

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PLANNING & FINANCE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2016

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: Petra Palfreyman
 Zone Warden: Tim Pickard

No members of the public were in attendance.

To receive report from Colchester Borough Council Zone Team.

Three benches will be sited at the disabled platform in the coming weeks.
A litter pick has been organised for the weekend of 8th & 9th October 2016
The Zone Team have secured funding to take residents either living alone or from sheltered accommodation on day trips.
An early patrol of The Glebe to deter dog fouling has been arranged.
The Zone Team confirmed they are now carrying out some of the water bailiff duties.

6315 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor Jenkins.

6316 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest received.

6317 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- (a) 16 2170
Proposed first and roof extension.
7 Empress Avenue, West Mersea – Mr D Murrell

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

- (i) Excessive build.
- (ii) Out of keeping with the street scene.

Councillors Bragg, Mullis and Wargent abstained.

- (b) 16 2171
Proposed new dwelling.
Land adjacent 2 Beach Road, West Mersea – Mr P Smith

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

- (c) 16 2191
Erection of single storey side/rear extension (following demolition of attached store room).
4 Firs Hamlet, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs P Bloomfield

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

6318 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISION RECEIVED

No planning decisions received.

6319 TO NOTE THE CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION

The Clerk provided the current bank statement and a schedule of payments August 2016.
The Clerk advised the Council about a new photocopier contract and the related savings.

6320 TO CONSIDER REVISIONS TO THE BANK SIGNATORY MANDATE

Following discussion it was agreed that all Councillors should be added to the bank signatory mandate.

6321 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A DONATION FROM MARIE CURIE

Following discussion it was agreed that a donation to Marie Curie would not be made as it was not a local charity.

A donation of £250 was agreed to be paid to the Regatta committee.

Proposed: Councillor Clements. Seconded: Councillor Bragg

6322 TO CONSIDER PURCHASING NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE GROUNDSMEN

Following discussion approval was given for the service of the pick up truck and it was agreed to purchase a hedge trimmer.

Proposed: Councillor Moore. Seconded: Councillor Weaver.

6323 TO CONSIDER AN INCREASE TO THE COST OF HIRING THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

Following discussion it was agreed not to increase the price of hiring the Council Chambers.

6324 TO PASS A RESOLUTION THAT THE CLERK BE ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME OPERATED BY ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk could be admitted to the Local Government Pension Scheme operated by Essex Council Council.

Proposed: Peter Clements. Seconded: Councillor Moore.

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