



West Mersea  
Town Council

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday 17th August 2023 at 7pm  
in the Council Chambers, 10 Melrose Road, West Mersea, Colchester CO5 8JD**

👉 Resolution made

In attendance:

Cllr. S. Weaver (Mayor)	Cllr. P. Moore (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr. C. Powling	Cllr. B. Holmes
Cllr. S. Jarvis	Members of the public
Karen Kuderovitch, CILCA – Locum Town Clerk	

23/187.	<b>RECORDING OF MEETING</b> Chairman requested anyone present to identify their intention to record the meeting. The Clerk stated she would be recording.
23/188.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> All Members were reminded that they must disclose any interests (pecuniary/nonpecuniary) they have in items of business on the meeting's agenda either at this point or during the agenda item. They are reminded that they will need to repeat their declaration at the appropriate point in the meeting and leave the room if the interest is a prejudicial one. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time. If not already done so, they are also obliged to notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the meeting. Cllr. C. Powling identified himself as a Colchester City Councillor.
23/189.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> 👉 All Councillors present.
23/190.	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> 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. The Mayor gave thanks for applicants and asked any people who were not successful to join the Council Committees/Working Parties. <b>4 Members of the public addressed Council in connection with their Co-option applications.</b>
23/191.	<b>COUNCILLOR VACANCIES – CO-OPTION</b> 👉 a) Members to hear further from applicants in accordance with the Co-option policy (3 minutes each). No further comments made.  b) Motion received by Cllr. Weaver: <i>To consider the voting process of candidates takes place as a secret ballot. <b>Proposed Cllr. Moore, Seconded Cllr. Jarvis. It was resolved</b> unanimously to approve a secret ballot.</i> The Chair temporarily suspended the meeting to allow the Town Clerk time to review votes.

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|  | <p>c) Clerk reported voting results (verified independently by Cllr. Jarvis):<br/>Cllr. Thomas Hart<br/>Cllr. Robert Jenkins<br/>Cllr. Martin Parsons<br/>Cllr. Tessa Gibbons</p> <p>d) New Councillors were welcomed. The Clerk stated she would be in contact individually supplying information and offered the new Councillors 1:1 meetings.</p> |
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