

**Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.30pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2013.**

**Present:** Cllrs: Ralph Lord, David Jones, Jeff Mason, David Sunnucks, Clerk: Sue Pullen, Borough and County Cllrs: Terry Sutton, Kevin Bentley, 2 Police Officers.

**161.13 Apologies for absence:** Cllr: Rob Sidgwick

**162.13 To confirm the minutes for the Parish Council meetings held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013:** Cllr Lord proposed, Cllr Sunnucks seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting

**163.13 Declarations of Interest and to receive written requests for new DPI dispensations.** None

**164.13 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest:** no public present

**165.13 To receive report from Police:** There had been no reported crimes in East Mersea but heating oil thefts had taken place in West Mersea. We have requested 'slow' signage along Church Lane for people going to Coopers Beach.

**166.13 To receive reports from County and Borough Councillors:** The Traffic Regulation Orders in place on Colchester High Street will be lifted on 21<sup>st</sup> April as this has proved to be very unpopular with traders and shoppers alike. Certain matters concerning caravan parks' licences were brought to the attention of Cllr Sutton to investigate for us.

Cllr Bentley explained that Highways have had a difficult time due to the really poor weather this winter and the two previously but with it improving now hopefully we should see repairs taking place everywhere. Although it was stressed that bad potholes still need to be reported when seen for a speedier repair.

The ECC Broadband project is continuing to materialise and should be completed by 2015 and we have requested for more details with regard to the area it will cover.

**167.13 To receive reports from Parish Councillors:** None

**168.13 Parking problems in Bromans Lane:** Cllr Bentley reported that this area will be patrolled from time to time.

**169.13 Hedge in need of trimming:** The clerk will contact the owner to request it is cut back for safety reasons. Another property owner will also will contacted for the same issue.

**170.13 'Village Gate' sign:** This was discussed again and agreed that it can be a helpful measure in speed reduction therefore previous correspondence on the matter will be looked into and ECC Highways will be contacted if appropriate.

**171.13 Rural Broadband update:** We will wait to hear if the ECC project will incorporate East Mersea (as above in County Council report) before we take any further action on this.

**172.13 Planning Applications:**

**130491** Proposal: Cart lodge with room above and alterations at Well Cottage, East Road, East Mersea.

**ESS/09/13/MAL** Proposal: Continuing of recladding of reactor safestore buildings without compliance with condition 4 etc. At Magnox, Bradwell.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013

**130583** Proposal: Erection of two 6m high twin 90w floodlights to illuminate existing manege, and erection of manege mirrors (part retrospective) at Fishponds Field, Shop Lane, East Mersea.

**173.13 Planning Decisions:**

**130102** Proposal: Construction of barn to house tractors and facilities area at Fen Farm Camping Site, East Mersea – **Permission Granted**

**174.13 Schedule of payments to be made.**

27/03/13	DD	O2	18.00
11/04/13	150	EALC & NALC subs	75.32
11/04/13	151	CALC subs	35.00
11/04/13	152	R S Pullen - salary	254.75
11/04/13	153	HMRC – paye tax	63.69

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**175.13 Correspondence Circulated**

**176.13 Clerks Report:** Matters dealt with re planning, low cost housing, fly posting

**177.13 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda**

Rural Broadband update if received

Planning issues update if received

Meeting closed at: 9.00pm