

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 14 MAY 2015

PRESENT: Councillors: Peter Clements (Mayor)
David Bragg
Robert Jenkins
John May
Alan Mogridge
Carl Powling
Sylvia Wargent
Sophie Weaver

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: David Tucker
Borough Councillors: John Jowers
Patricia Moore
Peter Sheane

6102 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence received from Councillor Eric Straughan.

All Councillors with the exception of Councillor Straughan signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

It was agreed Councillor Straughan could sign the Declaration on his return from holiday.

6103 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

Councillor John May was elected Town Mayor for the ensuring year.

Proposed: Councillor Clements, Seconded: Councillor Wargent.

6104 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor May proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Clements for the achievements over which he presided during his two years as Town Mayor, and for his outstanding commitment and dedication to West Mersea.

6105 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Peter Clements was elected Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuring year.

Proposed: Councillor Bragg, Seconded: Councillor Mogridge.

6106 MEETING ADJOURNED TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Borough Councillor Peter Sheane reported that Colchester Borough Council had an action plan in place to deal with unauthorised caravan settlements, and was advised that West Mersea Town Council had already taken measures to (hopefully) present similar problems in West Mersea.

Borough Councillor Sheane also paid tribute to the considerable work and effort being undertaken by the Zone Wardens on behalf of West Mersea.

It was noted that he expected the Colchester Borough Council political structure to be sorted within the next few days.

Borough Councillor Patricia Moore advised that she had been made aware that a number of people had been denied a vote at the recent election due to a lack of voting papers. She also expressed considerable concern at the lack of police presence on the island.

6107 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Clements declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 15 0835.

6108 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 2 APRIL 2015 - MATTERS ARISING

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mogridge, SECONDED by Councillor Clements that the MINUTES of the Meeting held on 2 April 2015, be CONFIRMED.
ALL IN FAVOUR

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

6109 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING MEETING OF 12 MARCH 2015 – MATTERS ARISING

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Clements, SECONDED by Councillor Mogridge that the MINUTES of the Meeting held on 12 March 2015, be CONFIRMED.
ALL IN FAVOUR

Matters arising:

Toilets Asset Transfer - The Clerk advised that the Asset Transfers would be signed off shortly.

Website - The newly revised website would be finalised by 15th May and would be available to the public thereafter.

Tennis Pavilion - The Clerk advised that the Tennis Club Chairman had given the Boxing Club organiser until the end of the month to put all CRB documents and the Child Protection Policy in place if the Boxing activity was to be allowed to restart.

6110 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

(a) 15 0621

Erection of a replacement dwelling with cart lodge.
77 East Road, West Mersea - Mr John O'Kane

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend CONSENT be granted in respect of this application.

(b) 15 0740

Lawful development certificate for an existing building in use as a domestic garage.
3 Paeony Chase, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs Tony Smith

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend CONSENT be granted in respect of this application.

(c) 15 0695

Demolition of existing house and erection of new house.
12 Kingsland Beach, West Mersea - Mr David King

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend REFUSAL due to inadequate construction access, and would also ask that proof of compliance with Environment/Flood Risk assessment be provided before any decisions are made.

(d) 15 0720

Two storey side extension.
17 Shears Crescent, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs Roger Newton

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend CONSENT be granted in respect of this application.

- (e) **15 0749**
Extension of single storey rear entrance area to form single storey sun room.
23 Suffolk Avenue, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs Barber

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend CONSENT be granted in respect of this application.

- (f) **15 0835**
Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of annex building for use of the dependants and family members of the occupants of the main dwelling house.
Elm Tree House, 104 Coast Road, West Mersea - Mrs Jillian Hill

Unable to comment due to insufficient information.

- (g) **15 0806** (Resubmission of 14 6315)
Demolition of existing detached garage with the construction of new detached garage with front dormers and roof lights.
2 Blackwater Drive, West Mersea - Mr Alan Cowper

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend CONSENT be granted on the condition that it remains as a garage and is not changed into residential use.

- (h) **15 0818**
Application for removal of condition 4 - residential code for sustainable homes attached to planning permission 14 6409.
13 New Captains Road, West Mersea - Mr Darren Taylor

No comment from WMTC.

6111 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Applications Passed

- (a) **15 0302**
Extension of existing living room incorporating an extension of the hall.
Copper Beeches, 7 Yorick Road, West Mersea - Mr Stuart McCappin
- (b) **15 0313**
New roof line and the formation of rooms in the roof.
78 East Road, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs Matthew Cock
- (c) **15 0279**
Proposed usage of an existing annexe to self contained holiday/tourist accommodation.
Waldegraves House, 6 Waldegraves Lane, West Mersea - Ms Erica Lord
- (d) **15 0487** (Resubmission of 15 0002)
Demolition of the existing 1 bed property, to be replaced with a good quality 2 bed family home.
Galilee, 76 Fairhaven Avenue, West Mersea - Mr Carl Bentley
- (e) **15 0381**
Loft conversion with front and rear dormers.
4 Fairhaven Avenue, West Mersea - Miss C J Holliday

Application Refused

- (a) **15 0359** *
First floor extension, single storey rear extension and porch to side for private use.
13 Willoughby Avenue, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs Andrew Stebbing

WMTC Recommendation: Consent be granted.

* **WMTC recommended opposite**

6112 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM MISA

Following discussion it was agreed (Proposed: Councillor Clements, Seconded: Councillor Powling), to donate £300 to Mersea Football Club, and to give further financial assistance to the Club by writing off the outstanding debt to West Mersea Town Council of £300 in order to help towards the cost of the Coaching and Life Saver courses, (in accordance with its powers under S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972).

6113 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR INSTALLING ELECTRIC CABLES ACROSS (UNDER) THE GLEBE SPORTS GROUND TO THE CRICKET NETS

Defer pending more detailed information.

6114 TO CONSIDER THE INSTALLATION OF A MULTI USE GAMES AREA (MUGA) TO THE NORTH SIDE OF THE GRASS TENNIS COURTS

Defer to the next meeting at which a formal presentation will be made.

6115 TO AGREE MEETING DATES 2015/16

Agreed after minor amendment.

6116 MAYOR'S NOTES

Councillors were asked to review the minutes of previous committee meetings to help determine any preferences each may have towards membership of individual committees.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.