

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 25th JULY 2025

In attendance:

Cllr T Webster (Mayor)	Cllr J Akker	Cllr D Baker
Cllr D Boylan	Cllr N Hinderwell	Cllr R Jenkins
Cllr C Powling	Cllr M Williams	Kirsty Wadsworth (Town Clerk)

25/194 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Weaver.

25/195 Declarations of interest

Cllr Powling declared his interest as a Colchester City Councillor.

25/196 Public participation

MOP1- Stated that he would like to have been invited to the recent Waterside Forum meeting.

MOP2- Noted his concerns over the poor condition of the female changing rooms/facilities at the Glebe Pavillion. Asked West Mersea Town Council to take this matter seriously and invest in the future of the young people, and for a member of the Council to be present at all MISA meetings.

MOP3- Noted the lack of representation from the Council at the Glebe Pavillion and asked for action instead of words.

MOP4- Stated that he would like to invite all councillors to visit the Glebe Pavillion and see the state of the facilities.

25/197 To address the membership of the Community Assets/Facilities Committee

This item was agreed on the 10th July Council meeting- minute 25/213. It was voted unanimously for Cllr Powling and Cllr Boylan to join the Community Assets/Facilities Committee.

25/198 To discuss and agree repair works at the Glebe Pavilion

The following repairs were discussed and decisions made:

- Replace cowl to soil vent pipe. All in favour.
- Replace damaged Perspex roof sheet. All in favour.
- Clear guttering of debris and vegetation to all elevations.
Fit additional brackets to the guttering to the north elevation to ensure it is level and fit a new stop end and fit brackets to the outlet and the wall.
Replace failed joint seals to the guttering on the east, re-fix disconnected joint with outlet and replace outlet.
Fit new connection to the guttering on the south of the dual pitched roof to discharge into the hopper. All in Favour.

- Clear the debris and rake out the defective mortar, seal the hole in the brickwork and re-fix the waterproofing detail, and re-point. It was agreed to repair, as necessary. All in favour.
- Remove damaged and cracked cladding and replace missing damaged and cracked cladding to match. It was agreed to replace where necessary. All in favour.
- Repairs to the fencing and treat and redecorate the frames to the gate and fencing. All in favour.
- Clear blockage in the gully. It was agreed to investigate and check the blockage was still clear. It was noted that the drains were repaired 25/06/25. All in favour.
- Replace vinyl flooring and redecorate concrete detail. Deferred for a later date. All in favour.
- Repair leaks to the urinals. Deferred for a later date. All in favour.
- WC requires refurbishment to comply with current standards and legislation. Deferred for a later date. (Accessible WC). All in favour.
- Repair or replace the water heater. (Female WC). Deferred for a later date. All in favour.
- Investigation and repair or replacement of the light and extractor fan and re-fix the loose vent. (Mersea Home Changing Room). Deferred for a later date. All in favour.
- Investigation and repair or replacement of the light and extractor fan and re-fix the loose vent. (Mersea Away Changing Room). Deferred for a later date. All in favour.
- Investigation and repair or replacement of the light and extractor fan and re-fix the loose vent. (Oyster Home Changing Room). Deferred for a later date. All in favour.
- The water damage to the front wall should be investigated and repairs undertaken. (Oyster Away Changing Room). It was agreed that this should be investigated and the findings reported back to full council. All in favour.
- Investigate cause of the damp and undertake repairs, replaster and redecorate. (Front Lobby). It was agreed that this should be investigated and the findings reported back to full council. All in favour.
- Retile the shower cubicle and replace sealant. Deferred for a later date. All in favour.
- Investigate the cause of the damp and undertake repairs (WC). It was agreed that this should be investigated and the findings reported back to full council. All in favour.
- Replace asbestos cement water tanks. (roof void to hipped roof). Deferred for a later date. All in favour.
- Mersea Away changing room disconnected from ducting through roof finish. It was agreed that this should be investigated and the findings reported back to full council. All in favour.

25/199 To consider and agree if a CCTV survey of the drainage system at the Glebe is required to ascertain the reason for blockages

This agenda item was agreed at the Community Assets/ Facilities meeting on the 25th June - minute 25/34.

25/200 To review and agree next steps with regards to three failed drain covers at the Glebe
This agenda item was noted at the Community Assets/Facilities meeting on the 25th June - minute 25/35.

Cllr Powling left the meeting at 4.20pm and Cllr Williams left the meeting at 4.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 4.50pm.