

## WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE CAR PARKING STRATEGY MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 7 MARCH 2016

**PRESENT** Councillor John May (Chairman)  
Councillor Dave Bragg  
Councillor Peter Clements  
Councillor Robert Jenkins  
Councillor Eric Straughan  
Ms C Belgrove (CBC)

In attendance: D G Tucker (Town Clerk)

#### Action

#### 1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mogridge and Wargent.

#### 2. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER 2015 AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record, after amendment.

Proposed: Councillor Jenkins, Seconded: Councillor Straughan. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Matters arising:

Item 3: Ms Belgrove confirmed that Colchester Borough Council would not be paying for the Coast Road CCTV cameras, this project was entirely funded by West Mersea Town Council.

If West Mersea Town Council were to fund the employment of additional CEO's the cost would be 50p per mile for the travel costs plus £20 per hour worked. Over the 10 months since 1st April, there had been 1,377 visits to West Mersea, with 673 observations and 356 PCN's issued, over a total of 108 hours. In the 2014/15 year there were 1,162 visits with 563 observations and 402 PCN's issued.

#### 3. **Income and Expenditure Report**

Ms Belgrove presented the Income and Expenditure report and supporting documents (attached).

#### 4. **TO CONSIDER RAISING CAR PARK CHARGES**

It was noted that any increases would need the approval of the Portfolio Holder, discussions would need to take place by October 2016 to enable any increases to be applied from April 2017.

Following discussion it was agreed to raise the daily charge to £3.50 in all car parks. Proposed: Councillor May, Seconded: Councillor Clements). ALL IN FAVOUR except Councillor Bragg who voted against.

It was also agreed to include the introduction of a 'buggy' parking area next to the library, to be part of the Refresh Mersea project.

#### 5. **OTHER PARKING ISSUES**

It was noted that white lines were not enforceable, and any new yellow lines required should be requested via Colchester Borough Council.

It was also noted that the NEPP cannot enforce moving traffic offences.

**6. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 9th May 2016 at 10.00am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.50am.