

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held on Zoom on Thursday 8th October 2020

**Present:** Cllrs: Jeff Mason (chair), Emma Green, Margaret Lawford, Chris Glover, Clerk: Sue Pullen, Borough Cllrs Robert Davidson and 1 member of the public

**576.20 Apologies for absence:** Cllr: David Sunnucks, County Cllr Kevin Bentley, Borough Cllr Pat Moore

**577.20 To confirm the minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020: Cllr Chris Glover proposed, Cllr Emma Green seconded and all agreed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting and will be signed by the chairman in due course

**578.20 Declarations of Interest:** None

**579.20 Public Session:** Mersea Island Society had sent a letter asking for opinions about a proposed cycle path. It was thought that gaining permission from land owners would be very problematic. The question of funding for this project and maintenance costs were raised. These points will be taken back to MI Society. Further enquiries will be made with regard to lengthening the yellow lines along the far end of East Road.

**580.20 Borough Cllr report:** CBC Draft Local Plan Part 1 has still not been signed off therefore Part 2 has also yet to be agreed which concerns future planning rules for applications.

**581.20 County Cllr report:** Highways would not fund proposed new signage for Bromans Lane so this has been directed to Cudmore Grove. Speed assessment strips have been ordered to gauge the possible need for a VAS along East Road following complaints of speeding.

**582.20 Countrywide Litter Pick:** East Mersea litter pick has yet to be organised, the Zone Warden will be consulted for his attendance if possible.

**583.20 Path to Prosperity:** An on-line meeting was attended by EMPC and WMTC with the ECC Liaison Team to discuss the proposal for a digital path network.

Suggested paths and walkways can be submitted which is accessible from a phone App. Parking was a concern with regard to MI which will be investigated further.

**584.20 Speeding on East Road:** The parish council has agreed to pay half the cost (£200) for the installation of the assessment strips in a bid to push this forward. This installation will be requested for the beginning of next April (school Easter holidays) for maximum effect.

**585.20 Honours Nominations:** Names were suggested for both UK National Honours and Covid-19 related awards which will be considered further

**586.20 Caravan Parks:** The sites have been written to by CBC concerning persistent residency, some offenders have already been evicted and other matters are still being dealt with.

**587.20 Planning Decisions:**

**201576 Proposal:** Construction of equestrian ménage at land rear of East House, East Road – **Approve conditional.**

**200832 Proposal:** Extension of the deprivation, processing and packing area to accommodate new processing, grading and packing equipment, etc at Pyefleet Quay, North Farm Colchester Oyster Fisheries Ltd. East Road – **Approve conditional**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 12th November 2020

**200351** Proposal: Outline application for 100 dwellings and land for community uses, etc at land at Dawes Lane – **Approve conditional**

**201297** Proposal: Change of use from agricultural to use Class D2 (Assembly and Leisure) for outdoor recreation at Mersea Barns, East Road, - **Approve conditional**

**588.20 Schedule of payments:**

08/10/20	436	Carers First – cream teas	100.00
08/10/20	437	Clerk's October salary	365.98
08/10/20	438	Salary backpay	58.08
08/10/20	439	M Farthing – grass cuts	125.00
08/10/20	440	Information Commissioner (Data protection)	40.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£689.06</b>

**589.20** Matters to be raised on the next agenda:

Caravan Parks

Speeding on East Road- progress

Litter Pick

Path to Prosperity

Honours Award Nominations

WM Neighbourhood Plan

New printer required

**The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and will be on Zoom. Details for the meeting will be available from the clerk nearer the time.**