

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22ND MARCH 2023 AT 10AM

PRESENT: Councillors: John Akker (Chair)
Julie Baker
Chris Wood

IN ATTENDANCE: Cemetery Clerk
2 members of public

Chair announced that planning applications can still be discussed during Purdah as this is deemed to be normal Council business.

23/026 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Sophie Weaver as she is unwell.

23/027 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. To receive declarations of interest from members.

Cllr Baker declared an interest in agenda item 23/032 as her property is near the development.
Cllr Wood declared an interest in agenda item 23/032 as a member of Stop 350.

23/028 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. A period of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments.

Dawes Lane - Concerns raised regarding the south west pedestrian access to East Road and the village. Resident suggested barriers to stop bikes or motorbikes cutting through from Dawes Lane. Resident feels that there is no need for further signage at the Dawes Lane junction as this will add to street clutter.

Glebe 2 shipping containers planning deadline has passed. The question was asked as to when the new application will be put in.

Planning Committee informed resident that the Dawes Lane planning application will be discussed at the Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 23rd March 2023.

23/029 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES. To confirm Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of 9th March 2023.

It was RESOLVED that the MINUTES of the Planning Committee meeting held on 9th March 2023 be confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

23/030 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- To consider Planning Application received

(a) 23 0495

Demolish existing 2 bed bungalow and construct 5 bed chalet bungalow with associated facilities.
46 Victory Road, West Mersea

It was RESOLVED that REFUSAL be granted on the following grounds:

The application would result in overdevelopment of the site; would be contrary to WM7; proposed balcony would have a detrimental impact on neighbouring dwellings, National Planning Policy Framework (Paragraph 130) refers.

(b) 23 0496

Application for variation of condition 2 (drawings) following grant of planning permission 19 0939 – change of drawing no. 1738/19/02F to 1738/19/02G.
7 Prince Albert Road, West Mersea

This Council has no comment to make.

(c) 23 0534

Demolition of existing concrete garage and timber shed/outbuilding and construction of new outbuilding to form boat, net and sail store with storage area to first floor.
36 Victory Road, West Mersea

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

(d) 23 0565

First floor extension to existing garage to form annexe to main dwelling.
1 New Captains Road, West Mersea

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

- To receive notification of Planning Decisions

Application refused

(a) 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
WMTC Recommendation: It was resolved that consent be granted in respect of this application.

23/031 BRIERLEY PADDOCKS/SANDERLING DEVELOPMENT To receive a report on ongoing discussions with the developer and the Council.

It was reported that the developer is yet to apply for an extension to the period that the Seaview Avenue entrance was open for 6 months beyond 31st July 2023. It was noted that the verge is badly damaged around the Seaview Avenue entrance.

Tree plantation: condition for trees to be planted behind the properties on Seaview Avenue before occupancy on the site. This has not been done and the residents, Colchester City Council, City & County have made an agreement that the extensive planting will be carried out at a suitable time.

This Council has been liaising with City & Country over the ongoing problem of heavy traffic using Dawes Lane, this is mainly the aggregate trucks.

Planning Committee proposed communicating with City & Country, Colchester City Council, and City Councillors on the following points:

- (a) City & Country pending application for Seaview Avenue entrance extension to be the last. Also for CCC Planning Department to formally confirm that this does not give rise to a precedent for a future application for use of Seaview Avenue as permanent access.
- (b) Tree belt, planting to be carried out.
- (c) That Colchester City Council planning be contacted about the use of Dawes Lane and a concern be expressed.

ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllr Baker left the meeting at 10.37am.

23/032 **DAWES LANE 23 0420** To consider the planning application and propose a recommended response for the Council.

Application to discharge conditions 7, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16 & 19 from outline application 20 0351.
Land at, Dawes Lane, West Mersea

Planning Committee unable to discuss as meeting not quorate. Item will be discussed at the Council Meeting on 23rd March 2023.

Cllr Baker returned to the meeting at 10.39am.

23/033 **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 Chair closed the meeting at 10.40am.