

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2019

PRESENT: Councillors: Carl Powling (Mayor)
John Akker
Peter Banks
David Bragg
Robert Jenkins
Paula Moore
Sylvia Wargent
Sophie Weaver
Chris Wood

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

19/232 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Borough Councillor Robert Davidson.

19/233 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Akker declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning applications listed in item 19/238 as a member of the Mersea Island Society and Stop350.

19/234 PUBLIC SESSION

5 members of the public in attendance.

The following comments were made:

The Coast Road conservation is a RAMSAR site. The Council needs to review the plans before the meeting. There is a 15% increase in the crime rate this year. Vehicles and shops have been broken in to and the Police do not attend. The process for recruiting Specials is a long process. ANPR on The Strood would be useful. The pavement at the White Hart corner is very narrow for pedestrians.

19/235 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUR COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Borough Councillor John Jowers

We will be getting an ANPR camera on The Strood.

If we want 'No Cold Calling' areas, we need to ask for it.

The area at the bottom of Fairhaven is being looked at.

There is a meeting about The Lane Flood Barrier next week.

A meeting at the Nuclear Conference was attended last week where Councillor Banks also attended.

An Essex Forest of 380000 trees will be planted – location unknown.

A12 widening scheme will affect all villages that have narrow access roads to the A12.

Local Plan – they should be doing Part B first. If the Inspectors turn down part A it will run out of time and have to go to consultation. The outcome could mean more houses.

An important visitor might be visiting Mersea next year.

Borough Councillor Patricia Moore

A local list of building of importance to the street scene, history etc would give the building some protection. The Neighbourhood Plan group have done some work on this and Mersea Island Society are going to put a list together.

The Licencing Committee meet on 22 January 2020 and there will be discussions about the Park Homes and caravans.

Policing is concentrating on County Lines and domestic violence.

There is a consultation on the A120 where it links to the A133 which includes a rapid transport system. Also a consultation about the withdrawal of some of the No 63 bus service.

There have been 2 infringements at Coopers Beach and customers have been removed. The licence can be altered if the site do not adhere.

A decision on the Brierley Paddocks application is imminent.

19/236 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 26 SEPTEMBER 2019 – MATTERS ARISING

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Weaver, SECONDED by Councillor Wood that the MINUTES of the Meeting held on 26 September 2019, be CONFIRMED. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Matters arising: No matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

19/237 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 17 OCTOBER 2019 – MATTERS ARISING

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Jenkins, SECONDED by Councillor Banks that the MINUTES of the Meeting held on 17 October 2019, be CONFIRMED. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Matters arising: No matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

19/238 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

(a) 19 2500

New rear dormer to form room in the roof including Juliet balcony and cladding to front elevation.
26 Estuary Park Road, West Mersea – Mr S & Mrs Cooper

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

(b) 19 2570

Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a 3 bedroom detached bungalow and garage/carport.
5 Yorick Road, West Mersea – Mr A Smith

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

(c) 19 2556

Single storey side and rear extension and rear dormer window extension for private use.
5 Willoughby Avenue, West Mersea – Mr G & Mrs D Keys

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

(d) 19 2580

Erection of proposed two storey rear extension.
50 High Street North, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Blair

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

- (e) 19 2612
Proposed new porch, external staircase and alterations to external facade.
White Hart Hotel, 1 High Street, West Mersea – Mr B Lord

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

- (f) 19 2460
Extension and internal alterations.
1 Empress Avenue, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Redfern

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

- (g) 19 2641
Reconstruction of existing single storey side extensions.
42 Victory Road, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Brown

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

- (h) 19 2688
Single storey side and rear extension to existing dwelling house. The rear extension is to link to adjoining neighbours single storey extension.
18 Queen Anne Drive, West Mersea – Mrs R Cawdron

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

19/239 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED

Applications passed

- (a) 19 1950
Demolition of the existing carport (including the existing lean to roof) and the erection of a new carport with a new continuous pitched roof and brick parapet wall over the existing shed and workshop.
18 Fairhaven Avenue, West Mersea – Mr N Pritchard
- (b) 19 2206
Proposed single storey rear extension and continuation of existing side extension.
Armada Cottage, 10 City Road, West Mersea – Mr D Currie
- (c) 19 2256
Single storey extension.
Beach End, 85 Oakwood Avenue, West Mersea – Mr T Sargeant
- (d) 19 2459
Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing single storey rear extension.
Barrow Barn, 7a East Mersea Road, West Mersea – Mr R Wacey

Application refused

- (a) 19 2118
Replacement of existing free-standing advance sign for Waldegraves Holiday Park with single sided aluminium sign.
Land adjacent Waldegraves Lane at junction with Chapmans Lane and East Road, West Mersea – Mr D Lord

Application withdrawn

(a) 19 1418

Proposed new three bedroom bungalow.
77 Fairhaven Avenue, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Wilson-Hinds

19/240 TO AGREE AND ADOPT THE FOLLOWING POLICIES

- DATA BREACH POLICY
- PRIVACY POLICY

Following discussion, it was agreed to accept and adopt the policies.

Proposed: Councillor Jenkins, Seconded: Councillor Wood. ALL IN FAVOUR. Councillor Moore abstained.

19/241 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE HOLDING A JOINT MEETING WITH COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL AND EAST MERSEA PARISH COUNCIL REGARDING LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS OF CARAVAN PARKS

Councillor Akker advised that East Mersea Parish Council had requested that West Mersea Town Council act with them to seek a meeting with Colchester Borough Council and present the material demonstrating the breaches that have been made. East Mersea carried out their own survey about 12 months ago but Colchester Borough Council did not act upon it. Following discussion it was agreed that West Mersea Town Council would work with East Mersea Parish Council to agree an island strategy for caravan parks and have a meeting with Colchester Borough Council. Borough Councillor Pat Moore said she would like to be involved.

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

19/242 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A DATE TO RESUME DISCUSSION OF THE STRATEGY DOCUMENT PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED

Following discussion the date for the next meeting was agreed as 25 November 2019 at 5pm.

19/243 MAYOR'S NOTES

Councillor Powling stated that he had contacted the Wivenhoe Town Council Chairman and Tiptree Parish Council Chairman and has a meeting with them on 22 November 2019, he will report the outcome of that meeting, the three parishes being urban district centres.

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