

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th June 2013.

Present: Cllrs: Ralph Lord, Rob Sidgwick, David Jones, Jeff Mason, David Sunnucks, Clerk: Sue Pullen, Borough Cllr: Terry Sutton and 5 members of the public.

21.13 Apologies for absence: County Cllr: Kevin Bentley, Police

22.13 To confirm the minutes for the Parish Council meetings held on Thursday 9th May 2013: Cllr Sidgwick proposed, Cllr Sunnucks seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting

23.13 Declarations of Interest and to receive written requests for new DPI dispensations. None

24.13 Public participation session: It had been noted that at long last the pot holes are being mended but the process of mending just one at a time is taking longer than thought necessary. This will be passed on to ECC Highways for their observations.

25.13 To receive report from Police: There had been no reported crimes in East Mersea but three incidents, one of which concerned a dog attacking sheep which is a serious matter and people should take great care if this animal is seen and report to the Police.

26.13 To receive reports from County and Borough Cllrs: County - recycling has increased throughout the country and Essex is doing particularly well.

Borough – continues to assist us with our concerns at Coopers Beach Park resorts

27.13 To receive reports from Parish Councillors: CALC meeting had been attended where the guest speaker was Angie Pearson who is Essex Watch Liaison Officer and covers watches for Neighbourhoods, Farms, Businesses, Speed, etc. We will invite her to a future meeting of ours and attempt to form a group for speed gun training for which we will advertise. Also at this meeting there was dissatisfaction expressed about CBC withdrawing distribution of paper copies of planning applications to parish councils which will be followed up by CALC representatives with CBC.

The Village Plan meeting was attended and we will write to express our sincere thanks to the group for this excellently completed project on behalf of all East Mersea.

28.13 Low cost housing update: None to report and will be chased up again.

29.13 Coopers Beach Park Resorts advertising 12 months of the year opening: with regard to overwhelming disapproval in this matter the Parish Council and Borough Councillor have been working hard studying appropriate policy documents that have a bearing on this issue and have been in correspondence with several CBC planners and authoritative bodies with regard to planning application approvals and licensing. Further correspondence and meetings to be arranged will follow.

30.13 To agree our insurance company and term of commitment: Cllr Sunnucks proposed, Cllr Mason seconded and all agreed to use Suffolk Acre again and agree to a 5 year commitment for a reduced cost.

31.13 To decide if the Parish Council should donate for churchyard upkeep: Cllr Lord proposed, Cllr Sunnucks seconded and all agreed to donate the same amount this year to help with the upkeep of the churchyard.

32.13 'Village Gate' sign: ECC Highways stated that there is not enough room on the verge for one of these to be situated.

33.13 Rural Broadband update: ECC have sent more details of their project which will incorporate East Mersea therefore we will register our interest.

34.13 Marine Spatial Planning: Following correspondence received on this matter it was agreed that we should consult CBC Spatial Policy Manager for guidance.

35.13 To discuss the possibility of a Village Party: It was agreed that it is too late in the year now to organise a party but plans will start earlier for one to be held next year.

36.13 Coopers Beach Fly Posting: This continues to happen and appropriate action will be taken.

37.13 Planning Applications:

130764 Proposal: Erection of 3 bay cart lodge and 3 bay stable at Cornerways, East Road – the parish council objects to this application as the location is not suitable for a commercial business due to extra traffic and associated problems.

130938 Proposal: Replace existing dwelling and garage with new dwelling, garage and associated works at 1 & 2 Pyefleet View, East Road – the parish council has no objection to this application although one councillor considered it to be over large.

131054 Proposal: Retention of private equestrian and domestic facilities comprising use of agricultural land for private grazing of horses, small private stables, open-sided hay and boat store and extension to domestic garden at Culch House, 6 Shop Lane – the parish council has no objection to this application.

38.13 Planning Decisions:

130583 Proposal: Erection of two 6.0m high twin 90w floodlights to illuminate existing manege and erection of manege mirrors (part retrospective) at Fishponds Field, Shop Lane – **Permission Refused**

39.13 Schedule of payments to be made.

27/05/13	DD	O2	18.00
13/06/13	159	CPRE subs	29.00
13/06/13	160	ACP Computers	90.00
13/06/13	161	R S Pullen – June salary	318.44
13/06/13	162	Mark Farthing–grass cuts	100.00
13/06/13	163	Suffolk Acre Insurance	212.89
13/06/13	164	St Edmunds PCC	100.00

£ 868.33

40.13 Correspondence Circulated

41.13 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

Rural Broadband update

Coopers Beach matters update

Affordable Housing update

Meeting closed at: 9.30pm