

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 25 AUGUST 2016

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| PRESENT: | Councillors: | Carl Powling (Mayor) Peter Banks David Bragg Peter Clements Robert Jenkins Jeremy Mullis Sylvia Wargent Sophie Weaver |
| IN ATTENDANCE: | Town Clerk: | Petra Palfreyman |
| | Borough Councillors: | None present |

The Chairman stated that the meeting would be recorded.

Public session.

Five members of the public were present.

Mersea Island Society offered to work with West Mersea Town Council regarding the proposed developments and have various plans and maps to make available at the Public meeting on 1st September.

David Cooper suggested a better play area is needed in the area by the school and not at the Glebe. Also questioned was the amount paid to WMTC by the clubs at the Glebe and if the £400 cost of the advertising board had been recovered.

Ian Clarke asked WMTC to speak to Stephen Collis from Colchester Borough Council to find out more about the 8 knot buoys.

Stephen Vince noted his letter to WMTC was on the agenda for discussion and stated the history of the trees in the car park at The Glebe.

6305 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor Paula Moore and Colchester Borough Councillor Patricia Moore.

6306 TO WELCOME COUNCILLOR BANKS AND COUNCILLOR MULLIS TO WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

Councillors Banks and Mullis were formally welcomed to West Mersea Town Council and signed the declaration of acceptance.

6307 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

6308 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 7 JULY 2016 - MATTERS ARISING

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Clements, SECONDED by Councillor Wargent that the MINUTES of the meeting held on 7 July 2016, be CONFIRMED.
ALL IN FAVOUR.

Matters arising:

To note that the public toilets are under review and the Clerk will be meeting with the contracts manager to discuss the level of service.

6309 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND PLANNING MEETING OF 28 JULY 2016 - MATTERS ARISING

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Wargent, SECONDED by Councillor Clements that the MINUTES of the meeting held on 28 July 2016, be CONFIRMED.
ALL IN FAVOUR

Matters arising:

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

6310 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- (a) 16 1903
Single storey side extension.
16 Garden Farm, West Mersea - Ms M Culley

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

- (b) 16 1960 (Resubmission)
Proposed extension to enlarge lounge/kitchen and provide ground floor wc, 2 first floor bedrooms with 1 ensuite shower.
Fairbourne, 17 Broomhills Road, West Mersea – Mr K Bareham

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

- (c) 16 1857
Proposed two storey side extension with first floor extension over existing balcony.
Brierley, Cross Lane, West Mersea – Mr Wild

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

- (d) 16 1832
First floor rear extension to detached dwelling house.
Tanglewood, 4 Alexandra Avenue, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Bell

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

- (e) 16 1906
Construction of new detached 3 bed dwelling with integral garage (please note amended location).
Land adjacent 46 Fairhaven Avenue - Mr & Mrs Chandler

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend REFUSAL on the following grounds:
Overdevelopment or plot and access to sub station (UK Power Networks to be informed).

- (f) 16 2025
Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension to existing semi detached house. Demolition of the existing garage.
5 Chandlers Close, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Deeks

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

- (g) 16 1969
Proposed new single storey dwelling and associated works (alternate proposal).
22 Firs Chase, West Mersea – Mr Knott

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

- (h) 16 1938
Installation of a fence at the front and adjacent edge at the front of the property (retrospective application).
81 East Road, West Mersea – Mr P Thomas

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend REFUSAL on the following grounds:
Fence is too high and disproportionate, we feel that it should be reduced by a minimum of 2ft or 600mm.

6310 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Applications Passed

- (a) 16 1515
Single storey rear extension to existing dwelling. Change of roof to adjacent storage/wc area.
9 Churchfields, West Mersea – Mr D Hannan
- (b) 16 1447
Variation of conditions 2 and 3 of planning permission 14 5402 to enable different external materials to be used, a change to the fenestration and a minor change to the front entrance porch.
6 Brierley Avenue, West Mersea – Mr S Rawlings
- (c) 16 1622
Alternations and extensions to existing single storey dwelling to provide square bay to enlarged lounge and new roof to include first floor accommodation comprising bedroom and ensuite. Resubmission of 16 0794.
10 Victory Road, West Mersea – Miss A Claydon
- (d) 16 1757
Single storey side extension.
61 Yorick Road, West Mersea – Mr K Burr
- (e) 16 1662
To construct a new bedroom over an existing single storey extension to an existing two storey semi detached dwelling.
21 Dawes Lane, West Mersea – Mr D Page

Applications Refused

- (a) 16 1459
Application for 5 fascia sponsor boards.
Glebe Playing Field, Colchester Road, West Mersea – Mr R Bond

WMTC Recommendation: Unable to comment.

- (b) 16 1426
Single storey extension to front of house.
7 Gunfleet Close, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Bixby

WMTC Recommendation: Did not comment.

- (c) 16 0898 *
Erection of single storey boat store.
18 Firs Chase, West Mersea – Ms J Stubbs

WMTC Recommendation: Following discussion it was agreed to recommend Consent be granted in respect of this application.

* WMTC recommended opposite

6311 TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS:

The terms or references, merger of the old committees and new names for the committees and working groups were agreed.

The new committees are Communications, Facilities & Assets, Finance & Planning, Personnel, Sports & Recreation, Transport and Waterside.

The Bradwell committee will become a working group and a new Neighbourhood Planning Working Group has been set up.

Facilities & Assets, Sports & Recreation and Communications will have a budget of £500 per year to spend if at least 3 Councillors are present and all Councillors agree the spend. Where 5 Councillors are present the budget is £3000 and all Councillors must agree the spend. The Transport, Personnel and Waterside Committee do not have their own budget. The Finance & Planning Group requests all Councillors attend and the spending limit is determined by a vote. All committees must have at least 3 Councillors as members. A task tracker must be used for all committees.

Proposed: Councillor Clements. Seconded: Councillor Mullis.

Bradwell Monitoring Committee – Councillor Wargent presented her report (attached). Councillor Weaver reported on the Socio-economic group which is looking at funding from the Socio-Economic money available from Magnox regarding a ferry for Mersea, Bradwell, Tollesbury and Maldon. Colchester Borough Council are taking this forward to their next portfolio meeting.

Communications Working Group – Nothing to report. Next meeting 20th September 2016.

Environment Committee – Nothing to report. Next meeting 30 September 2016.

Local Community Action Panel - Nothing to report. Next meeting in Tiptree 26 October 2016.

Sports and Recreation Committee – Councillor Clements reported the committees first meeting was well supported by various representatives from the clubs and noted the main point arising as noted in the minutes of that meeting dated 19 July 2016. Following discussion Councillor Bragg proposed that all the trees at the Glebe are left as they are. Seconded by Councillor Mullis. Abstained: Councillors Weaver & Jenkins. Against: Councillor Clements. Next meeting 3rd October 2016.

Traffic and Transport Committee - Nothing to report.

Waterside Committee - Nothing to report. Next meeting 14 September 2016.

Neighbourhood Planning Working Group – Councillor Powling provided an update on the purpose and plans for the group. Further meetings will be taking place over the coming weeks.

6312 LETTERS RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION

- (i) Beach Club – the letter of thanks was noted.
- (ii) Letter from Mr S Vince re Glebe trees. Already discussed in the public session and under Sports & Recreation committee.

6313 MAYOR'S NOTES

Councillor Powling thanked all staff and Councillors for their hard work in the planning for the celebration for Saskia Clark. A brief outline of the plans was provided and concerns raised regarding the costs. A proposal was made for WMTC to continue with the arrangements for the fireworks display in honour of Saskia. Proposed: Councillor Clements. Seconded: Councillor Jenkins. Abstained: Councillors Bragg and Wargent.

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