

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7PM

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
Patricia Moore

20/033 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

20/034 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Akker declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 20/036 in respect of STOP 350 and Mersea Island Society. Borough Councillor Davidson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 20/036.

On a point of order Councillor Wood asked Councillor Powling if he would like to declare an interest in the Dawes Lane site and Councillor Powling declined, confirming that he has no specific interest in either site.

20/035 PUBLIC SESSION

46 members of public in attendance.

Councillors Akker and Wood asked Councillor Powling to confirm the reason for calling the meeting and was advised it was because Colchester Borough Council have moved the Brierley Paddocks decision to Thursday 20th February and will make a decision about whether it passes or fails. Councillor Powling wants the Council to have a meeting to discuss the implications of that application being brought forward and to consider adding or removing any of the original submission.

10 members of the public spoke against the Brierley Paddocks development, including the prematurity of the application, the emergency plan & Bradwell, the struggling infrastructure, infilling, house extensions, ecological impact and the insufficient S106 allocation.

County Councillor John Jowers stated that West Mersea must accept there will be some houses and that it was reduced from 350 to 200 but will be over two sites. It was recommended that West Mersea Town Council list what the community would like, should the application go ahead.

20/036 TO CONSIDER THE RESUBMISSION OF THE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR BRIERLEY PADDOCKS 101 HOUSES AND AGREE OUR FURTHER RESPONSE

Councillor Julie Baker was welcomed to West Mersea Town Council.

Following discussions for and against changing the response to Colchester Borough Council, it was proposed to leave the response as it is to maintain our position.

The Borough Councillors agreed to reiterate what they heard at the meeting on behalf of the Council and residents.

Proposed: Councillor Wood, Seconded: Councillor Banks. Councillor Akker abstained.

There being no other business, the public meeting closed at 9.00pm

Minutes prepared by Councillor Powling.