

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PLANNING & FINANCE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 2016

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

 Town Clerk: Petra Palfreyman

Public session

2 members of the public were in attendance.

Concern was raised about a planning application from Mersea Island Holiday Park to increase the number of caravans and lodges on the site. West Mersea Town Council were asked to consider raising an objection due to the inaccuracy of the statements made in Mersea Island Holiday Park's application.

Regarding planning application 16 2497 - the owner of Elm Tree House in Coast Road wanted to advise that the latest planning application is instead of the existing application and not in addition to it.

6345 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received.

6346 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Clements and Wargent declared an interest in planning application 16 2426

6347 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

(a) 16 2312

Application for variation of conditions 2 and 4 following grant of planning permission 16 0395.
63 Queen Anne Road, West Mersea – Mr A Ward

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

(b) 16 2407

Addition of an extension for a bedroom and ensuite bathroom over part of existing single side projection.
26 Yorick Road, West Mersea – Mr R Gaspar

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

- (c) 16 2426
Single storey extension to front of house. (Resubmission of 16 1426)
7 Gunfleet Close, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Bixby

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

- (d) 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

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

- (e) 16 2512
Variation of condition 2 (drawings) of planning permission 16 1174. Erection of a detached dwelling with associated parking.
Adjacent to 80 Fairhaven Avenue, West Mersea – Mr T Harvey

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

- (f) 16 2567
Proposed single storey rear side extension and first floor rear extension to existing ground floor snug.
36 Coast Road, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs T Cross

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

- (g) 16 2481
Proposed new single storey side extension.
The Rectory, 93 Kingsland Road, West Mersea – Mr S Rudd

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

6348 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING DECISION RECEIVED

- (a) 16 1969
Proposed new single storey dwelling and associated works. (Alternate proposal).
22 Firs Chase, West Mersea – Mr Knott
- (b) 16 1832
First floor rear extension to detached dwelling house.
Tanglewood, 4 Alexandra Avenue, West Mersea – Mr & Mrs Bell
- (c) 16 1669
The addition of first floor rear extension above existing single storey extension, no increase in footprint addition of pitched roof.
33 Mill Road, West Mersea – Mr T Biggs
- (d) 16 1960
Proposed extension to enlarge lounge/kitchen and provide ground floor w/c, 2 first floor bedrooms with 1 ensuite shower room. (Resubmission).
Fairbourne, 17 Broomhills Road, West Mersea – Mr K Bareham
- (e) 16 2170 *
Proposed first and roof extension.
7 Empress Avenue, West Mersea – Mr D Murrell

WMTC Recommendation:

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend refusal be granted for the following reasons:

- Excessive building
- Out of keeping with the street scene.

* WMTC recommended opposite

6349 TO NOTE THE CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION

The Clerk provided copies of the latest bank statement. It was agreed to engage a company to provide some accounts assistance, subject to a £200 limit.

Proposed: Councillor Bragg, Seconded: Councillor Moore.

6350 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A WAY FORWARD FOR THE CHANGING PLACES PROJECT

Councillor Moore provided an update about the project. Councillor Bragg agree to assist with taking the project forward.

6351 TO AGREE THE QUOTE FOR THE SETTING UP AND REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The quote for setting up and refurbishing the Christmas lights was agreed.

Proposed: Councillor Moore, Seconded: Councillor Banks.

6352 TO ADVISE THE COUNCIL THE RESULTS OF THE LITTER PICK

Councillor Jenkins reported the success of the recent litter pick with over 100 volunteers taking part collecting over 1 tonne of rubbish.

6353 TO DISCUSS RECENT CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE CAPPING OF THE PRECEPT

Councillor Jenkins reaffirmed the potential impact of proposal to cap increasing the precept to 2%. Councillor Jenkins prepared a letter to submit to the consultation on behalf of West Mersea Town Council.

6354 TO DISCUSS THE S.106 GRANTS AVAILABLE

Councillor Jenkins suggested that the Council consider applying for some of the funds available to refurbish the public toilets and the Mersea Park play area.

6355 TO DISCUSS THE QUOTE AND AGREE TO PURCHASE A PROJECTOR AND SCREEN

The cost of these items was discussed and agreed.

Proposed: Councillor Bragg, Seconded: Councillor Moore.

6356 TO DISCUSS THE "WHERE DOES WATER GO" PROJECT SURVEY

Councillor Banks explained the purpose of this project and agreed to raise it at the Neighbourhood Plan meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.