WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2026 AT 10AM

In attendance:

Cllr Nigel Hinderwell (Chairman)	Cllr John Akker	Cllr David Baker
Cllr Dave Boylan	Cllr Sophie Weaver	Kirsty Wadsworth (Town Clerk)

26/64 Apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Webster.

26/65 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Baker declared an interest in Item 261891 and confirmed that he would leave the room during consideration and voting on this item.

26/66 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.

No members of public present.

26/67 To confirm minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting of 5th October 2026

It was resolved unanimously to accept the minutes of 5th October 2026.
Proposed: Cllr Akker, Seconded: Cllr Boylan. Cllr Boylan Abstained. All in favour.

26/68 To consider Planning Applications received

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) 261767
Installation of a self-service dog washing facility with enclosure and associated works.
1 Queens Corner, West Mersea.

WMTC comments: No objection.
Proposed: Cllr Akker, Seconded: Cllr Boylan. All in favour.

(b) 261807
Proposed open sided carport. 30 Empress Avenue, West Mersea.

WMTC comments: No objection.
Proposed: Cllr Akker, Seconded: Cllr Boylan. All in favour.

(c) 261739
Proposed detached dwelling in land adjacent to 29 Kingsland Road.
Land at, 29 Kingsland Road, West Mersea.

WMTC comments: No objection.
Proposed: Cllr Boylan, Seconded: Cllr Akker. Cllr Weaver abstained. All in favour.

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(d) 261861
Application for variation of condition 4 following grant of planning permission 201915.
23 East Mersea Road, West Mersea.

WMTC comments: No objection.
Proposed: Cllr Akker, Seconded: Cllr Boylan. All in favour.

(e) 261867
Application for approval of details reserved by condition 11 of application 260255.
Haycocks Yard, Haycocks Lane, West Mersea.

WMTC comments: No comment.
Proposed: Cllr Weaver, Seconded: Cllr Hinderwell. All in favour.

(f) 261891
Placement of a single-storey Community Repair and Make Workshop building with weather-boarding and profiled metal elevations, including solar panels, and associated access, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements. This building will comprise two portacabins joined by a small pitched roof to provide sheltered outside space and enable the building to be relocated should the need arise in the future. There will be no requirement for connection to mains water or sewage. Allotments north of, East Road, West Mersea.

Cllr Baker declared an interest in Item 261891 and left the meeting during discussion and voting on the item.
WMTC comments: No comment.
Proposed: Cllr Hinderwell, Seconded: Cllr Boylan. All in favour.

(g) Proposed base station upgrade. Removal of the existing 20m monopole, 6no. antennas, 3no. equipment cabinets and installation of a new 20m monopole, 9no. antennas, 3no. equipment cabinets and ancillary development thereto.
West Mersea Business Centre, Unit 6, Rushmere Close, West Mersea.

WMTC comments: No comment.
Proposed: Cllr Hinderwell, Seconded: Cllr Boylan. All in favour.

26/69 To receive notification of Planning Decisions

PLANNING DECISIONS

Application passed

(a) 261505
Proposed single storey rear and side flat roof extension, including alterations to the external materials and associated external alterations to the existing dwelling.
24 Suffolk Avenue, West Mersea.

(b) 260791
Proposed first floor extension plus bay extension. 1 Westwood Drive, West Mersea.

(c) 261533
Proposed two storey rear extension to existing dwelling. Replacement of existing garage flat roof with a new pitched roof and single storey garden store to the rear.
2 Norfolk Avenue, West Mersea.

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(d) 261459
Proposed single storey rear extension infill, loft conversion and change of external materials. 6 Firs Hamlet, West Mersea.

(e) 261554
Retrospective planning permission for the erection of an extension for use as a hobby room. 2 Turnstone Drive, West Mersea.

Application refused

(a) 261433
The demolition of an existing disused storage unit and erection of proposed one bedroom dwelling. Land north of, 4 Churchfields, West Mersea.

Appeal dismissed

(a) 252444 & 252445 (Listed building)
Two storey rear flat roof extension with perimeter parapet. 7 East Mersea Road, West Mersea.

Meeting closed at 10. 35am.

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