

**Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.30pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014.**

**Present:** Cllrs: David Jones, David Sunnucks, Jeff Mason (chair), Margaret Lawford, Anne Leggett-Auld, Clerk Sue Pullen, Borough Cllr: Robert Davidson, County Cllr: Kevin Bentley, Dougal Urquhart, Andrew St Joseph, Chairman of Essex Coastal Organization and 6 members of the public.

**36.14 To elect Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer for the ensuing year:** Cllr Sunnucks proposed, Cllr Jones seconded and all agreed for Cllr Mason to continue as chairman and for the clerk to continue as RFO.

**37.14 To welcome new Parish Councillors and appreciation to the outgoing:** Cllrs Lawford and Leggett-Auld were welcomed on to the parish council and sincere thanks and appreciation were expressed to Ralph Lord and Rob Sidgwick for their many years of service on the parish council and to the people of East Mersea. Borough Cllr Robert Davidson was welcomed and congratulated on winning the election.

**38.14 Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms:** all were duly signed

**39.14 Apologies for absence:** None received

**40.14 To confirm the minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014:** Cllr Jones proposed, Cllr Mason seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**41.14 Declarations of Interest and to receive written requests for new DPI dispensations:** Cllr Jones for a planning application

**42.14 To receive reports from Police and Zone Warden:** Police report earlier and none from Zone Wardens.

**43.14 To receive reports from Borough and County Cllrs:** Nothing further to report

**44.14 Public participation session:** Interest in caravan parks later in the meeting.

**45.14 Seawalls:** Andrew St Joseph, Chairman of Essex Coastal Organization gave a very informative talk and explained fully the history of our seawalls and the condition they are in today and expressed a need for engaging with the Environment Agency and also for local people to join forces to carry out small scale repairs themselves. Thanks were given to Andrew for this extremely useful presentation.

**46.14 To appoint representatives for committees and organizations:**

Colchester Association of Local Councils meetings will be attended by Cllrs Lawford and Leggett-Auld, Cllr Sunnucks will take on emergency planning and seawalls, Cllr Jones will continue with footpaths, trees etc.

**47.14 Rural Housing:** A meeting was attended at the offices of Colne Housing by all interested parties and the design plans will be adjusted accordingly. There will be a drop-in session held in the village hall within the next few months for the public to view the proposed plans.

**48.14 Caravan Parks:** The Parish Council will request from CBC Planning Officers to know the format for obtaining evidence from Coopers Beach with regard to non residency. Also more engagement with us and CBC will be sought on all caravan park matters.

**49.14 Planning applications:**

144856 Proposal: Construction of bulk gas compound and installation of 6 no. 2T bulk LPG vessels including access road, footpath and fencing at Cosgrove Holiday Park – a site meeting will take place to clarify positioning, work already commenced and other issues of concern.

144927 Proposal: Erection of 3 no. 2m high manege mirrors (part retrospective) resubmission 136243 at Fishponds Stables, Shop Lane – the Parish Council has no objection to this application

144960 Proposal: Creation of single storey rear breakfast and utility room extension. Access via existing patio door. Note: Warm flat roof rather than pitched to match 2<sup>nd</sup> floor dormer at 2 Dormy Houses – the Parish Council has no objection

144910 Proposal: Variation of a condition 9 (retention of cartlodge) of planning permission 111871 to allow the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the cartlodge to be used as a bedroom accommodation in association with the main building, insertion of 3 velux windows and double door at Paul Freemans, Bromans Lane – the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds of it making this in effect another house.

144940 & 144941 Proposal: Extension and alterations to a listed building all as shown on the submitted details at 1 Weir Farm Cottages – the Parish Council has no objection and Cllr Jones declared an interest and did not contribute to the discussion

#### 50.14 Correspondence:

Local Government Boundary Commission on Electoral Review of Colchester – [www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk) for more details, interactive map and comments. Consultation period ends on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

Fen Farm had received a reply from Cosways Caravan Park in answer to their letter of complaint on noise nuisance.

#### 51.14 Schedule of payments to be made.

05/06/14	246	Clerk's salary	321.63
05/06/14	247	Clerk's exp, office, petrol	100.00
05/06/14	248	CAS- annual insurance	212.90

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#### 52.14 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

Caravan Parks  
 Rural housing  
 Seawalls  
 S106 monies/map with footpaths  
 Electoral Review/Boundaries  
 Churchyard growth

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014