



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL

West Mersea Town Council is a local government body that represents the interests of residents within the West Mersea Town boundaries. The Council's responsibilities include managing local amenities, providing community services, and representing the views of the local community to higher tiers of government.

The Councillors of the West Mersea Town Council are elected by residents of West Mersea and serve as representatives of their communities. They work together to make decisions on matters such as planning applications, local events, and the maintenance of public toilets, allotments, play areas, open spaces, street furniture and other fixed assets. Councillors also act as a point of contact for local residents to raise concerns, share their views, and receive information about Council activities.

In addition, councillors are responsible for ensuring that the council operates in accordance with the law and good governance principles, and that it is financially responsible and accountable to its constituents. They play a crucial role in shaping the future of the local community by representing the interests and views of residents and making decisions that benefit the community as a whole.

The Town Council is composed of nine members. All members are elected for a four-year term. The Chair plus Committee Chairs are appointed at the Town's Annual meeting each May.

The Town Council has 7 members of staff based at the Offices in Melrose Road, West Mersea.

The Full Council convenes at least 11 times annually, typically on a Thursday beginning at 7:00 pm. All members serve on both the Full Council and the Planning Committee. Other committees meet on a regular basis. The times and dates for all meetings can be seen on the website along with agendas and minutes.

All meetings, except the Annual Town Assembly, are held at the Town Council offices located at Melrose Road, West Mersea.