (a) **15 0509**
New boat house, access road, slipway to beach, sheet piling to maintain existing beach frontage.
Land to remain as amenity land and landscaping.
Land south of Fairseat, 19 Beach Road, West Mersea - Mr Malcolm Struth
- (b) **15 0621**
Erection of a replacement dwelling with cart lodge.
77 East Road, West Mersea - Mr John O'Kane
- (c) **15 0720**
Two storey side extension.
17 Shears Crescent, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs Roger Newton

Application Withdrawn

- (a) **15 0695**
Demolition of existing house and erection of new house.
12 Kingsland Beach, West Mersea - Mr David King

Certificate of Existing Lawful Use or Development

- (a) **15 0740**
Lawful development certificate for an existing building in use as a domestic garage.
3 Paeony Chase, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs Tony Smith

6107 TO SET COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS - Membership agreed as follows:

Bradwell Monitoring Committee – Councillors Bragg and Wargent.

Local Community Action Panel (formally NAP) - Councillor Mogridge.

Environment Committee - Councillors Bragg, Clements, Jenkins, Powling and Wargent.
The next meeting of this committee was set for 22 June 2015 at 10.00am.

Traffic and Transport Committee – Councillors Bragg, Jenkins, Powling and Straughan.

Waterside Committee – Councillors Clements, Mogridge, Powling, Straughan and Weaver.
The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Stephen Collis of Colchester Borough Council regarding a future meeting date.

Youth Interest Group – Councillors Powling, Straughan and Weaver.
An exploratory meeting was set for 24 June 2015.

6108 TO CONSIDER INSTALLING A MUGA ON THE GLEBE

A request to install a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) to the North of the grass tennis courts was discussed at length.

The cost was expected to be between £70-80k, and all the Glebe sports clubs had been contacted and were happy to support the project.

The Clerk was asked to seek funding for the project.

Proposed: Councillor Powling, Seconded: Councillor Straughan.

6109 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR AN ELECTRICAL CABLE INSTALLATION UNDER THE GLEBE

The request brought forward from the previous meeting was considered and discussed, and it was agreed that installing cabling across the pitches was not a good idea.

The Clerk was asked to contact the electricity supplier to see if a connection could be made from the road to the cricket net area.

6110 TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO INSTALL A FULLY MAINTAINED TOILET IN SCHOOL GARDENS

Following discussion it was agreed to put the idea on hold for review at a later date.
Proposed: Councillor Clements, Seconded: Councillor Straughan.

6111 TO CONSIDER PLANTING A REPLACEMENT MEMORIAL (WWI) TREE IN CHURCHFIELDS

There had been considerable concern at the loss of the memorial tree in Churchfields, and it was agreed therefore to replace it with a mature cherry tree, together with a metal protection surround and a plaque. A sum of £200 was agreed (in accordance with its powers under S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972).
Proposed: Councillor Powling, Seconded: Councillor Mogridge.

6112 LETTERS RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION

- (i) Ms C Cook re parking attendants - Noted, agreed to refer to the Car Park Strategy Committee set for 13 July 2015.
- (ii) Mr A Stammers re Hearing Loop - Agreed to go ahead - The Clerk to obtain quotes for a portable loop system.

6113 MAYOR'S NOTES

Councillor May made the following statement:

For the benefit of the newly elected Councillors I would like to bring to your attention the fact that should you be consulted by anyone from the Town about any subject, you should not act upon the subject on your own bat, but bring the subject to the attention of the Town Clerk who will deal with the subject through this office and if necessary bring it before the whole Council.

The recent car boot sale at Waldegraves raised £320 for the Mayor's charities, and Councillor May advised that a number of fund raising activities would follow, including a New Year's Eve Dance (to 'The Beavers') and an event at the Titash restaurant.

Councillor Straughan advised that he would be organising a VJ Day event on the first Saturday in August.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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