

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 12 MAY 2026 AT 10AM

In attendance:

Cllr Nigel Hinderwell (Chair)	Cllr John Akker	Cllr David Baker
Cllr Sophie Weaver	Cllr Teresa Webster	Kirsty Wadsworth (Town Clerk)

26/25 Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence received.

26/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest received.

26/27 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 the public in attendance.

26/28 To confirm minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting of 7th April 2026

It was resolved unanimously to accept the minutes of 7th April 2026 with the minor amendments: - 26/23 - closed session suspended and closed session resumed replaced with session suspended and session resumed. Proposed: Cllr Akker, Seconded: Cllr Webster. All in favour.

26/29 To consider Planning Applications received

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) 260649

Proposed single storey side extension linking to existing single storey rear extension.
42 Firs Chase, West Mersea.

WMTC comments: No objection.

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

(b) 260728

Proposed garage conversion to annex including single storey rear extension to existing garage.
96 East Road, West Mersea.

WMTC comments: No objection with the proviso that conditions imposed to ensure the development is for ancillary use to the main house.

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

(c) 260243

Demolition of existing 2 storey detached dwelling. Erection of new 2 storey (with rooms in the roof) detached replacement dwelling. 75 Empress Avenue, West Mersea.

WMTC comments: No objection

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

(d) 260791

Proposed first floor extension plus bay extension. 1 Westwood Drive, West Mersea.

WMTC comments: No objection.

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

26/30 To receive notification of Planning Decisions

PLANNING DECISIONS

Applications passed

(a) 260226

Erection of orangery in lieu of conservatory. 9 Willoughby Avenue, West Mersea.

(b) 260279

Application for variation of a Condition 2 following grant of planning permission of 250630. 50 Victory Road, West Mersea.

(c) 260273

Application for removal or variation of a condition 2 following grant of planning permission of 251035 (reduction to the footprint of the proposed garage, change the external wall materials and make a minor amendment to the roof form). Jasmine, 23 Victory Road, West Mersea.

(d) 260051

Change of use of the property for holiday lets (Airbnb etc). 3 High Street, West Mersea.

(e) 252588

Part replacement of external UPVC cladding and render for new black timber boarding. Replacement of low-level timber cladding with brickwork to match existing. Dabchicks Sailing Club, 143 Coast Road, West Mersea.

(f) 260321

External advertisements. Fiveways Superstore, 43 Barfield Road, West Mersea.

(g) 260198

Demolition of existing conservatory and replaced with new single storey rear extension and proposed rear dormer to existing 2nd floor bedroom. 20 High Street North, West Mersea.

(h) 260410

Proposed porch/shower room extension and alterations. 2 Cypress Mews, West Mersea.

(i) 260406

Proposed single storey rear extension. 10 Alexandra Avenue, West Mersea.

(j) 260434

Retrospective application for installation of 1.8m fence adjacent highways on householder boundary. 21 Shears Crescent, West Mersea

Application refused

(a) 260404

Removal of roof to existing bungalow with the construction of a first-floor level with room with the roof void above. Demolition of existing conservatory to the rear, and front extension with porch. 2 New Captains Road, West Mersea.

Meeting closed at 10.25am.