

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 2 MARCH 2021 AT 10AM

PRESENT: Councillor Carl Powling (Chairman)
Councillor John Akker
Councillor Julie Baker
Councillor Peter Banks
Councillor Dave Bragg
Councillor Robert Jenkins
Danielle Northcott (Office Manager, NEPP)

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

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

21/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

21/002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

21/003 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2020, AND MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2020 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

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

21/004 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FROM NEPP

Report had been circulated to all and received.

21/005 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON RED ROUTES

An update on the routes was given and discussed with attending members of the public. Public raised concerns on: Inadequate enforcement on the lines and possible abuse of the loading bays. Loading bays on Victoria Esplanade in the wrong position near Willoughby Car park. The lines could make Mersea non welcoming to visitors. It was confirmed the lines will be reviewed by NEPP after they come into full force in April.

21/006 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE ADDITIONAL JUNCTION PROTECTIONS FOR WEST MERSEA

It was discussed and agreed to request from NEPP additional junction protection lines for the following junctions:

- Kingsland Close
- Kingsland Beach
- Estuary Park Road

21/007 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE POSSIBLE CONCESSIONS FOR THE BEACH HUT WATCH WARDENS

It was discussed and agreed to get two beach hut watch parking permits to be held at West Mersea Town Council for use by any approved Beach Hut warden.

Proposed: Councillor Banks, Seconded: Councillor Baker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

21/008 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A HEIGHT BARRIER FOR VICTORIA ESPLANADE CAR PARK

It was proposed to ask Colchester Borough Council permission for West Mersea Town Council to install a barrier at the entrance of Victoria Esplanade car park and spend up to £3,000 as per quotations to get it done.

Proposed: Councillor Powling, Seconded: Councillor Akker. Councillor Banks voted against.

21/009 TO DISCUSS THE STATE OF REPAIR OF THE BARRIERS/FENCING FOR SEAVIEW, VICTORIA ESPLANADE AND COAST ROAD CAR PARKS

Councillor Jenkins proposed West Mersea Town Council contributes 50% of the cost to repair the bird beak fencing on Victoria Esplanade and Coast Road car parks with remaining 50% by Colchester Borough Council.

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

21/010 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REPAIRS TO THE STROOD RAILINGS

The Strood railing were discussed, and Councillor Powling reported that Councillor Jowers has been onto and pushing Highways for the repairs. Councillor Powling to continue pressure on Highways.

21/011 TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE ADVANCE WARNING OF CAR PARK CAPACITY

An advanced system was discussed and agreed to be impractical. Signage was discussed in general and a working group consisting of all transport councillors about signage was setup.

21/012 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PARK AND RIDE PROPOSAL MADE BY ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

The scheme which was being set up by Essex County Council has advised that the March 2021 launch will not be possible due to travel restrictions. The scheme has been postponed until May but with the further possibility of restrictions on the number of passengers on each bus, delivery may not be feasible this year. The parking areas are also yet to be agreed as it was thought Cudmore Grove would be too busy for this scheme and Waldegraves might be a better option.

21/013 TO REVIEW THE TASK TRACKER

All items reviewed, task tracker to be updated.

It was agreed to update two car park machines to accept contactless cards, one each in the Esplanade and the Willoughby car parks.

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

21/014 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

To be arranged.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.12pm.

Minutes prepared by Councillor Powling.