

# WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A PLANNING & FINANCE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 2014

PRESENT: Councillors: Peter Clements (Mayor)  
John May  
Alan Mogridge  
Noelle Urquhart  
Sylvia Wargent

Town Clerk: David Tucker

### Action

#### **6019 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence received from Councillors Bixby, Cross and Perkins.

#### **6020 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **6021 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

- (a) 14 5962  
Forming new opening in boundary wall with gated access to New Orleans Flats  
**St. Peter & St. Paul Church, High Street West Mersea** - Ms C Binmore

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

- (b) 14 5895  
Proposed single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory and front porch with WC.  
**71 Garden Farm, West Mersea** - Mr & Mrs D Joslin

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

- (c) 14 6057  
Demolition of part of utility room, construction of shower and utility room and construction of bedroom with ensuite. Proposed extension and alterations  
**24 Elmwood Drive, West Mersea** - Mr C Ockwell

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

- (d) 14 6019  
Retention of ATM installed through the shop front elevation as a through brickwork installation. ATM fascia with black bezel surround and white illuminated lettering. Free Cash withdrawals out of black background. Blue LED Halo to ATM surround  
**Old Forge Filling Station, 41 Kingsland Rd, West Mersea** - Mr Roy Lanning

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

- (e) **14 6020**  
Integral illumination and screen to the ATM Fascia. Internally illuminated Free Cash withdrawals lettering to black surround, above the ATM fascia. Blue LED halo illumination to ATM surround.  
**Old Forge Filling Station, 41 Kingsland Rd, West Mersea - Mr Roy Lanning**

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

- (f) **14 5978**  
Conversion of existing four bedroom property to 2 no. two bedroom flats (ground and first floor) with new external first floor access.  
**24 Oakwood Avenue, West Mersea - Mr Alan Walsh**

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend CONSENT be granted in respect of this application, subject to provision of adequate car parking facilities.

## **6022 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED**

### **Applications Passed**

- (a) **14 5555**  
Flood lighting to tennis courts.  
**Glebe Playing Field Colchester Road, West Mersea - Mr S Vince**

WMTC Recommendation: Unable to comment.

- (b) **14 5622 \***  
Alterations and extensions, incorporation of a granny annexe and garage extension, provision of replacement swimming pool and re-contouring terraced garden.  
**West Hold, 2 High Street, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs P A & A J Smith**

WMTC Recommendation: Following discussion it was agreed to recommend refusal on the grounds that the design is inappropriate given the architectural importance of the main building and the development will also compromise the amenity/privacy of adjacent properties.

- (c) **14 5696**  
Proposed extension and alterations.  
**16A Fairhaven Avenue, West Mersea - Ms Adele Henderson**

### **Application Withdrawn**

- (d) **14 5736**  
Extension and alterations of existing bungalow to include removal of existing pitched roofs to bungalow and construction of additional floor. Replacement of existing pitched garage roof with flat roof, construction of full height bay to front  
**102 Fairhaven Avenue, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs C Frost**

\* **WMTC recommended opposite**

## **6023 TO NOTE THE CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION**

The Clerk presented the Income and Expenditure Account as at 30 September 2014.

Underlying costs remained as budgeted, with healthy cash reserves, following the receipt of all outstanding VAT from HMRC. The £20k S.106 monies requested to support the West Mersea Park infrastructure etc. had now been received.

All that remained to be paid for with regard to the Skatepark and the MIRFC changing rooms was the retention monies, amounting to £10k, and this would be funded via the original funders.

**6024 ANY OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Action**

New signs, Victoria Esplanade etc - Following discussion it was agreed Councillor Wargent would meet with the Clerk to determine the layout and content of the signage on the Esplanade and West Mersea Park. It was noted that the West Mersea Park opening was set for Saturday 15th November 2014, and a staff Christmas lunch would be held at the Yacht Club on Tuesday 11th December.

Doctors Surgery - Councillor Clements advised that there had been little or no progress, but he would be contacting the appropriate representatives of the NHS to seek a way forward.

NAP Meeting - Following discussion it was agreed the NAP meetings should contain in the absence of police support, any issues raised at the meeting to then be used to lobby the police.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.