

**WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER 2021**

PRESENT: Councillors: Carl Powling (Mayor)  
Julie Baker  
David Bragg  
Robert Jenkins (Deputy Mayor)  
Chris Wood

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: Vanessa Allen  
  
1 member of the public

21/317 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Akker, Sam Jarvis, Sylvia Wargent, Sophie Weaver. No vote was taken.

21/318 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** To receive declarations of personal, prejudicial and pecuniary interests from members relevant to items under discussion at the meeting

Councillor Baker declared a pecuniary interest under Agenda item 21/322 in planning application 21 3234.

21/319 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** A period of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments

A member of the public spoke on their objection to the Rugby Club's planning application 21 3057 installation of low energy LED floodlights to existing lighting columns. This is a retrospective application for 12 LED floodlights installed on 26<sup>th</sup> August in breach of condition 2 of 20 1531 planning decision. The new application does not address the breach of condition 2 with the application providing little supporting documentation as to why lights installed vary to those approved, what area is to be illuminated and to what extent. The member of the public requested that the Council object to the application due to reasons mentioned including nuisance from glare due to lack of shielding.

21/320 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.** To receive the report from the Examiner and adopt the amendments proposed

**It was RESOLVED to accept the Neighbourhood Plan as revised by the independent inspector and to forward to Colchester Borough Council to proceed to a referendum.**

21/321 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.** To consider and agree Committee memberships for Councillor Jarvis

**It was RESOLVED to agree membership of the following Committees and Working Groups for Councillor Jarvis;**

- **Assets, Facilities and Environment Committee**
- **Bradwell Monitoring Committee**
- **Devolution Committee**
- **Finance Committee**

- **Personnel Committee**
- **Sports and Recreation Committee**
- **PR Working Group**
- **Strategy Working Group.**

21/322 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** To consider Planning Applications received

(a) 21 3189

Application to vary condition 2 (drawing 29/PA/0002 – small change to glass balustrade to balcony) following the grant of planning permission 20 2692. 19 Shears Crescent, West Mersea – Mr D Cook

**It was RESOLVED that CONSENT be granted in respect of this application.**

(b) 21 3234

Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 20 0351. Land at, Dawes Lane, West Mersea – Mersea Homes Ltd.

**Following discussion it was RESOLVED that comments be submitted as per Councillor Akker's and Councillor Wood's written comments with amendments to include a dog walking area with a request for the developer to liaise with the Council.**

(c) 21 2661

Change of use to allow proposed Pie & Mash shop with a seated area, also offer takeaway and delivery services. Some internal cosmetic alterations have already been completed. 5 Queens Corner, West Mersea – Mr D Carter

**It was RESOLVED to oppose granting of permission due to parking issues and agreement with Essex County Council Highways objection.**

(d) 21 3057

Installation of low energy LED floodlights to existing lighting columns. Mersea Island Rugby Football Club, Glebe Recreation Ground, Colchester Road, West Mersea – Mersea Island Rugby Football Club.

**It was RESOLVED to oppose the planning application due to its retrospective nature and includes a third more lighting. Councillor Wood to draft comments.**

(e) 21 3251

Extension to existing single storey rear bay window and creation of first floor external balcony above. Single storey extension to the rear of existing outbuilding. New cladding and smooth render to the rear elevation. 11 Coast Road, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Coleman

**It was RESOLVED that CONSENT be granted in respect of this application.**

(f) 21 3299

Demolition of existing residential dwelling and construction of new replacement dwelling and associated car parking. 15 Firs Chase, West Mersea – Mr Cook

**It was RESOLVED that CONSENT be granted in respect of this application.**

(g) 21 3315

West Mersea floating pontoon erosion control works. West Mersea floating pontoon, Coast Road, West Mersea – Mr S Collis.

**It was RESOLVED that CONSENT be granted in respect of this application.**

There being no other business, the public meeting closed at 10.25am.

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