

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPORTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 4 MARCH 2021 AT 7PM

PRESENT	Councillor Chris Wood (Chairman) Councillor Julie Baker Councillor Dave Bragg Councillor Robert Jenkins Councillor Carl Powling Councillor Sophie Weaver Steve Daines (WMCC) Graham Lewis (MIRFC) Graham Marfleet (MIRFC) Graham Pryke (WMCC) Matthew Townend (MIFC) Lawrence Weber (MISA Chairman, Oyster FC)
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)

21/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Councillor Akker.

21/002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest received.

21/003 PUBLIC SESSION

2 members of the public in attendance.

A resident expressed concern that the Rugby Club's container was still not satisfactorily completed – that painting was not completed and the electricity control box was still damaged, with the door insecure.

A resident also repeated concerns that the installation of the proposed new floodlights at Glebe 2 (recently having passed planning approval) should not/could not commence until an adequate health and safety assessment for the installation had been undertaken and until an appropriate lease for MISA and the Glebe had been reached.

A resident expressed concern that potential issues in respect of the Protective Covenant at Glebe 2 might exist, indeed that the covenants might have passed as an interest to the residents of the Wellhouse Estate once Mersea Homes had completed the development.

21/004 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2020 AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2020 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record. Proposed: Councillor Baker, Seconded: Councillor Weaver. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

21/005 TO ADVISE THE PROGRESS OF THE MISA AND TENNIS CLUB LEASES

Councillor Wood advised that the draft leases were still in the hands of West Mersea Town Council's solicitors and expressed apologies on behalf of West Mersea Town Council for the ongoing delays with the production of the drafts. The Town Clerk reported that West Mersea Town Council has been in contact with its solicitors 'chivvyng-along' the progress. West Mersea Town Council committed to have the drafts available for early April.

21/006 TO ADVISE THE PROGRESS OF ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE PROTECTIVE COVENANT ON GLEBE 2

Councillor Wood confirmed that letters of waver in respect of the types of sports being played at the Glebe 2 had been received from the original beneficiaries of the Covenants – Mersea Homes and AM Gray. Since there is no evidence of a new covenant being drawn-up, or of the interest of the covenant being passed to the individual owners of properties at Wellhouse Green, West Mersea Town Council is satisfied that these interests have been satisfied.

21/007 TO ADVISE ISSUES WITH PITCH MARKINGS AND AGREE NEXT ACTIONS

The Town Clerk provided an overview of changes to use of controlled marker chemicals and the resulting difficulties with providing long-lasting pitch markings. Councillor Bragg undertook to arrange demonstration of a new line marker that, subject to satisfactory performance, West Mersea Town Council would procure, in order to provide a lining solution going forward.

21/008 TO DISCUSS THE PAINTING OF THE RUGBY CLUB CONTAINER AND AGREE A COMPLETION DATE

In response to these points, Graham Marfleet (MIRFC) committed to complete the outstanding matters with the container by or prior 1 May, commenting that the cold and wet weather had prevented completion of the painting.

21/009 TO ADVISE THE OUTCOME OF THE REQUEST FROM THE CRICKET CLUB FOR WORKS TO THE OUTFIELD

West Mersea Cricket Club had advised of requests to improvement works to be undertaken to the outfield by West Mersea Town Council. West Mersea Town Council advised that whilst they would arrange for a site meeting between the groundsman and WMCC to see if practical improvements could be made, that as a principle it could not deliver substantial improvements to the outfield as budgets would not allow, even under the terms of the new MISA lease.

21/010 TO ADVISE ISSUES ARISING WITH THE PATHWAY BETWEEN GLEBE 1 & 2

West Mersea Town Council advised that they were aware of waterlogging issues with the pathway and would liaise with West Mersea Tennis Club about the possibility of installing water butts to reduce the wash-off onto the pathway.

21/011 TO DISCUSS PARKING MARSHALLING ARRANGEMENTS ON MATCH AND TRAINING DAYS

West Mersea Town Council advised MISA that they were – once again – in receipt of complaints about parking across neighbouring driveways on match and training days at the entrance to the car park. MISA pledged to ensure that marshals would prohibit this from happening.

21/012 TO DISCUSS LEGIONELLA DISEASE TESTING AT THE GLEBE BUILDINGS AND AGREE NEXT ACTIONS

It was agreed that the showers, in accordance with COVID restrictions, were not being used. Both parties will further discuss legionella testing once they are likely to be put back into use, and ahead of such use.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm.

Minutes prepared by Councillor Wood.