

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th March 2020.

Present: Cllrs: David Sunnucks (chair), Chris Glover, Emma Green, Paul Button, Operations Manager – Essex Outdoors, County Cllr Kevin Bentley, Borough Cllrs Robert Davidson, Pat Moore, Clerk: Sue Pullen, 3 members of the public.

523.20 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Jeff Mason, Margaret Lawford.

524.20 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 13th February 2020: Cllr Sunnucks proposed and Cllr Glover seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

525.20 Declarations of Interest: None.

526.20 Public participation session: CBC Local List of sites and buildings of interest will be updated.

A date for a proposed farm visit for interested residents will be arranged for May, present situation allowing, and will be advertised on the website and email service. The parish council will enquire on the email service if anyone knows of someone suffering from lack of supplies or services etc owing to Coronavirus to get in touch with the parish council for finding assistance where ever possible.

527.20 County Cllr Report: ECC has contingency plans in place for services following effects of Coronavirus, with social care being a priority and consultation is taking place with councils for waste collection, in a bid for the fabric of society to be kept going.

The recent weather, with abnormal amounts of rainfall, has caused havoc with road surfaces and subsequent repair work but all will be addressed as soon as possible and with the probability of extra funding from the government to deal with this major problem work it will get carried out much more quickly.

The 30mph limit for East Mersea will be installed at the end of March 2020. The police will be contacted to request speed checks periodically to help in enforcing this new limit.

528.20 Borough Cllrs report: CBC Local Plan is still with the inspectors and the result will be revealed in 2 weeks' time. The realignment of the A12 to make room for a new garden village is waiting for government funding to be forthcoming.

529.20 Paul Button on Cudmore Grove: Paul has only very recently taken up the responsibility of the park and has found that there is just skeleton staff in attendance at present with a gap of a day to day presence but he has proposals that will be put forward very shortly to ECC for a plan for a new staff structure to fit requirements increasing at the peak period, also plans will be considered for better signage for things of interest as well as compliances, events for children on the park such as star gazing and signs of animal seeking and possibly for the onsite cottage to be used as a café and small events venue. More dog bins were requested and will be looked into and season parking tickets can be obtained from Mersea Outdoors when the kiosk at Cudmore is closed.

530.20 Website Plans: Postponed till next month.

531.20 East Mersea Litter Pick: Will take place 21st March 2020 meeting at 10am at the village hall, equipment will be provided and refreshments afterwards, a flyer has been delivered to all properties in East Mersea requesting volunteers.

532.20 Caravan Parks: Following the complete dissatisfaction with CBC's inability to tackle the residency problem a new approach is being considered for the way forward.

533.20 Schedule of payments to be made:

12/03/20	424	Clerk's salary March	353.99
Total			£353.99

534.20 Matters to be raised on the next agenda:

Caravan Parks

Cudmore Grove/Bromans Lane

Website

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 9th April but it may well be cancelled owing to Coronavirus.