

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2021

PRESENT: Councillors: Carl Powling (Mayor)
John Akker
Julie Baker
David Bragg
Samuel Jarvis
Robert Jenkins
Sylvia Wargent
Sophie Weaver
Chris Wood

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: Vanessa Allen
Borough Councillors Robert Davidson
6 members of the public

21/250 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillors John Jowers and Patricia Moore.

21/251 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Akker declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 21/255 due to membership of Stop 350 and Mersea Island Society.

21/252 PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public spoke on the Rugby Club floodlights requesting that the Council take action against the club to resolve the planning breach.

A member of the public spoke on the report of the Parking Working Group to the Council stating that the businesses along Coast Road object to the red lines.

The first load of stone from Harwich is arriving for Packing Marsh, Cobmarsh, Tollesbury Wick and Old Hall marsh.

A member of the public stated their support for the Working Group submission and to confirm that the decision was unanimous and that the Parking Working Group are resolved to finding a solution.

A member of the public stated that the Parking Working Group are prepared to continue to work towards a solution.

21/253 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Councillor Robert Davidson

- The East Road appeal has been received. Mersea has had its 200 houses and the Local Plan should be adopted in the Spring. Part 2 Consultation is welcome until 15 November 2021, comments sought on the Inspectors recommendations.

- A key member of the Planning Team has been lost after their sudden passing.
- Seaview caravan park lodges have been removed.
- In agreement that Colchester Borough Planning should enforce the planning decision on Rugby Club floodlights.
- The flooding map in the Gazette was very concerning. Councillor John Jowers is a member of the Environment Agency flood panel.
- The draft budget is with Cabinet and will be put before the Council in January, a 3% increase is proposed.
- Colchester City status application is with Cabinet and will be submitted by early December.

21/254 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 14 OCTOBER 2021

It was RESOLVED that the MINUTES of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 14 October 2021, be confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

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21/255 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

(a) 21 2625

The alterations and single and two storey extension to the existing building.
6 High Street, West Mersea – Mr R Williams

Following discussion it was RESOLVED that a comment be submitted to ‘REQUEST THAT THE PLANNERS TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE OBJECTIONS’.

(b) 21 2669

We wish to change the use back from sui generis to retail.
Custom House, 1A Yorick Road, West Mersea – Mrs J Wheeler

Following discussion it was RESOLVED that CONSENT be granted in respect of this application.

(c) 21 2723

Application for removal or variation of conditions 2, 8, 9 & 10 following grant of planning permission 201920.
Dukes Seafood, Coast Road, West Mersea – Mr D Whiting

Following discussion it was RESOLVED that a comment be submitted to ‘REQUEST THAT THE PLANNERS TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE CONSERVATION AREA, THE IMPACT OF POSSIBLE LIGHT POLLUTION AND THE TERMS OF WEST MERSEA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN’.

(d) 21 2831

Removal/variation of a condition. Application to vary condition 3 of planning permission 14 4591.
West Mersea Holiday Park, Seaview Avenue, West Mersea – Park Holidays (UK) Ltd

Following discussion it was RESOLVED to give authority to Councillors Akker and Wood to review licencing and report findings. Councillor Akker will apply for an extension.

21/256 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED

Applications passed

(a) 21 1874

Demolition of existing chalet and replacement with new build 1.5 storey dwelling.
14 Beach Road, West Mersea – Mr M Lewis

- (b) 21 2259
Proposed front single storey extension
4 Queen Anne Drive, West Mersea – Mr L Stock
- (c) 21 2397
Ground floor and first floor rear extensions.
32 Churchfields, West Mersea – Mr E Moore
- (d) 21 2411
Proposed single storey rear extension, proposed porch with internal and external changes and the addition of a bike store to the front of the property.
15 City Road, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Banks

Application withdrawn

- (a) 21 1922
Technical detail consent submitted following approved permission in principle application 21 0643.
Technical details to include access, appearance, drainage, layout, scale and landscape.
Amenity land off, 7 Woodstock, West Mersea – Mr C Norman

Appeal decisions

- (a) APP/A1530/Y/21/3272354
Listed building application for the erection of a single storey rear orangery. Resubmission of 20 1502.
Yew Tree House, 16 Coast Road, West Mersea – Mrs N French
- (b) APP/A1530/Y/21/3272353
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21/257 TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL REPORT, REPORT CIRCULATED

The Finance Report was received by the Council.

Councillor Robert Davidson left the meeting at 7.45pm

21/258 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS MADE BETWEEN 7 OCTOBER AND 27 OCTOBER 2021, REPORT CIRCULATED

It was RESOLVED to approve payments made between 7 October and 27 October.

21/259 TO RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PARKING WORKING GROUP AND FOR THE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS AND AGREE RECOMMENDATIONS TO NEPP

After substantial discussion it was RESOLVED that the existing red lines be removed and any current proposals for incremental red lines to be added are stopped.

It was RESOLVED that the Parking Working Group will continue and report directly to the Council and/or Transport Committee.

21/260 TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER DELEGATED PLANNING AUTHORITY TO THE TOWN CLERK, WITHIN SPECIFIED GUIDELINES AND TOWN COUNCIL POLICY ON PLANNING ISSUES

It was RESOLVED to remove delegated planning authority that allowed the Clerk to submit responses for planning applications that cannot be discussed in a public meeting.

21/261 TO CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Item to be deferred to the next Council meeting.

21/262 ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO NEXT AGENDA

- 1. TO CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**
- 2. TO CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF SOUND IN CHAMBERS**
- 3. TO AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE LOCAL PLAN**

21/263 MAYOR'S NOTES

- Work is continuing on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.
- Attended the Oyster Feast at the Moot Hall.

21/264 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

The public left the meeting at 8.55pm.

21/265 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE MISA LEASE

The lease was drawn up at the request of the sports clubs for a 25 year lease and on agreed heads of terms. MISA received the new lease in August, the Council is awaiting a response. An informal meeting with MISA has been arranged.

21/266 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

A report from the Personnel Committee was given to the Council.

21/267 RUGBY FLOOD LIGHTS; TO DISCUSS AND AGREE NEXT STEPS REGARDING PLANNING APPLICATION AND ENFORCEMENT

An informal meeting with MISA has been organised to discuss this and MISA lease.

21/268 TO CONSIDER AND AGREE STAFF UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDER QUOTATIONS RECEIVED

It was RESOLVED to accept Native Promotions quotation.

There being no other business, the public meeting closed at 9.25pm.