

4. REPORTS FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFICERS AND MEETING

- Pontoon – The piles have been replaced at a cost of £70000. Colchester Borough Council are aware of the damage caused by a BBQ.
- Quay – some repairs to the wood work have been made.
- CCTV – Colchester Borough Council to consider adding a camera to point at the rubbish bins.

5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Village Green signs - The Clerk will review the progress of Village Green signs 241.
- Yellow Hatching Town Hard - The Clerk confirmed contractors to repaint the yellow hatching at the Town Hard will be contacted.
- Rubbish – Colchester Borough Council will review their obligations and costs for the Eurobins near the Coast Road toilets.
- Water Bailiff – The Clerk and Colchester Borough Council confirmed a meeting is being arranged to consider appointing a new water bailiff.
- Speed limit – Colchester Borough Council confirmed the limit of 8 knots is for pleasure craft. Commercial crafts have a duty of care and adhere to the speed limits.
- 8 knot buoys – Colchester Borough Council to consider moving the 8 knot buoys along from the Monkey beach to the Esplanade area.
- Beach & waterfront – concerns raised over speeds of jet skis and speed boats around moorings, unsafe swimmers, youngsters using boats as swimming platforms and parties on the beach.
- Interpretation boards Victoria Esplanade - Councillor Wargent to present Colchester Borough Council with ideas for updating the boards.
- Parking restrictions Victoria Esplanade - The Clerk will follow up an request to change the parking restrictions from 8am - 6pm to 10am to 4pm with the North Essex Parking Partnership.
- New parking signs on Victoria Esplanade – Colchester Borough Council will follow up a request to provide signs stating vehicles should not be parked on the verges and paths.
- Windsurfer – The West Mersea Windsurfing and Kitesurfing club confirmed that the recent death of one of their members was due to a heart attack.
- Emergency Services – to note that contact details are on the West Mersea Town Council website for the Police Commissioner Roger Hurst, if complaints are not dealt with satisfactorily. Colchester Borough Council to confirm who deals with water related complaints.
- High tide street lighting on The Strood – the purpose of the lighting and signs was queried. The Clerk will add some information to the West Mersea Town Council website.
- Bathing Water Quality meeting – the next meeting is on 19th October from 10.30am to 12pm. A volunteer to attend is required.
- Litter pick – the next litter pick is the 8th & 9th October and all groups are invited to take part.
- Bathing rafts – The Clerk will contact Rob Moffatt for a quote for a new bathing raft to replace the damaged/missing raft. The Beach Hut committee have offered to pay towards the cost of a new raft.

6. NOTE OF THANKS

- To Ross Wey, Rob Moffatt and Allan Bird for all their voluntary work with the bathing rafts.
- A general thanks to the refuse collection team along Victoria Esplanade who are always helpful.

7. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8th March 2016 at 5pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.20pm.