

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2020

PRESENT: Councillors: Carl Powling (Mayor)
John Akker (arrived at 7.40pm)
Julie Baker
Peter Banks
David Bragg
Robert Jenkins
Sophie Weaver
Chris Wood

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: Petra Palfreyman

20/037 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Councillor Wargent.

20/038 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Banks declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 20 0198.

20/039 PUBLIC SESSION

7 members of the public in attendance.

An objection was raised against planning application 200346

Comments against the parking restrictions for The Lane were made by two residents. The objections have also been sent to North Essex Parking Partnership.

20/040 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUR COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Not in attendance as attending Colchester Borough Council planning meeting.

20/041 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 9 JANUARY 2020 - MATTERS ARISING

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Banks, SECONDED by Councillor Bragg that the MINUTES of the Meeting held on 9 January 2020, be CONFIRMED. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Matters arising: Planning application no. 19 3050 was approved by Colchester Borough Council although West Mersea Town Council advised against. Councillors requested to know the reason it was approved. Tree Group; Councillors Bragg and Banks will ask The Rotary Club to help them plant the trees.

20/042 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 30 JANUARY 2020 – MATTERS ARISING

Deferred until next Council meeting.

20/043 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

(a) 20 0199

Conversion of existing 2 storey chalet to 2.5 storey house with new rear and side extension. Single storey carport to replace existing garage.

18 City Road, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Langley

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

(b) 20 0206

Demolition of existing single storey dwelling. Construction of new two storey detached dwelling for private and domestic use. Construction of paved drive footpaths etc.

90 Fairhaven Avenue, West Mersea – Mr R Pickles

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

(c) 20 0220

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

5 Firs Hamlet, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs A Brown

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

(d) 20 0198

Single storey side extension.

67 High Street, West Mersea – Mr P Rudlin

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

(e) 20 0248

Proposed single and two storey side extensions.

91 East Road, West Mersea – Mr Halls

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

(f) 20 0346

Permission in Principle application.

Permission in Principle for one or for two single storey dwellings.

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

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend refusal on the following grounds:

Insufficient information that does not conform with Colchester Borough Council Supplementary Planning documentation on back land and infill development.

20/044 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED

Applications passed

(a) 19 2973

Proposed extension and replacement roof with first floor to detached garage.

24 St Peters Road, West Mersea – Mr B Lord

(b) 19 2817

Rear extension to replace conservatory. Revised plan received.

53 High Street North, West Mersea – Ms Haward

(c) 19 2927

To carry out alterations to existing bungalow by raising the roof line and extending habitable accommodation into the roof space. No increase to existing footprint of dwelling.
Dunoon, 3 Cross Way, West Mersea – Mr S Bloyce

(d) 19 2894

New pitched roofs to existing front dormers. Remodel rear roof.
82 High Street North, West Mersea – Mr K & Mrs Jordan

(e) 19 3033

Upgrading of existing house to include provision of new bedroom, extend the kitchen, dining and utility areas. Link the house to the games room.
36 Empress Avenue, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs R Kemp

Application refused

(a) 19 3045

Outline application for the erection of 2no. two storey detached dwellings.
Land adjoining Whitings, 2 Haycocks Lane, West Mersea – Mr Rayner

20/045 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ABOUT SIGNAGE FOR VILLAGE GREEN 241

Councillor Akker advised that he had reviewed the signage and the information held on file about Village Green 241, specifically the Dabchicks area. This was requested at the last Council meeting. Councillor Akker confirmed that whilst the ownership of one boundary was unclear, revised signage could still be displayed outlining the Village Green. Following discussion it was agreed that there should be two new Village Green signs near the Dabchicks and Coast Road car park, similar to the one near St Peter's Well Meadow VG185. Councillor Akker will discuss this with the Dabchicks Sailing Club. Funding may be available from Borough Councillor Patricia Moore via the Locality Budget. Following discussion it was agreed for two signs 600mm x 450mm at a cost of £148 per sign only (poles and fixings at an additional cost), subject to the Council approving the design of the sign. It was agreed the existing sign near the Dabchicks would be removed.

20/046 TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SUBMITTING COMMENTS TO THE NORTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE RECENT PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS FOR WEST MERSEA

No comments were made about this item as the Transport Committee are dealing with this.

20/047 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING RECENT TREE WORKS AND COSTS

The Clerk advised that the work on the rest of the tree survey is all under way. The final cost for this work will be £3500. Councillor Jenkins advised that the survey details 329 trees of which 18 have been felled, 6 are Ash and may grow back and one is a Cotoneaster which will also grow back. The metal bench at the Glebe will eventually be moved around a new tree. All trees with TPO's have had the appropriate permissions. Two hundred trees have been ordered free under the Trees for Years scheme, operated by Colchester Borough Council and the West Mersea Tree Group will plan where to plant them.

20/048 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A DATE FOR THE NEXT STRATEGY MEETING

Councillor Wood agreed to resend the document and suggest a date once the document has been recirculated.

20/049 MAYOR'S NOTES

Councillor Powling advised that a Stood soldier for Hugh Smith who originally lived in Mill Road, was donated to the Council by himself, Chris Conway and Matt Townend. The soldier has been sited at Queens Corner. A picture of the soldier was also donated and will be hung in the Council Chambers. Thanks was given to the Clerk for her work in organising the tree survey and works. Councillor Baker was welcomed once more to the Council.

There being no other business, the public meeting closed at 8.05pm.