

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PLANNING & FINANCE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 30 JULY 2015

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

Town Clerk: David Tucker

Action

6125 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor Straughan.

6126 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

6127 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

(a) 15 1233

Creation of a shop unit (Use Class A3) within the undercroft area (clarification on description of proposal)

30 High Street, West Mersea - D and L Pittock

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

(b) 15 1467

Proposed new amenity building to replace existing toilet and changing facilities.

Seaview Holiday Park - Mr A Dixon

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

(c) 15 1300

Installation of top hinged opening obscure window in first floor en suite of the north side elevation which faces onto New Captains Road. Measurement of window including frame is 600mm wide by 575mm deep

52 St Peters Road, West Mersea - Mr Bryan Palmer

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

(d) 15 1396

Proposed extensions and alterations to dwelling.

Treetops 82 Coast Road, West Mersea - Ms Mary Rudd

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend CONSENT be granted in respect of this application on condition that, 1) the development remains ancillary to the main dwelling and we wish to draw attention to potential problems of water run off due to the existence of a spring close to the property, and, 2) given due regard to the letter to Mrs Cooper of 83 Coast Road.

- (e) **15 1505**
Internal alterations and change of use from A1 to A3.
Digby House 4 Barfield Road, West Mersea - Mr. R Stobbar-Barfoot

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

- (f) **15 1515**
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.

- (g) **15 1386**
Removal of single storey conservatory to rear of dwelling. Construction of single storey extension to kitchen and family room to rear of dwelling. Removal of a glazed roof to utility room at side. Construction of bedroom over the utility room to side
10 Richmond Road, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs Blackmore

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

- (h) **15 1437**
Replacement of the single storey front extension and terrace, change of materials to the principle elevation, internal modifications, improved vehicular turning facilities and associated works.
84 Coast Road, West Mersea - Mr Geoffrey Johnson and Mrs Katie Cooper

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

6128 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISION RECEIVED

Application Passed

- (a) **15 0736**
Exterior insulation to front and side of house and wood cladding.
43 Victory Road, West Mersea - Mr Cassell Johnson
- (b) **15 0929**
Single storey side extension and new dropped kerb.
61 Yorick Road, West Mersea - Mr Kevin Burr
- (c) **15 1073**
First floor extension, Single storey rear extension & porch to side for private use.
13 Willoughby Avenue, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs Andrew Stebbing
- (d) **15 1068**
Proposed front entrance porch
31 Empress Avenue, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs Scott-De'ath
- (e) **15 1271** * (Resubmission 14 5736)
Extension and alteration of existing bungalow to include removal of existing pitched roofs to bungalow and construction of additional floor. Replacement of existing pitched garage roof with flat roof, construction of full height bay to front. Extension to front of garage to form shower room and rear of garage to provide garden room. Construction of raised decking area to rear garden. Existing brick wall to front of site to be rendered to match main property.
102 Fairhaven Avenue, West Mersea - Mr & Mrs C Frost

* WMTC recommended opposite

Planning

Telescope - Following discussion it was agreed a telescope in memory of a residents' deceased son could be sited near the Boardwalk in Coast Road. (Proposed: Councillor Powling, Seconded: Councillor Weaver).

Redwood Pizzas - The van being used to sell pizzas etc., and its licensing/legality etc. would be discussed at the next meeting.

Mersea Park - A request to remove or extensively prune a tree in the Park, close to the Kingsland Heights cul-de-sac was considered and discussed. The reason for the request, by a member of the public, was due to its apparent screening of a television signal, preventing good reception in one of the properties.

It was agreed the tree should not be touched, and that the complainant should be advised to consult a professional television reception engineer.

6129 TO RECEIVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR 3 MONTHS TO 30 JUNE 2015

The Clerk presented the Income and Expenditure account for the 3 months to 30 June 2015.

Underlying running costs were at budgeted levels, apart from expenditure on the website (£2,000 over budget), legal expenses (Danfo and toilet transfer costs), and £7,000 on resurfacing the tennis courts.

A number of unbudgeted additional expenditure items would have to be paid for before the financial year end, including work on converting the council offices for disabled access, and the refurbishment of Willoughby Car Park. Future reports would include a column showing the total budget for the year by expenditure category.

6130 TO CONSIDER THE NECESSARY ALTERATIONS REQUIRED FOR DISABILITY ACCESS IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES

Awaiting detailed quotations.

6131 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REPORT ON PROGRESS RE WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL TOILETS

Danfo had confirmed they would pay for the upgrading of the Coast Road toilets to include all new cisterns and basins etc. New signs for the outside of each toilet had also been ordered and would be installed shortly.

6132 TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A WOOD CHIPPING MACHINE

The Clerk advised that, before any decision to purchase a machine, he would hire one as necessary in order to determine the most appropriate type.

6133 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP FOR "STEPH'S WISHES HOLD ON TO HOPE CHARITY"

Following discussion it was agreed to seek more information before a decision could be made, but it was unlikely that a donation would be appropriate in this case.

6134 ANY OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

Replacement benches for the Labyrinth were discussed, and it was agreed (Proposed: Councillor Powling, Seconded: Councillor Clements), the 'Rise' Bench, was the most appropriate.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Powling', written over a horizontal line.