



NOTES OF THE VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING

HELD ON FRIDAY 3 APRIL 2020 AT 11AM

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
	Cemetery Clerk:	Carol Fountain
	Finance Officer:	Valerie Henry

The following points were discussed:

- Councillors agreed the Emergency Fund could be operated from the Barclays savings account. Essex Council Council have also agreed that we can operate the fund. The purpose of the fund is to support volunteer costs and residents who have run out of cash. The Clerk, RFO and Mayor will work out how to operate the fund and share with the councillors.
- It was agreed to purchase two rolls of plastic aprons at £85 per roll for 500 for use by key workers. Distribution will be via West Mersea Town Council Helpline.
- It was also agreed the Barclays Savings account could be used to accept donations to help run the Helpline.
- The COVID 19 pages on the website are being well used and it was agreed to add a link to some wellbeing and mental health support websites.
- The Dawes Lane planning application was discussed at length. Councillor Wood will write a response to Colchester Borough Council and will share with all councillors for agreement before sending to Carol Fountain to submit.

Planning applications received

(a) 20 0520

Single storey rear extension and associated alterations.

22 Churchfields, West Mersea – Mr F & Mrs Clark

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

(b) 20 0546

Addition of storey over garage.

Tanglewood, 4 Alexandra Avenue – Mr C Bell

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

Councillor Powling abstained.

(c) 20 0572

Proposed sunroom with sail loft.

32 Victory Road, West Mersea – Mr B & Mrs Woodcock

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend refusal, due to the over-dominating height of the proposed sun room with sail loft.

(d) 20 0583

Proposed first floor extension.

10a Prince Albert Road, West Mersea – Mr Vince

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

(e) 20 0529

Single storey side extension to main house, single storey extension to detached garage including extending the driveway. Alteration to form pitch roof over single storey section of the main house and provide new fence to front and side boundary of the property.

White Gates, Bower Hall Lane, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Holford

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

(f) 20 0535

Drop kerb.

101 East Road, West Mersea – Mr D Blake

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend refusal. This Council supports the objection from Essex County Council highways.

Councillor Akker abstained.

(g) 20 0597

Application to vary condition 5 of planning approval 19 3108.

West Mersea Oysters, Coast Road, West Mersea – Mr Dawson

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

(h) 20 0603

Single storey Edwardian style white UPVC conservatory to the rear of the property.

Land between 9 & 11 City Road, West Mersea – Mr A Rosser

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend consent be granted in respect of this application on the condition that due diligence is carried out with reference to the contamination report.

(i) 20 0602

Demolish existing property and construct 3 detached dwellings with bike stores, sheds and parking (revised application; previous proposal approved under 19 0864).

55 Empress Avenue, West Mersea – Mr B Lord

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

Planning decisions received

Applications passed

(a) 20 0164

New front porch and part single, part two storey rear extension.

67 Garden Farm, West Mersea – Mr S Rouse

(b) 20 0220

Ground floor rear and front extensions and side upper floor extension.

5 Firs Hamlet, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Brown

Application refused

(a) 20 0346

Permission in principle for one or two single storey dwellings.

Land at 2a Suffolk Avenue, West Mersea – Mr D Townend

- Mersea Island Sports Association have requested a rent holiday. Although MISA do not directly pay rent it was agreed that the lease will not be pursued for 3 months after which it will be reviewed. Councillor Wood will write a response to MISA and will share with all councillors for agreement before responding to MISA.
- The Clerk confirmed that the groundsman has made good progress with grass cutting in Firs Road cemetery, School Gardens and the bottom on the Youth Field and has started on the back field at the Glebe.
- The Clerk will check to see if the contractor can get materials to repair the pavilion roof at the Glebe.
- The Clerk will review the cost of signing up to the full Zoom contract.

Notes prepared by Petra Palfreyman, Town Clerk.