

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held on Zoom at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th February 2021.

Present: Cllrs: Jeff Mason (chair), Emma Green, Margaret Lawford, David Sunnucks, Clerk: Sue Pullen, Borough Cllr: Pat Moore, County Cllr: Kevin Bentley and 2 members of the public

16.21 Apologies for absence: Cllr: Chris Glover

17.21 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th January 2021: Cllr David Sunnucks proposed, Cllr Jeff Mason seconded and all agreed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting and will be signed by the chairman

18.21 Declarations of Interest: None

19.21 Public Session: A new resident introduced himself and was welcomed to the village.

20.21 County Cllr report: Covid infection rate in Essex is falling rapidly and the pressure on our hospitals is easing very slightly. Vaccines are going to plan and if anyone over 70 has not had an invitation by now should phone their GP to book. The recent weather has brought many flooding issues and Highways have dealt with some, including repairs to old pipe work, but private land owners need to keep their ditches clear where ever possible. The gritting lorries have been out in freezing conditions 3 times a day on some roads. When weather permitting, potholes are still being repaired and should be reported with exact location (What3Words, road name & post code) on the Highways website or to the County Councillor.

21.21 Borough Cllr report: CBC Local Plan Part 1 has been approved by the inspector and CBC at their full council meeting, Part 2 will be presented to the inspector in late spring. The caravan parks continue to be of great concern. Hard evidence must be produced to achieve any results with regard to residency but pressure it being constantly applied to CBC officers to deal with the problem effectively.

22.21 West Mersea Neighbourhood Plan: The Steering Group had a Zoom meeting a couple of weeks ago and reviewed the comments and amendments made during the recent public discussion pre-submission stage, which finished in early January. The persons commenting totalled 27 or so, including CBC and representatives of the proposed WM housing projects. The Consultant is currently altering the Plan and the amended version will be discussed by the Group shortly.

23.21 Noticeboard: It was agreed by all to go ahead and order a new noticeboard for the far end of East Road. The weather has been unkind to this wooden structure and so the new one will be made of metal and green in colour.

24.21 Caravan Parks: The possibility of using the Ombudsman with regard to residency and CBC's failure to enforce the conditions of the licence or planning decision conditions will be discussed at our next meeting.

25.21 Planning Applications:

Amended 201590 Proposal: Change of use of part of agricultural land to domestic garden and the construction of a domestic outbuilding (garage/workshop) on that land at Westleigh, East Road.

210161 Proposal: Oak frame mansard at 2 The Anchorage, East Road

202581 Proposal: To vary conditions 2, 3 and 4 following grant of planning permission 161548 at Fishpond Field, Shop Lane

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26.21 Schedule of payments:

11/02/21	444	SLCC subscription	69.94
11/02/21	445	February salary	364.00
Total			£433.94

27.21 Matters to be raised on the next agenda:

Caravan Parks and Ombudsman

WM Neighbourhood Plan

**The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 11th March 2021 held on Zoom.
Details for the meeting will be available from the clerk nearer the time.**

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