

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2023 AT 10AM

PRESENT: Councillors: John Akker (Chair)
Julie Baker
Sophie Weaver (arrived at 10.08am)

IN ATTENDANCE: Cemetery Clerk

Meeting commenced at 10.10am, once the committee was quorate.

23/007 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** To receive apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence received.

23/008 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** To receive declarations of interest from members.

There were no declarations of interest received.

23/009 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** A period of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments

No public in attendance.

23/010 **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.** To confirm Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of 4th January 2023.

It was RESOLVED that the MINUTES of the Planning Committee meeting held on 4th January 2023 be confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

23/011 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- To consider Planning Application received

(a) 22 3137

First floor extension to front of existing house. 25 Woodfield Drive, West Mersea

This Council has no comment to make.

(b) 22 3105

Single storey front and rear extensions and alterations. 6 High Street, West Mersea

It was RESOLVED that CONSENT be granted in respect of this application.

(c) 22 3144

Proposed balcony to front elevation and hipped roof to side elevation, including porch.
Shears End, 18 Shears Crescent, West Mersea

It was RESOLVED that REFUSAL be granted in respect of this application as this Council has opposed balconies in that road.

(d) 23 0029

Application for an existing Lawful Development Certificate for proposed rear extension to existing residential property. 16 High Street North, West Mersea

This Council has no comment to make.

(e) 23 0061

Application for variation of condition 2 following grant of planning permission of application F/COL/06/1621. Hengrove House, 1A Grove Avenue, West Mersea

It was RESOLVED that CONSENT be granted in respect of this application.

(f) 23 0087

Proposed siting of 26 static holiday caravans in lieu of touring caravans and tents.
West Mersea Holiday Park, Seaview Avenue, West Mersea

It was RESOLVED that REFUSAL be granted in respect of this application, on the following grounds:

Contrary to WM22 in that:

- 1. Breaches the requirement that removal of touring caravan sites and replacement with static caravan sites will not be supported.**
- 2. Breaches the requirement that a site-specific Flood Risk Assessment and Flood Management and Evaluation Plan be provided – it is noted that a summary has been given.**
- 3. Additional caravans in flood zone 3 will not generally be supported.**

Additionally:

- 1. Provision of 26 static caravans will present further demands on the islands primary health care since occupants will be able to attend the surgery as temporary residents and use other facilities. N.E. Essex Clinical Commissioning Group has stated that the existing GP practice does not have the capacity to accommodate the additional growth resulting from further development (letter to CCC Planning Services 18/11/2019). No further provisions have been made since this statement.**
- 2. Would reduce further the provision of touring caravan sites and use of tents for visitors to the island.**
- 3. There should be avoidance of development that will increase pressure on the local natural environment.**
- 4. Siting of a further 26 static will present more pressure on already congested local roads since because of their size there is disruption and blockages when they brought to the site, or are removed when changed.**

(g) 23 0032

Demolition of existing garage and outbuildings. Construction of new garage and entrance lobby. Replacement of existing bay window with balcony above. Construction of 3x new dormer windows to front elevation. Internal alterations. Replacement of external windows and doors.
Creek Houses, 39 The Lane, West Mersea

It was RESOLVED that CONSENT be granted in respect of this application.

- To receive notification of Planning Decisions

Applications passed

(a) 22 2638

Application to remove conditions 9 and 10 of planning permission 22 1203.
19 Empress Avenue, West Mersea

(b) 22 2718

Brick built storeroom extension. 12 Gainsborough Close, West Mersea

23/012 **NEXT MEETING DATE.** To set next Planning Committee meeting date

The date of the next Planning Committee will be agreed at a later date.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.37am.

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