

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2022 AT 9.30AM

PRESENT: Councillor Carl Powling (Chairman)
Councillor John Akker
Councillor Julie Baker
Councillor Dave Bragg

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk

NEPP Parking Technical Manager
CBC Assistant Director (Environment)

Via Teams NEPP Office Manager, NEPP Officer

8 members of the public

22/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jenkins. No vote was taken.

22/002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. To receive declarations of personal, prejudicial and pecuniary interests from members relevant to items under discussion at the meeting

There were no declarations of interest received.

22/003 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 about emails sent to the Council regarding issues with public safety and access for the disabled, parking enforcement obligations, Seaview car park ownership, parking opening times and car park expenses.

A member of the public spoke in support of double yellow lines on St Peters/New Captains Road junction.

A member of the public spoke to advise that the Parking Working Group proposals for yellow lines on the Esplanade considered beach hut owners ability to park and to ensure safety around junctions.

A member of the public spoke of issues of anti social behaviour in the car parks at night.

A member of the public spoke to suggest installation of a mini roundabout on the Strood at East/West turning.

A member of the public spoke to thank the Council for facilitating the Parking Working Group and to request signs to direct traffic to beaches and car parks.

22/004 **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.** To confirm Minutes of the Transport Committee Meeting of 2nd July 2021

It was RESOLVED that the MINUTES of the Council meeting held on 2nd July 2021 be confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

22/005 **VICTORIA ESPLANADE CAR PARK**

- To discuss and agree car park maintenance works

NEPP Office Manager reported that following site inspections significant works are required to 4 of the car parks. Total cost of £18,158 for resurfacing and pothole works required to car parks

- High Street – 43 square meters, tarmac repairs £3200
- Victoria Esplanade – road matching 23 square meters, footway needs reconstructing plus timber edging £3000
- Seaview – 43 tonnes type 1 128 square meters £3500
- Willoughby – 74 tonnes type 1, 335 square meters £8600

NEPP Project Manager is seeking estimates for matting for Victoria Esplanade. Long term vision for car park including surfacing, signage and EV charging.

NEPP under the Service Level Agreement split income and costs with WMTC. WMTC has budgeted repairs to Willoughby car park of £10,000.

It was RESOLVED to use £10,000 in the budget to repair the car parks to bring them back to an acceptable standard.

- To discuss and agree Victoria Esplanade height barrier repair

Insurers have agreed and NEPP can now proceed with Cooks Engineering quotation to repair the height barrier.

- To discuss locking at night

There was discussion on anti social behaviour, consideration of late night parking and CCTV. NEPP have costs for a private company to lock and unlock Victoria Esplanade car park – approx. £10,000. Another cost to consider but NEPP budgets are stretched.

- To discuss overnight parking charges

NEPP will consider late/overnight charges.

- To discuss and agree CCTV contract

CCTV to be put back into the car park.

22/006 **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT.** To receive income and expenditure report from NEPP

Income report April to February circulated. March figures not yet available. Season tickets remain the same, Pay and display income increased as did PCN – Penalty Charge Notices. The parking in Mersea improved, which was not seen across the whole Borough, last year CBC £1m down across parking assets with a forecast reduction in income of £700,000 for the current year.

22/007 **PARKING PERMITS.** To discuss parking permits and distribution

NEPP officer advised that NEPP are moving from paper to digital permits, these are more user friendly and up to 4 vehicles can be placed on a single permit, cost of £85 per annum. MiPermit enables immediate admin support, with digital processing quicker than paper, allowing the owner of the permit to log in and amend registrations. Where more than 1 vehicle parks at the same time the permit would be rendered void.

22/008 **ENFORCEMENT.** To discuss parking enforcement

NEPP operates across 7 Boroughs and prioritise deployment of resource to high priority areas. Mersea apart from Colchester town centre is the prime location that NEPP enforcement officers visit.

22/009 **PARKING WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

- To receive update from the Parking Working Group
- Consideration of outline proposals for changes agreed by the working group:-
 - i. Lines on Esplanade and Coast Road
 - ii. Double yellow lines on the corner of St Peters Road and New Captains Road
 - iii. Double yellow lines in the area around the Post Office and the other side of Yorick Road
 - iv. Extension of double yellow lines in the Avenues and Broomhill onto the Esplanade.

An update was received and outline proposal maps were distributed.

NEPP Parking Technical Manager advised on the process for the Parking Working Group proposals;

1. The Town Council will need to agree the proposals
2. Application to be made on NEPP website by the end of July. Application needs to demonstrate what the proposal is trying to achieve and be evidenced by community support and the residents who will be affected.
3. Application will go to the Portfolio holder and then to a vote at October meeting of whole area committee who will assess whether the scheme proposal supports the aims.
4. Where agreed, NEPP will design and formally consult.

22/010 **SEAVIEW CAR PARK.** Ownership of lower Seaview Carpark

CBC Assistant Director (Environment) will liaise with CBC Estates Team, Councillor Lissimore and the legal department.

22/011 **TRACKER REVIEW.** To review task tracker

Item deferred.

22/012. **NEXT AGENDA.** Items to be added to next agenda

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.25am.