

**WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ASSETS, FACILITIES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 10AM**

PRESENT	Councillor Robert Jenkins (Chairman) Councillor John Akker Councillor Peter Banks Councillor Dave Bragg Councillor Sylvia Wargent Councillor Carl Powling Councillor Sophie Weaver Ian Crossley (Mersea Island Society)
IN ATTENDANCE	Petra Palfreyman (Town Clerk)

**19/016 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence received from Councillor Moore.

**19/017 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**19/018 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 JUNE 2019 AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.  
Proposed: Councillor Banks, Seconded: Councillor Akker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**19/019 REFRESH MERSEA**

No report received.

**19/020 TO REVIEW A PROPOSAL FROM A RESIDENT IN RELATION TO FAIRHAVEN TOILETS AND TO CONSIDER ANY FURTHER PROPOSALS**

A proposal to purchase, demolish and landscape Fairhaven public toilets was discussed; it was decided to reject at this time pending a more detailed review of toilet facilities on the Esplanade.  
Proposed: Councillor Powling, Seconded: Councillor Banks. ALL IN FAVOUR.

**19/021 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON COAST ROAD TOILETS**

Councillor Jenkins gave a brief update on discussions with Danfo in relation to the recent sewer blockages and the subsequent closure of the toilet block for a short time. Danfo are to prepare a detailed quote for the refurbishment of both the ladies and gents toilets with a view to installing more effective and efficient toilets and urinals, complete redecoration and ventilation system for the ladies.

**19/022 TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FROM PROUD OF MERSEA FOR WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL TO ACT AS LICENSEE FOR CIGARETTE BINS ON LAMP POSTS**

Subsequent to this agenda being published this item has been covered in full Council.

19/023 TO DISCUSS THE LEGION FIELD BEING TURNED INTO A WILDFLOWER MEADOW DURING THE SPRING/  
SUMMER

All were in favour of pursuing the idea of a wildflower meadow perhaps in the Legion Field or Reymead. Our head groundsman to be consulted on how best to achieve this - proposals will be brought to the next meeting. Proposed: Councillor Powling, Seconded: Councillor Bragg. ALL IN FAVOUR.

19/024 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE CONSIDERATION FOR AN ENCLOSED DOG AGILITY COURSE

Councillor Bragg asked for this item to be withdrawn.

19/025 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE TO PURCHASE TWO NO DOG SIGNS FOR WELLHOUSE PARK PLAY AREA GATES  
AT A COST OF £170 + VAT

All in favour of purchasing two signs.

19/026 TO CONFIRM THE PURCHASE OF A NEW JOHN DEERE TRACTOR COSTING £20,000 + VAT AFTER TRADE  
IN OF THE OLD TRACTOR AND RIDE ON MOWERS

Councillor Powling produced detailed proposals for replacing existing tractor with a John Deere 3038R Compact Tractor. A pricing package had been obtained involving trade-ins on the old equipment and from transferring £4000 from the Transport Committee budget. After discussion it was agreed to proceed with the complete package (items 19/026, 19/027 and 19/028) and place an order for delivery in 8 weeks. Town Clerk to check insurance cover for the full RRP of the equipment.

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

19/027 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE PURCHASE OF A NEW JOHN DEERE RIDE ON MOWER AT A COST OF UP TO  
£3,500 + VAT

See item 19/026 above.

19/028 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE PURCHASES OF NEW TRAILER £400 + VAT, LEAF BLOWER £170 + VAT, VAN  
VAULT FOR PICK UP TRUCK £400 + VAT

See item 19/026 above.

19/029 TO REVIEW THE TASK TRACKER

All items reviewed - Tracker will be updated.

19/030 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

To be arranged at a later date.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.50am.