

**WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 10AM**

PRESENT: Councillor Carl Powling (Chairman)  
Councillor John Akker  
Councillor Julie Baker  
Councillor Dave Bragg  
Councillor Robert Jenkins  
Councillor Sylvia Wargent  
Councillor Sophie Weaver  
Borough Councillor Patricia Moore  
Nick White (Operational Manager, CBC)  
Danielle Northcott (Office Manager, NEPP)

IN ATTENDANCE: Petra Palfreyman (Town Clerk)  
5 members of the public

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

20/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Councillor Peter Banks, Councillor Chris Wood, Rod Tolmie (CBC), Christine Belgrove (CBC) and Michael Adamson (CBC)

20/002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

20/003 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2019, AND MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Proposed: Councillor Jenkins, Seconded: Councillor Bragg. ALL IN FAVOUR.

20/004 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2019, AND MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Proposed: Councillor Jenkins, Seconded: Councillor Akker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

20/005 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FROM NEPP

It was noted that income is running well ahead of budget.

20/006 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE PROPOSED VICTORIA ESPLANADE CAR PARK BARRIER

Following discussion it was agreed that West Mersea Town Council write to Colchester Borough Council to get the barrier installed.

20/007 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE PROPOSALS FOR CAR PARKING CHARGES 2021/22 AND OTHER CHANGES TO CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS

Councillor Jenkins recommended an increase in our car parks to cover the cost of improved facilities – most notably public toilets.

Motorcycles are free – if in dedicated areas only for Coast road, otherwise standard charges to apply.

Proposed: Councillor Akker, Seconded: Councillor Powling. ALL IN FAVOUR.

20/008 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ROAD LINING INCLUDING RED LINE PROPOSALS FOR VICTORIA ESPLANADE AND COAST ROAD

Councillor Powling outlined the new arrangements – the new lines were put down over the last 24 hours.

An article to be prepared and sent to the local press.

20/009 TO DISCUSS ANY PROPOSALS FOR 2021/22 AHEAD OF BUDGET DISCUSSIONS STARTING OCTOBER 2020

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| 1. Cycle racks                     | £1500 |
| 2. Willoughby gates                | £2500 |
| 3. Machines                        | £5000 |
| 4. Resurfacing Willoughby entrance | £8000 |

Proposed: Councillor Jenkins, Seconded: Councillor Bragg. ALL IN FAVOUR.

20/010 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM ST HELENA HOSPICE TO HOLD A WALK OF MEMORIES EVENT ON 6TH OR 13TH JULY ON VICTORIA ESPLANADE BEACH

If this is for Victoria Esplanade car park then Colchester Borough Council to be approached in the first instance.

20/011 TO DISCUSS LETTERS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING SPEEDING AND PARKING IN WEST MERSEA

West Mersea Town Council to look into a speed watch scheme, also to look into additional restrictions as per requests.

20/012 TO CONSIDER THE RECENT INSTANCES OF VEHICLES BEING IMMOBILISED ON THE STROOD DUE TO BEING DRIVEN INTO SEA WATER AND WHAT REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE MADE TO COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL AND ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Councillor Akker spoke about the safety issues with the tide being over. Current warning notices not fit for purpose. Borough Councillor Moore spoke about getting stuck vehicles being removed immediately.

20/013 TO REVIEW THE TASK TRACKER

All items reviewed, task tracker to be updated.

20/014 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

To be arranged.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.45am.

Minutes prepared by Councillor Powling.