

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 19TH MAY 2023

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Locum Town Clerk
1 member of the public

23/117 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies were received from Councillor Jarvis. No vote was taken.

23/118 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.

None

23/119 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.

A member of the public made representations against planning application 23 0977.

23/120 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- To consider planning application received

(a) 23 0977

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

The Council object to this proposal. Only one container was given temporary permission, this has now lapsed, and the container has not been removed. Retrospective planning permission is contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan. The second container has already been put in place without any consultation or permission with West Mersea Town Council.

Signature _____

Date _____

- To receive notification of planning decision

(a) 23 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

23/121 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 Council RESOLVED to change the order of the agenda.

23/123 PERSONNEL

To agree the appointment of a locum Town Clerk, the hourly rate, and tenure.

The Locum Town Clerk agreed to a tenure of 4 weeks up to 8 June 2023, at an agreed rate per hour and for a maximum of 20 hours in total. Hours will be invoiced for and payable weekly.

The Council RESOLVED to appoint the Locum Town Clerk on the conditions agreed.

23/124 PERSONNEL

To consider additional staff costs for overtime

The Council were advised that due to staff absence, the Assistant to the Town Clerk had accrued 31 hours overtime. It was agreed to pay the outstanding overtime and another 20 hours overtime between the Office Assistant and Assistant to the Town Clerk, which should be agreed in advance with two members of the Personnel committee.

The Council RESOLVED to pay the outstanding overtime and future overtime as agreed.

Cllr Powling left the room.

23/122 PERSONNEL

For the Council to receive, consider and agree quotations received from Worknest (the EALC recommended provider of HR services) or another HR provider, for HR work relating to personnel issues raised

The Council RESOLVED to engage Worknest and agreed a spending limit.

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 10.50am