

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPORTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT Councillor Sophie Weaver (Chairman)
Councillor John Akker
Councillor Robert Jenkins
Councillor Carl Powling
Councillor Chris Wood
Graham Marfleet (MIRFC)
Nick Reay (WM Tennis Club)
David Taylor (MISA Chairman)
Matt Townend (MIFC)
Lawrence Weber (Oyster FC)

IN ATTENDANCE Petra Palfreyman, Town Clerk
1 member of the public

19/012 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Councillor Moore.

19/013 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

19/014 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 JUNE 2019 AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
Proposed: Councillor Wood, Seconded: Councillor Jenkins. ALL IN FAVOUR

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

19/015 TO NOTE THE CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION

The financial position is as expected in terms of income and outgoings. The chiller and fire extinguisher has been done at the pavilion and the agreed contribution from MISA has been received.

19/016 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE TERMS FOR A NEW MISA/RUGBY CLUB LEASE

Football have been looking into development at the Glebe, and need a minimum 21 year lease to access funding. Changing rooms need improvement. Funding available with a long lease, with up to 75% funding available. All clubs are now flourishing.

Mr Townsend said that West Mersea is considered ripe for development. Mersea Island Football Club was promoted last year so are in the first league. It can't progress any further with the current facilities. Mersea is the only Town in the area without a lit multi use pitch.

MISA said we have five times more children than ever before and West Mersea Town Council should support and subsidise the clubs.

Mr Cooper informed everyone on Glebe use and permissions. Councillor Powling mentioned that Section 106 money from the potential building developments has already been requested for improvements to the Pavilion, but it would have to be for multi-use, not just sport.

Councillor Weaver suggested offering a 7-year rolling lease in perpetuity might give them the long term lease they require. MISA said 7 year rolling lease will not be any use, only a 25 year lease is any use.

Councillor Jenkins requested to seek advice from our Borough and County Councillors on the lease.

Councillor Powling requested information from all the clubs' governing bodies on lease requirements by 27th September 2019, stating clearly the reason why a 25 year lease is required. All MISA members and tennis agreed. West Mersea Town Council to review lease.

Councillor Jenkins pointed out that we used to receive MISA accounts to showing its viability. He asked for MISA and all clubs' accounts. All agreed.

19/017 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE CRICKET CLUB FOR A DONATION TOWARDS PITCH RENOVATIONS

Mr Taylor requested a donation towards the cricket pitch renovations of £2652 + VAT. He mentioned that historically West Mersea Town Council paid towards these costs every other year. None of the current councillors could recall this being the case and it was pointed out that this was an unexpected cost and therefore not budgeted for. Mr Taylor asked that it be put forward for consideration in next year's budget, even if only a contribution towards the cost. West Mersea Town Council agreed to put it forward for consideration in next year's budget.

19/018 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE RUGBY CLUB CONTAINER AND TO DISCUSS A REQUEST TO SITE IT PRIOR TO PLANNING PERMISSION FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL

The request for the container was received in April this year, following which there was some confusion over plans. The Town Clerk sent out various conditions on 23rd July but after further requests for info there had not been clarification. Finally the planning application went in on 1st September. Rugby has agreed for now to leave the container on John Gray's grounds until permission is approved.

19/019 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE CRICKET CLUB TO POSITION A SECOND CONTAINER NEXT TO THE EXISTING ONE

The Town Clerk was unaware of the request but it would appear that the secretary had been using an old email address. Mr Taylor said he would check this with the secretary and amend. West Mersea Town Council pointed out that we need to be consistent in the type, size and colour of containers to avoid them becoming an eyesore. Councillor Wood suggested we need to review the container policy re consistency before making a decision. Councillor Weaver asked for details of the container re size, colour etc. Mr Taylor agreed to provide further details. Mr Townsend asked about the Horticultural building next to the pavilion. Mr Cooper said the building is full of storage for the horticultural equipment and is used. Also it belongs to the horticultural society and not West Mersea Town Council.

19/020 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A POLICY FOR REQUESTS FROM MISA FOR WORK ON PITCHES AND OTHER AREAS ON AND AROUND THE GLEBE

The Town Clerk received a request to change round the pitch layout at short notice. Mr Marfleet agreed it should have come through MISA not an individual. The current policy of alteration and additions at the Glebe was referred to, which is available on the website. Potholes were mentioned as per email of 8th September, which need doing. The Town Clerk re-iterated a request to remove advertising boards. Mr Marfleet agreed to sort this. He also mentioned the road plainings need to be moved to allow for parking spaces. The Town Clerk will look into this.

19/021 TO REVIEW TASK TRACKER ITEMS

Lease agreement – as above.

Cricket container – awaiting planning permission.

Ride-on line marker – carried forward.

Entrance notice boards – Councillor Powling reported it is currently going through planning and is with Highways as their permission is needed. It has been in process 3-4 weeks so far.

Map board – remains low priority.

Dog bins and dog policy – Councillor Jenkins reported that a £100 fine had been given for dog fouling. Colchester Borough Council are now saying walking on pitches is fineable. Will continue to monitor this.

Car park surface – as above re road plainings.

Dilapidations – no further details.

Contribution towards West Mersea Cricket Club – as above, consider in next year's budget.

19/022 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

To be arranged.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.

Minutes prepared by Councillor Weaver.