

**WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2022**

PRESENT: Councillors: Sophie Weaver (Chair)  
Julie Baker  
Robert Jenkins  
Carl Powling (Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk  
1 member of the public

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

All present

22/002 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** To receive declarations of interest from members.

None received

22/003 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** A period of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments

22/004 **TERMS OF REFERENCE.** To consider the Environment & Community Services Committee Terms of Reference

Following discussion the Terms of Reference were agreed

22/005 **TRANSPORT UPDATE.** To receive an update

The Parking working group are meeting on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Transport has been moved to Community Facilities Committee.

22/006 **DEVOLUTION.** To discuss and agree devolution projects and costs

Councillor Powling advised that he had engaged a contractor to cut footpaths in Mill Road, FP20 Barfield Road to High Street, FP24 Seaview to Cross Lane, FP10 Firs Road to the Lane, FP12 High St North (first part) and FP17 High St North to Woodfield Drive removal of fallen tree under Devolution works. Councillor Powling advised that he had received a quotation for £450 per day for plant and material, 2 days estimated to complete the works.

The Clerk advised that they had not had sight of quotation for works and that 3 quotations for works need to be sought as per financial regulations.

Councillor Powling advised that before and after photos were taken and these would be sent in with report forms to the Devolution fund.

There was discussion on the state of repair of FP19, Church Road to Victory Road, the tarmac is being broken up due to tree roots. This will be referred to the Local Highway Panel.

There was discussion to obtain quotes from gardeners for works to flower beds on the Putting Green and Sensory gardens and for quotations for rates to cut and clear footpaths FP10, 11, 17, 24, 19, FP12 and Mill Road through the season.

22/007 **INITIATIVES.** To discuss and agree community support initiatives

Item to be deferred until after the Strategy meeting has been held.

22/008 **GATE LICENCE.** To consider request for double gates with vehicular access

**It was RESOLVED to decline the request for double gates for vehicular access through Willoughby car park due to the following reasons;**

- **Access would be across an area the Council are keeping uncut to encourage biodiversity**
- **Access would require raising the canopy of a tree**

22/009 **NEXT AGENDA.** Items to be included on the next Agenda

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.45am.

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