

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 15 OCTOBER 2018 AT 10AM

PRESENT: Councillor Carl Powling (Chairman)
Councillor Peter Banks
Councillor David Bragg
Councillor Peter Clements
Councillor Robert Jenkins
Councillor Paula Moore
Christine Belgrove (NEPP Business Manager)
Paul Seabright (NEPP Parking Enforcement Manager)

IN ATTENDANCE: Petra Palfreyman (Town Clerk)

18/028 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Councillor Wargent.

18/029 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

18/030 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30 JULY 2018, AND MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Proposed: Councillor Bragg, Seconded: Councillor Banks. ALL IN FAVOUR

Matters arising: There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

18/031 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FROM NEPP

NEPP presented the Income and Expenditure report and supporting documents (attached).

It was also confirmed that the PCN that was charged to a visitor who couldn't utilise a full space because of the recycling bins in the Library car park, had been cancelled.

18/032 TO NOTE THE CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION

Covered in 18/031 above.

18/033 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE SIGNAGE ON THE STROOD

Following discussion it was agreed to set up a working group to discuss the issues of the signage on The Strood and around Mersea. The working group will consist of Councillors Jenkins, Powling, Moore, and Bragg in consultation with County Councillor John Jowers.

18/034 TO DISCUSS LCOL162058 SIGNAGE INCLUDING REVIEW OF BROWN TOURIST SIGNS

Covered in 18/033 above.

18/035 TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION OF TOTAL OF BEACH HUT WATCH PARKING PERMITS ISSUED

NEPP confirmed that 141 permits had been issued by 9/10/18.

18/036 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ICE CREAM VANS TRADING IN PUBLIC CAR PARKS

Over the summer months there were ice cream vans trading in Willoughby car park. NEPP advised them to move a few times and fined them £25 but they returned on a regular basis. Advice from Rebecca Straughan, Colchester Borough Council Lawyer stated that if the fines didn't work they should be advised that they will be served with an injunction or trespasser action, which could result in a County Court hearing.

18/037 TO DISCUSS ENFORCEMENT OF ILLEGAL PARKING OF VEHICLES AND BOAT TRAILERS ON THE HARD

New signs will be ordered for The Hard confirming Launch Area Only No Parking. Councillor Powling will speak to Trevor Degville, Parking Technical Manager, NEPP about off street parking and a future TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) if the signs are not effective.

18/038 TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING POINT AT LIBRARY CAR PARK

Following discussion it was agreed that Councillor Powling would speak to Trevor Degville about a charging point in the Library car park and to consider applying for a grant for a charging point next to the office.

18/039 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE STROOD LIGHT

The light worked for one high tide when it was first installed in June 2016 and has only worked once since, just after it was recently repaired. It was agreed the light is not fit for purpose and Essex County Council should be asked to remove it.

18/040 TO RECEIVE UPDATED REPORTS ON TASK TRACKER

Refer to the Task Tracker for updates.

18/041 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday 4th February 2019 at 10am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.40am