

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY 2026

In attendance:

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

26/01 Apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Powling.

26/02 Declarations of interest

None received.

26/03 Public participation

MOP1- Mentioned that two people had visited the library and they were not allowed to submit their formal objections as they did not have a library card and no help was provided by the staff when completing the objections. Noted that the sustainability document is at the end of the document and that the site would not accept pictures.

26/04 To confirm minutes of the Council meeting of 16th December 2025

It was resolved unanimously to accept the minutes of the Council meeting of 16th December 2025 with the minor amendments.

Proposed: Cllr Jenkins, Seconded: Cllr Akker. All in favour.

26/05 To discuss and agree the next step with regards to the WMTC Environmental response to CCC Local Plan Consultation

It was resolved unanimously that WMTC Environmental response, in form of a letter, would be submitted to CCC as part of the Local Plan Consultation.

Proposed: Cllr Akker, Seconded: Cllr Webster. All in favour.

26/06 To discuss and agree the response from WMTC so far to be included in the CCC Local Plan Consultation

It was resolved unanimously to accept for the main document with West Mersea Town Council's objections to be circulated through the portal and sent to Colchester City Council subject to the Environmental document being submitted. (The Environmental letter is to follow later).

Proposed: Cllr Akker, Seconded: Cllr Williams. All in favour.

It was resolved unanimously to: -

- Submit the document via Colchester City Council portal.
- Send a hard copy by post using recorded delivery.
- Post a full copy of the objections on WMTC website.
- Provide a copy of the objections to West Mersea Library.
- Agree to speak at the Colchester Local Plan committee meeting in February 2026 should the opportunity arise.
- Circulate a full response to the Ward Councillors, City Councillors and the local MP.

- To submit a comment to Mersea Life outlining West Mersea Town Council's response to the Local Plan.

Proposed: Cllr Akker, Seconded: Cllr Webster. All in favour.

26/07 To agree the next step with regards to the CCC Local Plan Consultation

All items pertaining to this agenda item have been resolved.

Meeting closed at 1.40pm.