

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2020

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: Petra Palfreyman
Borough Councillor: Robert Davidson
John Jowers

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL (CORONAVIRUS ACT Part 2020 1 Section 78 Regulations 2 – 17)

20/073 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

20/074 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Akker stated that he was going to withdraw from the meeting due to his STOP 350 membership. Councillor Akker immediately left the meeting.

20/075 PUBLIC SESSION

14 members of the public were in attendance via Zoom.

7 members of the public spoke against the planning application with the following objections:

The demographics of the Island in the documentation is incorrect.
Access to the site is poor and on a main road.
It will have an adverse effect on the character of the island.
It is in breach of the settlement boundary and coastal protection belt.
It will have a detrimental effect on the health and wellbeing of the residents.
There will be a loss of good quality agricultural land.
It will introduce urbanisation.
Sites have already been identified for the 200 houses the Emerging Local Plan requires.
It will be visible from the Strood estuary and damage the unspoilt natural view of the island.
It is not on a bus route.
Not taking into consideration the emerging West Mersea Neighbourhood Plan.
Concerns relating to the evacuation requirements re Bradwell B.

20/076 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A RESPONSE TO PLANNING APPLICATION 20 0723, LAND OFF COLCHESTER ROAD, WEST MERSEA

Following discussion it was agreed the Councillors Wood and Banks would collaborate to write a document for all Councillors to agree and to send to Colchester Borough Council.

A copy of this document can be seen in the reports.

There being no other business, the public meeting closed at 11.50 am.