

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th February 2019.

**Present:** Cllrs: Jeff Mason (chair), David Sunnucks, Emma Green, Chris Glover, Clerk: Sue Pullen, Borough Cllrs: Robert Davidson, Pat Moore, Zone Warden, 2 ECC Officers and 8 members of the public.

**341.19 Apologies for absence:** Cllr Margaret Lawford

**342.19 To confirm the minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 10th January 2019: Cllr Glover proposed and Cllr Sunnucks seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**343.19 Declarations of Interest:** None

**344.19 Public participation session:** The numerous signage at the corner of Rewsalls Lane was questioned again, CBC Enforcement have been notified to investigate.

**345.19 Zone Wardens report: The Great British Clean** will be taking place from 22<sup>nd</sup> March to 23<sup>rd</sup> April, a date has yet to be set for East Mersea's next village litter pick.

**346.19 Bromans Lane Congestion:** ECC Officers had produced a report to follow on from the last meeting on this matter where options were suggested and have been further considered. All the options were discussed again and the public asked questions and commented after each option was explained. Land owners need to be consulted and approached for the possibility of selling land for a couple of the options and several others were ruled out for their unsuitability. Extending passing places was thought to be a good interim measure but not a permanent solution. Screening was mentioned again to reduce the noise and will be considered but any efficient way of doing this would probably be made of environmentally unfriendly material. Work will continue in a bid to resolve the problem and in the meanwhile, marshalling will still take place.

**347.19 Borough Cllr report:** Colchester Borough Council meet next week to decide on Council Tax which is expected to go up by 3% in May.

**348.19 County Cllr report:** None sent.

**349.19 Community Special Constables:** Cllr Glover proposed, Cllr Sunnucks seconded and all agreed to contribute 25% of advertising costs to WMTC, amounting to approx. £290 for enrolling new officers for the island.

**350.19 Speed Surveys:** It is thought progress is being made for a 30mph limit on the main stretch of East Road but nothing has been confirmed as yet.

**351.19 Silent Soldiers:** We have yet to be notified as to how much more of a contribution from the parish council is required to support this worthwhile project.

**352.19 Proposed Tourist Signage update:** Next month owing to absence.

**353.19 Park Ranger:** An occasion has yet to be organised.

**354.19 Village Hall Car Park Resurfacing:** It has been confirmed that S106 monies cannot be used for this purpose.

**355.19 Caravan Parks:** Colchester Borough Council Licensing Committee are holding a meeting in March to discuss its policy regarding caravan sites which will be attended by parish councillors. Litter along Church Lane from people at the holiday park is now being addressed by the park.

**356.19 Planning Applications:**

**181783 Proposal:** Conversion of existing barns and stables to 18 self-catering holiday accommodation units and the erection of 14 new holiday cottages. Amendment to

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application. At Coopers Beach Holiday Park – the Parish Council opposed this application.

**190200** Proposal: Outline application for demolition (no.43 Seaview Avenue) and erection of up to 201 dwellings and up to 0.5 hectare of D1/B1 commercial use with associated parking, public open space, landscaping, suitable urban drainage system (SUDs) at Land at Brierley Paddocks, West Mersea

**Planning Decisions:**

**182813** Proposal: Certificate of Lawful Use. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for i) The stationing of 265 static caravans (in some instances, in breach of condition) for more than 10 years ii) residential condition of 8 static caravans for members of staff, 4 for year-round occupation at Waldergraves Farm, West Mersea –

**Approve Certificate of Lawful Use of Development**

**182808** Proposal: Change of use of outbuilding to holiday accommodation including small extension. Provision of yurt to accommodate proposed treatment and therapy studio including ancillary parking at North Farm Barn, East Road – **Approve conditional**

**181777** Proposal: Single storey maintenance and housekeeping building at Coopers Beach Holiday Park – **Approve conditional**

**182709** Proposal: Subdivision of 2 holiday homes into 4 holiday homes by splitting each existing into 2 new holiday homes and associated hard and soft landscaping. Revised description. At Elmcroft, Fen Lane – **Approve conditional**

**339.19 Schedule of payments to made.**

14/02/19	391	Clerk's salary - February	342.01
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**357.19 Matters to be raised on the next agenda**

Caravan Parks

Visitor Signage for the Point

Speed surveys – any updates

Silent Soldiers – filling the shortfall

Park Ranger – ideas