

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Councillors: Carl Powling (Mayor)
David Bragg
Peter Clements
Paula Moore
Sophie Weaver

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: Petra Palfreyman

6555 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Councillor Banks, Jenkins and Wargent.

6556 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Weaver declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 17 1575.

6557 PUBLIC SESSION

No public attendance.

6558 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL ZONE TEAM

The new waste collection scheme has settled down a little, with fewer issues of fly tipping. There has been one successful fine awarded in West Mersea where black bags were dumped at the library. The Zone Team found a name in the rubbish and issued a £100 fine which was paid. There have been other successful fines within the Borough.

Kingsland Beach has been chosen for the Keep Britain Tidy "We're watching you" posters, regarding dog fouling. One person has been fined £100 but is yet to pay.

Year 5 at West Mersea School did a beach clean as part of the ocean watch environmental study. Year 5 also did a poster competition. The theme was "Take your litter home if the bin is full". There will be 3 winners chosen and their posters will be seen on bins around the island soon.

The Autumn litter pick is 14th and 15th October.

Two more litter warriors have signed up for the Monkey beach area.

At a recent coffee morning at Harrison Court, £40 was raised by the Zone Warden's golf game.

6559 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- (a) 17 1575
Erection of single storey porch to front (revised plan)
154 Coast Road, West Mersea – Mr C Westgate

No comment to make as planning application already approved.

(b) 17 2404

Proposed single storey, flat roof rear extension to accommodate a new garden room. Internal reconfiguration to ground and first floor layout and extension of existing rear balcony.
Backwater Lodge, 20b Firs Chase, West Mersea – Mr D Cope

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

6560 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED

Applications Passed

(a) 17 1843

Erection of 2no detached replacement dwellings, existing dwelling no94 and static mobile home, no96 to be removed. Amended design to that approved 17 0880.
94 Fairhaven Avenue, West Mersea – Ms S Wall

(b) 17 1774

One detached dwelling house.
Land adjacent to 19 Kingsmere Close, West Mersea – The incidental Land Company Ltd

WMTC Recommendation: Following discussion it was agreed to recommend refusal on the grounds that it has been used as an open space for more than 27 years.

(c) 17 1667

Single storey extension to front room.
19 Grove Avenue, West Mersea – Mr L Pearson

(d) 17 1872

For the construction of a flat roofed garage/garden room to the side.
Hove Creek, 82 Coast Road, West Mersea – Mr D Lennan

WMTC: Following discussion it was agreed to recommend refusal on grounds of lack of separation between the two buildings (only 75mm).

(e) 17 2036

Reconstruction and extensions to existing dwelling including raising floor levels by 300mm.
Rose Cottage, 126 Coast Road, West Mersea – Mr R Open

(f) 17 2066

External insulation and render facing to rear and one side of house, demolition and rebuilding of utility room at rear.
43 Victory Road, West Mersea – Mr C Johnson

6561 TO NOTE THE CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION

The Clerk confirmed the current bank balance and provided a bank reconciliation to 31 August 2017. The external auditor has confirmed the Annual Return and the internal auditor will be booked for October or November. The Clerk will be carrying out work against the budget in the next few weeks.

6562 TO REVIEW THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND AGREE AMENDMENTS

Following discussion it was agreed to adopt the NALC model financial regulations. Any items to be altered were also discussed and agreed.

6563 TO REVIEW THE STANDING ORDERS AND AGREE AMENDMENTS

Following discussion it was agreed to adopt the NALC standing orders. Any items to be altered were also discussed and agreed.

6564 MAYOR'S NOTES

The Mayor confirmed that the work in West Mersea Park would start week commencing 9 October, for approximately 6 weeks. This will be added to our Facebook page, a newsletter and laminated signs in the park.

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