

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th February 2020.

Present: Cllrs: Jeff Mason (chair), Margaret Lawford, David Sunnucks, Chris Glover, Project Manager for Essex Path to Prosperity, Clerk: Sue Pullen, 1 member of public.

507.20 Apologies for absence: Cllr Emma Green.

508.20 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 9th January 2019: Cllr Sunnucks proposed and Cllr Lawford seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

509.20 Declarations of Interest: None.

510.20 Public participation session: None.

511.20 Zone Wardens report: None received and no issues to report.

512.20 County Cllr Report: None sent.

513.20 Borough Cllr report: None sent.

514.20 Proposed Hopper Bus for Mersea Island: The proposal was explained for a hopper bus to operate on Saturdays and Sundays from 9.30am to 5pm for a pilot scheme of 6 months starting in April at a small cost to users, to pick up and drop off passengers in and around the island to reduce cars driving and parking all over the island, backing up the objective of coastal paths for availability. Maps and plans would be at local stations and bus stops to advertise. The scheme has yet to receive approval for the routes and the question of dogs being allowed on was raised and will be answered in due course. The parish council gave the scheme its backing with the proviso of a report back in November.

515.20 Website Plans: Owing to ECC withdrawal of free sites to parish councils and having explored replacement options we are very satisfied with the new site which is progressing well for which thanks were expressed to Cllr Lawford for her work to date on this project.

516.20 ECC Tourism Workshop: This was attended by our representative who reported back that the Tourism Officer explained that the main purpose of this was to promote the whole regional coast areas but those in attendance explained that Mersea Island does not require more visitors.

517.20 Cudmore Grove/ Bromans Lane update: Enquiries will be made as to who is, or will be, living in the cottage at the park and who will be on site in the summer months for handling any matters that may arise.

518.20 CBC Local List: The list for East Mersea is very extensive and includes a large majority of the buildings and features. The matter will be passed on to an interested resident for further additions if thought appropriate.

519.20 Great British Spring Clean: This year's event will take place from 20 March to 13 April and organisation of the usual litter pick for East Mersea will be looked into and a date will be sent round.

520.20 Caravan Parks: A report from the CBC Licensing Committee meeting to discuss caravan parks will be sought from a Borough Councillor who, we understand, attended.

521.20 Schedule of payments to be made:

13/02/20	422	Clerk's salary February	353.99
13/02/20	423	Clerk's expenses (petrol, paper, ink, etc)	100.00
Total			£453.99

522.20 Matters to be raised on the next agenda:

Caravan Parks

Cudmore Grove/Bromans Lane with attendance of Paul Button

Website

Great British Spring Clean