



PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th April 2024 at 6pm in the Council Chambers,
10 Melrose Road, West Mersea, Colchester CO5 8JD**

In attendance:

Cllr. S. Weaver (Mayor)	Cllr. B. Hart
Cllr.B. Holmes	Cllr. T. Gibbons
Cllr.M.Parsons	Cllr. T. Webster
Karen Kuderovitch, Town Clerk & RFO	

24/9.	<p>RECORDING OF MEETING Chairman to request anyone present to identify their intention to record the meeting.</p>
24/10.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST All Members were reminded that they must disclose any disclosable pecuniary interests, registerable interests and any non-registerable interests 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</p>
24/11.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 🙏 Clerk to report and Councillors to vote on the absence and the reasons given.</p>
24/12.	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 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. 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.</p>
24/13.	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>(a) <u>240474</u> Construction of ramped access to main entrance including replacing existing door with level threshold door assembly. 51 Yorick Road, West Mersea – Plan link 240474 WMTC Comments: No objections Proposed : Cllr. Weaver, seconded Cllr. Gibbons. All in favour.</p> <p>(b) <u>240513</u> Demolition of existing residential dwelling and construction of new replacement dwelling and associated car parking. 15 Firs Chase, West Mersea – Plan link 240513 WMTC Comments: - Objection -contrary to WM7 loss of bungalows (NP) Proposed : Cllr. Jenkins, seconded Cllr. Weaver. All in favour.</p>

(c) 240566 & 240567 (Listed Building)

Two storey rear flat roof extension with perimeter parapet.

7 East Mersea Road, West Mersea – [Plan link 240566](#)

WMTC Comments: No comments - not enough information to comment, nothing local to add. All in favour.

(d) 240596

Proposed multi-purpose deck with wire balustrade and removable sail canopy.

West Mersea Yacht Club, 116 Coast Road, West Mersea – [Plan link 240596](#)

WMTC Comments: No objections - note to consider disabled access. Proposed: Cllr. Parsons , seconded Cllr. Weaver. All in favour.

(e) 240628

Proposed siting of 24 static holiday caravans in lieu of touring caravans and tents.

West Mersea Holiday Park, Seaview Avenue, West Mersea – [Plan link 240628](#)

WMTC Comments: Strong objections, Proposed : Cllr. Parsons, Seconded: Cllr. Webster

a) Neighbourhood Plan not taken into account.

b) licence for 120 static vans

c) Stress on sewage works

d) These are second homes not for tourism

e) Where is the amenity land?

f) 5 static vans already (not on the plan)

g) TPO trees cut down already and possible in the future

h) Flooding concerns

i) Bridleway - possible blocked drainage

PLANNING DECISIONS

Applications passed

(a) 240027

Internal conversion of existing wardens 3 bed flat to 2no. 1 bed elderly care home flats.

27 Akhurst Court, Melrose Road, West Mersea - [Decision link 240027](#)

(b) 240043

Single storey rear extension. Alter and extending existing dormer.

7 Strood Close, West Mersea - [Decision link 240043](#)

(c) 232831

Erection of a granny annexe for ancillary use to the main dwelling.

Whitings, 2 Haycocks Lane, West Mersea - [Decision link 232831](#)

(d) 232872

It is proposed to construct two small glass roofed verandas, one to the rear of the existing house and the other to the front of the outbuilding/garage. It is also proposed to construct a small balcony at first floor level to one of the rear bedrooms.

98 Coast Road, West Mersea - [Decision link 232872](#)

(e) 232632

Erection of a replacement bungalow (with rooms in the roof space) following the demolition of the existing bungalow.

21 Melrose Road, West Mersea - [Decision link 232632](#)



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	<p>(f) <u>240133</u> Proposed single storey rear and side extension including flat roof. 22 Melrose Road, West Mersea - Decision link 240133</p> <p>(g) <u>240053</u> The addition of a small first floor balcony to the North elevation overlooking farmland and the Strood and looking towards Peldon. This will be accessed from the first floor bedroom via the French doors. FYI our drawing also indicates the location of our proposed ground floor kitchen/diner extension which does not require planning approval as it is within size for a house nature. 6 Gunfleet Close, West Mersea - Decision link 240053</p> <p>(h) <u>240256</u> Single storey rear extension with external cladding. 28 Mersea Avenue, West Mersea - Decision link 240256</p>
24/15.	<p>COUNCILLORS REPORTS Councillors were offered the opportunity to share any further planning related information.</p>