

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2014

PRESENT: Councillors: Peter Clements (Mayor)
Wendy Bixby
Belinda Cross
John May
Alan Mogridge
Eric Straughan
Noelle Urquhart
Sylvia Wargent

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: David Tucker

Borough Councillors: John Jowers
Peter Sheane

Action

Reports from Borough Councillors

Borough Councillor John Jowers reported that Colchester Borough Council's Spatial Planning Manager, Karen Syrett, would be involved in rejecting any attempt to put 10 new houseboats on existing moorings in Coast Road, and would be working with Strategic Planning to amend the planning regulations as necessary. Over 300 Essex parishes were complaining about the lack of Police visits.

Borough Councillor Peter Sheane reported that Colchester Borough Council continued to audit the residence qualification for Coopers Beach holiday home residents, and he was chasing Essex County Council Highways re the scheduled pothole repair work.

6025 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence received from Councillor Perkins and Borough Councillor Kimberley.

6026 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

6027 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 2 OCTOBER 2014 - MATTERS ARISING

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mogridge, SECONDED by Councillor May that the MINUTES of the Meeting held on 2 October 2014, be CONFIRMED.
ALL IN FAVOUR

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

6028 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING MEETING OF 23 OCTOBER 2014 - MATTERS ARISING

It was PROPOSED by Councillor May, SECONDED by Councillor Urquhart that the MINUTES of the Meeting held on 23 October 2014, be CONFIRMED.
ALL IN FAVOUR

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

6029 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- (a) **14 6089**
Part single storey part two storey front extension providing enlarged living room, new cloakroom and extended bathroom.
7 Reymead Close, West Mersea - Mr N Balls

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

- (b) **14 6084**
Demolition of existing house and erection of new house.
12 Kingsland Road, West Mersea - Mr David King

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend REFUSAL for the following reasons:

- (i) Overdevelopment of the site.
(ii) Compromises the amenity of neighbouring property.

- (c) **14 6151**
Single storey rear extension.
7 Suffolk Avenue, West Mersea - Mr K Hilliard

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

- (d) **14 6181**
Replacement of timber windows, doors and fascias with UPVC in communal areas (5 in total).
Orchidfield Court, Victoria Esplanade, West Mersea - co/ Boydens

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

6030 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Applications Passed

- (a) **14 5827**
Proposed new orangery rear extension.
9 Kingsmere Close, West Mersea - Ms Tracey Smedley
- (b) **14 5812**
Proposed first floor rear extension and internal alterations.
93 Oakwood Avenue, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs Eric Lewis
- (c) **14 5380**
Replacement of rotten wooden single glazed window and a single glazed steel window at the front of the property with double glazed UPVC units in the same design.
122c Coast Road, West Mersea - Mr Chris Childs
- (d) **14 5886**
Single storey rear extension (including replacement of existing extension).
52 Queen Anne Road, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs John Fitzgibbons
- (e) **14 5895**
Proposed single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory and front porch with WC.
71 Garden Farm, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs D Joslin

6031 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

Action

Bradwell Monitoring Committee – Councillor Wargent advised that the next LCC meeting was scheduled for 3rd December 2014, and reported that the FED process had been stopped temporarily due to technical problems but was expected to resume by the end of November. (See attached report).

Crime & Safety Committee – Councillor Mogridge reported that, following the decision by the Police to stop attending NAP meetings, he had written in protest to the Police & Crime Commissioner. PCSO's were to have weekly 'street meetings'. It was noted that the Police had themselves recommended to the Chief Constable that the NAP meetings should continue.

Environment Committee - Councillor Clements advised that information regarding the service DANFO provided, i.e. the management of public toilets, had been sent to Colchester Borough Council. It was noted that everything was now ready for the official opening of the West Mersea Park on 15th November.

Footpaths, Footways & Cycle Paths Committee – Nothing to report.

Health Liaison Committee – Surgery - Councillor Clements reported that the NHS, although not normally happy about building conversions, felt that the conversion of the Police Station was a better prospect. Discussion with the potential architect was ongoing.

Traffic and Transport Committee – Councillor Clements reported on the recent Traffic & Transport meeting (attached).

Waterside Committee – The email from Councillor Perkins (received in her absence) was noted (attached).

Website - Nothing to report.

Youth Interest Group – The Clerk advised that there were a number of outstanding issues regarding the BMX Bike Loan Scheme as follows:

- (i) How the scheme was to be advertised.
 - (ii) Meeting with MICA staff to determine administrative procedures.
 - (iii) Meeting with library staff to determine any interest in helping with the scheme.
- It was intended to have the procedures in place ready for the Spring season.

Clerk

Councillor Bixby reported that she had attended a Dance Group at Mersea Island School, and was helping with a Lottery application. Councillor Mogridge advised that he would be visiting the School to speak about Morris Dancing.

6032 TO CONSIDER RENAMING BARFIELD ROAD CEMETERY 'GOD'S ACRE'

Following discussion it was agreed not to rename the cemetery.

6033 TO CONSIDER SIGNAGE FOR WEST MERSEA PARK/ESPLANADE

Following discussion it was agreed a brief would be prepared for West Mersea School children to design a 'Discover Mersea' sign for placing in the Park. Councillor Wargent and the Clerk were to meet to progress the new sign for the Esplanade.

Clerk &
Cllr
Wargent

6034 TO CONSIDER CURRENT STATUS OF WEBSITE

See email from Councillor Perkins (item 6031).

6035 LETTERS RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION

- (i) M I Cricket Club - The Clerk to produce a detailed brief for the next Finance & Planning meeting, after meeting with Mr Russell-Grant (date to be confirmed).
- (ii) Mr S Vince re Tennis Club floodlights - Noted.
- (iii) Essex Police re Liaison Meetings - Noted.
- (iv) Colchester Hospital Charity re "Fun Run" - Councillor Straughan offered to take part.

6036 MAYOR'S NOTES

Councillor Clements advised that Saskia Clark would be opening the new Park on 15th November. Arrangements for the erection of Christmas Lights in the High Street etc. were well under way.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.