

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPORTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2020 AT 7PM

PRESENT	Councillor Chris Wood (Chairman) Councillor John Akker Councillor Dave Bragg Councillor Robert Jenkins Councillor Carl Powling Councillor Sophie Weaver Richard Bond (MIFC) Bernard Hart (WMCC) Graham Lewis (MIRFC) Graham Marfleet (MIRFC) David Taylor (WMCC) Matthew Townend (MIFC) Lawrence Weber (Oyster FC, MISA Chairman) Doug Williams (MISA Treasurer)
IN ATTENDANCE	Petra Palfreyman, Town Clerk

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

20/014 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence received.

20/015 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Akker declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of 20/017 as a member of Mersea Island Society.

20/016 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 MAY 2020 AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2020 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
Proposed: Councillor Akker, Seconded: Councillor Jenkins. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Matters arising: Discussion on the progress of the Lease was agreed and would be added to the public section of the agenda.

20/017 TO DISCUSS THE MIRFC APPLICATION FOR FLOODLIGHTS AND DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION

West Mersea Town Council received an update from MIRFC in respect of the current application for floodlights at the Glebe. West Mersea Town Council's position was put that it required agreement of all constituent members of MISA to support the application – noting that the Cricket Club was currently still objecting; and that the Lux specification for the lighting had to be appropriate to the setting. Currently the specification being Zone E3 but the site is more accurately defined as being within Zone E2 'relatively dark outer suburban location.'

MIRFC indicated that Cricket's agreement would be forthcoming, and that the supplier of the lighting would update the specification to Colchester Borough Council planning portal to E2.

In response to complaints from the public MIRFC undertook to ask their members and visitors to use the Glebe car park and not the Wellhouse estate roads when accessing Glebe.

MIRFC also undertook to clarify the number of hours the lights would be in use and at what times.

20/018 TO DISCUSS THE SITING OF THE MIRFC CONTAINER AND AGREE THE CONDITIONS WHICH STILL NEED TO BE MET

West Mersea Town Council expressed concern as to how the container had been stored for a number of weeks at an inappropriate location on the Glebe, and the failings of communication around its' subsequent siting and works in that respect. MIRFC apologised for the communication breakdown.

West Mersea Town Council requested supply of an electrical certificate from the electrical contractor reference the supply and installation of power to the new container.

Additionally West Mersea Town Council reiterated its request that the container be painted green as previously requested and noted that this is still outstanding.

MIRFC undertook to look into these points and respond to West Mersea Town Council.

20/019 TO CONSIDER A GRANT REQUEST FROM MIFC

West Mersea Town Council advised that in view of the outstanding Lease negotiations it could not currently consider an application for grant support for the supply of replacement goal posts.

20/020 TO CONSIDER INSTALLING CCTV AT THE GLEBE

West Mersea Town Council advised that it had not budgeted for CCTV at the Glebe, and that it was not considered a priority, nor necessarily an effective tool in combatting anti-social behaviour.

20/021 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE FRONT ENTRANCE SIGNAGE

West Mersea Town Council acknowledged that there had been an unacceptable delay with this agreement on signage and advised that it would again press Colchester Borough Council and Essex County Council Highways for agreement. West Mersea Town Council requested that no clubs go ahead with new or additional signage as this might compromise any agreement or might prompt enforcement.

20/022 TO DISCUSS OWNERSHIP OF THE GOAL POSTS AND NETS AND SUBSEQUENT MAINTENANCE

West Mersea Town Council acknowledged that all goal posts – excluding the latest set secured with a grant – were the property and responsibility of the Council and that a maintenance schedule would be agreed once a new Lease was agreed. The nets are not the property of West Mersea Town Council, but the MISA clubs.

20/023 TO CONSIDER STORAGE SOLUTIONS FOR GOAL POSTS

West Mersea Town Council confirmed that a location for storage had been agreed with the Groundsman.

20/024 TO DISCUSS A REQUEST FOR REPAIRS TO MIRFC CHANGING ROOMS

Graham Marfleet (MIRFC) advised that repairs had been undertaken to damaged cladding that was at a working height at the changing rooms. Further repairs above working height would require a new quotation.

20/025 TO DISCUSS THE USE AND ACCESS TO THE GLEBE COMPOUND

The Groundsman is liaising with MISA on access to and use of the compound.

20/026 TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW THE GLEBE ADVERTISING POLICY

This was considered to still be current and would apply for a further 12 months.

20/027 TO DISCUSS THE GATE AND FENCE ERECTED BY THE TENNIS CLUB AND CONFIRM THE POLICY FOR ADDITIONS TO THE GLEBE

West Mersea Town Council confirmed that West Mersea Tennis Club were bound by the same planning

requirements as MISA Clubs in respect of the Glebe, and that the new proposed Lease for Tennis would make clear that additional gates or fencing would not be permissible without the agreement and consent of the Council and potentially planning consent.

Any other business:

MISA and clubs confirmed that the only outstanding condition was in respect of the financial terms proposed and in particular the proposed RPI increases. For MISA Lawrence Weber committed to call a meeting with its constituent members in order to confirm its position and to respond to West Mersea Town Council accordingly.

20/028 CHAIRMAN TO MOVE THAT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED DURING THE TRANSACTION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE GROUNDS THAT PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

20/029 TO DISCUSS THE CORRECT POSITION REGARDING THE MISA LEASE AND AGREE THE NEXT STEPS

Redacted due to the confidential nature of the item.

20/030 TO DISCUSS THE CORRECT POSITION REGARDING THE TENNIS CLUB LEASE AND AGREE THE NEXT STEPS

Redacted due to the confidential nature of the item.

20/031 TO DISCUSS HOW REQUESTS FROM THE SPORTS CLUBS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH

Redacted due to the confidential nature of the item.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Minutes prepared by Councillor Wood.