



COUNCIL MEETING

**Meeting to be held on Thursday 12th December 2024 at 7pm in the Council Chamber,
10 Melrose Road, West Mersea, Colchester CO5 8JD**

6th December 2024

Councillors are summoned to attend the above meeting to deal with the following business.

Petra Palfreyman
Locum Town Clerk

Members of the public and press are warmly welcomed to attend.
Mobile phones to be switched to silent.

AGENDA

24/268 Recording of meeting

Chairman to request anyone present to identify their intention to record the meeting

24/269 To receive apologies for absence and a vote of acceptance to be taken

24/270 To record declarations of interests

Members are invited to declare any relevant interests. Notwithstanding this item, Members may subsequently declare an interest at any point during the meeting.

24/271 Public session (15 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker)

Priority will be given to those members of the public wishing to share information relating to items on the agenda. Once the public session is closed, members of the public are not permitted to speak.

24/272 To confirm minutes of the Council meeting of 12 September 2024

24/273 To confirm minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting of 31 October 2024

24/274 To consider Planning Applications received and to receive notification of Planning Decisions

24/275 To discuss and agree the options regarding the Dawes Lane Open Space and agree a way forward

24/276 To discuss the budget calculations for 2025/26 and agree the first draft

24/277 To discuss the continued use of the Seaview Avenue entrance to Sanderling Reach and consider any actions from West Mersea Town Council

- 24/278 To set up working groups or whole council meetings
- 24/279 To discuss setting up a working group to review the Neighbourhood Plan and to discuss the impact of the emerging Local Plan and provide input to the consultation
- 24/280 To agree the quote to coppice all trees from Coastguard's Compound to Trevor's Steps on SSSI in Coast Road at a cost of £3,456
- 24/281 To agree the quote for renewal of First Aid training for the Groundsmen at a cost of £405
- 24/282 To agree the quote for remedial works or complete removal of an Ash tree in West Mersea Park at a maximum cost of £900
- 24/283 To consider the quotes for adding Council meeting recordings to the website
- 24/284 To consider increasing fees for the following:
- (a) Allotments
 - (b) Gate licences
 - (c) Cemetery
- 24/285 To provide an update about the Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer vacancies
- 24/286 To agree the quote for a new computer set up and installation for the Responsible Finance Officer at a cost of £1,482
- 24/287 To approve the quotes for a new desk and drawer set for the new Responsible Financial Officer
- 24/288 To agree to request Cllr Martin Parsons offer of £1000 towards speed reduction equipment and if awarded, to grant the sum to Mersea Speedwatch
- 24/289 To agree to reopen the office on a Tuesday morning between 9am and 12pm, with immediate effect.
- 24/290 To consider selling dog and food waste bags at councillor surgeries to improve access for residents that cannot get to the office during current opening hours
- 24/291 To provide an update about the replacement to the Boardwalk, Coast Road
- 24/292 To note the car parking increase proposals for 2025/26 have been approved by Colchester City Council
- 24/293 To receive an update from the VE Day 80 working group

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To resolve that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press be excluded pursuant to Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

- 24/294 To discuss the costs relating to a Subject Access Request