

**WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 11 JANUARY 2018**

PRESENT:                      Councillors:      Carl Powling (Mayor)  
   Peter Banks  
   David Bragg  
   Peter Clements  
   Bernard Hart  
   Robert Jenkins  
   Paula Moore  
   Sylvia Wargent  
   Sophie Weaver

IN ATTENDANCE:              Town Clerk:        Petra Palfreyman  
   Borough Councillor:      Patricia Moore

18/001 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies received.

18/002 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Banks declared that he is a shareholder of Datapartners who are mentioned in the budget.

18/003 PUBLIC SESSION

Two members of the public in attendance

The buses are no longer going to go via Peldon but will still drop passengers at Peldon when the tide is high. The concern is how passengers will then get from Peldon to Mersea.

West Mersea Town Council were asked to comment on the Garden Communities by 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 regarding Tourism and the Beach Water Quality.

A request was made for the Council to contact Essex County Council about the poor condition of some of the roads. Councillor Powling advised that holes over 20mm for pavements and 50mm for roads will be repaired and that red markings on the road indicate a repair within 24 hours and orange markings indicate a repair within 28 days. Other colours mean that Essex County Council has noted the problem but are unlikely to repair in the present state.

Zone Wardens Report

A fixed penalty notice for a fly tip in Kingsland Road was awarded for £100.

The Colchester Rugby Club has a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) and all Zone Wardens will be taking part in the monitoring of this. The PSPO should prevent dogs on or off leads at the Rugby Club.

The Spring Clean is arranged for 2/3/4 March 2018. Councillor Jenkins will organise this for West Mersea Town Council.

An extra £30000 has been provided by NHS England for the Winter Warmth programme which provides emergency winter packs such as clothes, food and gloves for those that need extra help.

#### Borough Councillors Reports

Borough Councillor Patricia Moore

The request for the Locality Budget has another 6 weeks to go. Councillor Robert Davidson will be using some of his funds towards the repairs for the Church Clock.

Borough Councillor Moore attended a presentation from Essex Highways but was disappointed that they did not know anything about the Strood railings.

Councillor Weaver will contact Councillor Pat Moore to discuss Locality Funding for the WW1 Centenary project.

#### 18/004 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

a) 17 3097

Erection of proposed single storey entrance porch.  
3 Hall Barn, High Street, West Mersea – Mr N Selmes

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend consent be granted in respect of this application, but ask to ensure right angle turn is suitable for wheelchair access.

b) 17 2965 & 17 2966

Removal of existing sloping roof to be replaced by new flat roof with lantern, construction new dormer window to rear and replacement canopy over front door.  
50 East Road, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs R Dearsley

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend consent be granted in respect of this application, providing it falls within the terms of the Grade 2 listing criteria.

c) 17 3120

Replacement dwelling house.  
6 Waldegraves Lane, West Mersea – Ark Homes

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

d) 17 2985

Retrospective application to replace existing post and rail fence with panel and post fence. Joining of existing gates with brick wall insert. Move existing gates away from highway towards the house.  
Smith's Hall, 33 Dawes Lane, West Mersea – Mr L Nash

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend refusal on the grounds that it is not an agriculturally sympathetic boundary.

e) 17 3288

Proposed external cladding to front and both side elevations but not rear elevation.  
7 Beach Road, West Mersea – Mr Cooper

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

f) 17 3313

Proposed front hip to gable alteration, new roof to front facing dormer and extension to side dormer.  
14 Rainbow Road, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs B Simpson

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

- g) 17 3355  
Erection of a bungalow with associated parking facilities.  
Land adjacent to 19 Kingsmere Close, West Mersea – Crown Homes EA Ltd

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend consent be granted in respect of this application.  
Councillor Clements abstained from voting.

#### 18/005 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED

- a) 17 2581  
Proposed detached garage and summer house and conversion of existing garage.  
77 Kingsland Road, West Mersea – Mr Fisher
- b) 17 2089  
Two storey front extension and single storey rear extension.  
Mandeville, 100 Oakwood Avenue, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs King
- c) 17 2635  
Front porch extension.  
77 Seaview Avenue, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Segal
- d) 17 2608  
Internal improvements.  
56 Coast Road, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Sharpe
- e) 17 3000  
Variation of condition 3 of planning permission 17 0230 to allow construction to commence in March 2018.  
Pontoon opposite West Mersea Yacht Club, Coast Road, West Mersea – Colchester Borough Council
- f) 17 1803  
Removal of roof to single storey dwelling. Construction of first floor and roof and internal alterations.  
(Resubmission of planning permission 16 1703).  
8 Beach Road, West Mersea – Mr M Matthews
- g) 17 2885  
Extension to residential property.  
18 Fairhaven Avenue, West Mersea – Mr N Pritchard
- h) 17 2601  
Change of use from offices to residential dwelling and new first floor extension.  
First floor, 2 Barfield Road, West Mersea – Ms M Mudd

#### 18/006 TO NOTE THE CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION

The Clerk provided a summary of the bank balances and advised of imminent income and expenditure.  
A summary of payments for November and December were provided.

#### 18/007 TO AGREE £50 DONATIONS EACH TO WEST MERSEA PARISH CHURCH AND MERSEA ISLAND LIONS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY MEALS

Following discussion it was agreed that donations would be made for the Christmas Day meals.

18/008 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE APPLYING FOR A BARCLAYS BANK DEBIT CARD AND TO AGREE SIGNATORIES, TO ASSIST WITH ONLINE AND TELEPHONE PURCHASES

It was agreed to defer this item pending further information.

18/009 TO FINALISE AND AGREE THE 2018/19 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

Following a review of the expected income and expenditure by committees and the clerks account, the budget and precept for 2018/19 was agreed. The precept figure was agreed at £253,472. It was noted that Cemetery income has not been as high as expected for 2017/18 due to a large percentage of prepayment interments.

18/010 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE WAY FORWARD ON THE UPLAND ROAD LEASE COMPENSATION FOR 2018

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

18/011 TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A NEW WHITE LINE MARKER

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

18/012 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE WW1 CENTENARY PROJECT

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

18/013 MAYOR'S NOTES

The Mayor thanked the staff and Councillors for their hard work and suggested that for the coming year the Council concentrate on looking at Council policies.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.25pm.