

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 12TH MAY 2023

PRESENT: Councillors: Sophie Weaver (Chair)
Bob Holmes
Paula Moore

IN ATTENDANCE: Cemetery Clerk/Assistant to Town Clerk
8 members of the public

23/105 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence and a vote of acceptance to be taken

Apologies were received from Councillors Jarvis and Powling. No vote was taken.

23/106 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors will be reminded that they must declare in relation to this agenda any disclosable pecuniary interests which would prevent them from participating in any discussion or participating in any vote upon the item, or any other pecuniary interest, any other registerable interest or non-registerable interest which would prevent them from participating in any discussion or participating in any vote upon the item.

No declarations of interest received.

23/107 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A period of up to 15 minutes (maximum of 3 minutes per person) for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments about items on the agenda and any other matters they wish to bring to the Council's attention.

Members of the public spoke about the following:

- Shipping containers planning application and previous conditions from Colchester City Council.
- Dawes Lane planning application missing from agenda, it should be discussed and considered along with the Neighbourhood Plan.
- VG241
- Dabchicks planning applications.
- Parking restrictions signs missing from Victoria Esplanade.
- Overnight camping in Victoria Esplanade car park.
- Suggestion made to use ANPR system for car parks, similar to Heybridge.

23/108 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- To consider planning applications received.

a) 23 0943

Construction of single storey garage with front curtilage of dwelling for domestic use only.
17 Upland Road, West Mersea

Defer until next meeting.

Signature _____

Date _____

b) 23 0863

Application for variation of a condition 5 following grant of planning permission 19 3108.
West Mersea Oyster Bar, The Oyster Sheds, Coast Road

Defer until next meeting.

c) 23 0876

Erection of dwelling with associated landscaping, vehicular access and parking.
Creek Houses, 39 The Lane, West Mersea

Defer until next meeting.

d) 22 1947

Demolition of barn with the benefit of approval for conversion to a dwelling house and the erection of a new dwelling house. Maydays Farm, Haycocks Lane, West Mersea

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

e) 23 0881

Proposed single storey rear extension and second floor roof extension.
19 Victoria Esplanade, West Mersea

Defer until next meeting.

f) 23 0990

Two storey rear extension with additional dormers.
49 Mill Road, West Mersea

Defer until next meeting.

g) 23 0920

Proposed rear and front extension, re-roof and loft conversion.
5 Fairhaven Avenue, West Mersea

Defer until next meeting.

h) 23 0929

New flat roof to existing extension and porch and fenestration alteration to front elevation.
Shears End, 18 Shears Crescent, West Mersea

Defer until next meeting.

i) 22 2184

Demolish existing chalet and other buildings, construction of two detached dwellings. Description amendment).
13 & 12 Goings Lane, West Mersea

No further comments to make since recommending consent in March 2023.

Signature _____

Date _____

j) 23 0944

Application for variation of condition 1 following grant of planning permission 21 3234.
Land at, Dawes Lane, West Mersea

Defer until next meeting.

k) 23 0954

Proposed two storey side extension. 51 East Road, West Mersea

Defer until next meeting.

l) 23 0956

Proposed new scooter store. Mersea Court, High Street North, West Mersea

Defer until next meeting.

m) 23 0960

Single storey front extension. Upgrade of side lean to. Rear elevation alterations. 35 Whittaker Way, West Mersea

Defer until next meeting.

n) 23 0977

2no. shipping containers for storage of sports equipment for Mersea Island Rugby Club. Temporary approved under application 19 2243. Glebe Recreation Ground, Colchester Road, West Mersea

Defer until next meeting.

o) 23 0642

Proposed new double storey side and rear extension. 1x new 3 bed additional dwelling. Revised drawings. 86 Coast Road, West Mersea

It was RESOLVED that CONSENT be granted in respect of this application but recommend that the developers are mindful of overwintering birds.

p) 23 0706

Alterations to ground and first floor South and West elevations and ground floor South elevation. Existing West facing balcony altered to provide escape stair with associated screening and signage. Dabchicks Sailing Club, 143 Coast Road, West Mersea

Due to the lack of clarity on plans available, we believe that the work will infringe on the Village Green, plus any works associated with the application will restrict the access to the Village Green.

q) 23 0620

Installation of 18KW Solar PV System to the roof of the Dabchicks Sailing Club. Dabchicks Sailing Club, 143 Coast Road, West Mersea

No objection on the application. Request to be mindful of the height of the panels and the impact of nesting birds. Also to be respectful of the Village Green during installation.

Signature _____

Date _____

r) 23 0680

Application to vary condition 1 (expiry of permission) and 6 (scheme of restoration) following a grant of planning permission 22 0023. Colchester Road, West Mersea

Request that the site is decommissioned by 31st October 2023.

- To receive notification of planning decisions

Applications passed

a) 23 0373

New dormer window on front elevation, new front entrance door and porch, small side extension on front corner and cladding front and both gable ends with hardi-plank or similar weatherboarding.
47 Fairhaven Avenue, West Mersea

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

23/109 BENCHES

To discuss and agree the replacement of benches on the monkey beach.

Defer until a later date.

23/110 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

To discuss and agree the cutting of the following:

- I. Dawes Lane/East Mersea Road junction
- II. The footpath between Mill Road and Windsor Road
- III. Alexanders in Willoughby car park
- IV. Alexanders across WMTC property

Defer until a later date.

23/111 MISA AND WEST MERSEA TENNIS CLUB LEASE

Update on MISA and West Mersea Tennis Club lease

Defer until a later date.

23/112 VILLAGE GREEN 241

To receive an update on VG241

Defer until a later date.

23/113 FOOTPATHS

To consider replacement of street lamps on footpaths owned by WMTC

Defer until a later date.

Councillor Moore requested that all information is passed to Councillors and office before meeting.

Signature _____

Date _____

23/114 VICTORIA ESPLANADE AND WILLOUGHBY CAR PARKS

To discuss and agree the opening and closing of the Esplanade and Willoughby car parks

Defer until a later date.

23/115 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To RESOLVE that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press be excluded pursuant to Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The members of public left the meeting. No vote was taken.

The Cemetery Clerk/Assistant to Town Clerk left the meeting.

23/116 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

To consider and agree recommendations from the Personnel Committee

Defer until a later date.

The Cemetery Clerk/Assistant to Town Clerk returned to the meeting.

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 11.08am.

Signature _____

Date _____