

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PLANNING & FINANCE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 2016

PRESENT: Councillors: Carl Powling (Mayor)
 Peter Banks
 David Bragg
 Peter Clements
 Robert Jenkins
 Paula Moore
 Sylvia Wargent
 Sophie Weaver

 Town Clerk: Petra Palfreyman

Public session

1 member of the public in attendance.

Concerns were raised about the wildflower meadow at The Glebe, the path edges around Wellhouse Green, some hedges overhanging footways and Brambles in Reymead Wood.

Reports from Borough Councillors

Robert Davidson confirmed that Rose Cottage is still 'called in' and no decision has yet been made.

6374 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received. Councillor Mullis did not attend the meeting.

6375 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations received.

6376 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

a) 16 2545

Proposed single storey side extension and porch.

2 Rosebank Road, West Mersea – Mr J Jones

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

b) 16 2782

To re-pitch roof with windows to create 3 bedrooms and bathroom in loft space

1 New Captains Road, West Mersea – Mr P Button

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

c) 16 2854

Proposed 2 storey side extension and extended porch (as approved under 14 4998).

3 Carriers Close, West Mersea – Mr D Talbot

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

- d) 16 2889
Proposed modifications to existing dwelling house including two storey side extension and single storey extensions; additional first floor accommodation and external alterations.
2 Meadow Lane, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Green
Following discussion it was agreed to recommend consent be granted in respect of this application.

6377 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED

- a) 16 2377
Proposed single storey front extension
54 Firs Chase, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Crossley
- b) 16 2426
Single storey extension to front of house. Resubmission of 16 1426.
7 Gunfleet Close, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Bixby
- c) 16 2497
Construction of one and two storey extensions, following demolition of two single storey existing extensions.
Elm Tree House, 104 Coast Road, West Mersea – Mr M Barry
- d) 16 2669
Rear single storey glazed garden room extension.
9 Beach Road, West Mersea – Mr J Banting
- e) 16 2516
Change of use from detached outbuilding to dog training and exercise centre.
Brierley, 16 Cross Lane, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Wild

6378 TO NOTE THE CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION

The Clerk provided details of the latest bank balance and a schedule of cheques issued and payments received.

6379 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A POLICY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL TREES AND SHRUBS SURROUNDING AND OVERHANGING PRIVATE PROPERTIES.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Council would not pay for the cost of cutting and removing trees and hedges which over hang in to private properties. In accordance with the current law, neighbours can cut them back to the boundary point between properties, as long as the tree is not under a tree preservation order.

Proposed: Cllr Bragg, Seconded: Cllr Clements

6380 TO DISCUSS THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT AT WEST MERSEA PARK, THE QUOTE FROM A CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER AND HOW THE PROJECT MIGHT BE FUNDED

Following discussion about the quotes for the refurbishment of the play areas, it was agreed to contact Colchester Borough Council to see if any S106 funds are available.

6381 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE COMMITTEES

Following discussion, it was agreed that the new Terms of Reference were agreed.
Proposed: Cllr Moore, Seconded: Cllr Jenkins

6382 TO AGREE TO REINSTATE THE BRADWELL MONITORING GROUP AS A COMMITTEE

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Bradwell Monitoring Group become a committee
Proposed: Cllr Moore, Seconded: Cllr Clements

6383 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A BUDGET FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following discussion the budget for the Neighbourhood Plan was agreed for the next 3 months.
Proposed: Cllr Clements, Seconded: Cllr Jenkins

6384 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE PROVISION AND COST OF WASTE DISPOSAL UNITS FOR THE PUBLIC TOILETS

Following discussion it was agreed that sanitary waste disposal units should be provided in all the ladies public toilets.
Proposed: Cllr Bragg, Seconded: Cllr Moore

6385 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION BEFORE MEETING

Following discussion it was agreed that the deadline for accepting plans for consideration will be the Monday before the next meeting, to give Councillors a chance to view the plans and sites.
Proposed: Cllr Banks, Seconded: Cllr Weaver

6386 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A REQUEST FOR A DONATION TO THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Following discussion it was agreed a £50 donation could be paid to the Royal British legion (in accordance with its powers under S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972).
Proposed: Cllr Bragg, Seconded: Cllr Clements

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9pm.