

**Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.30pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014.**

**Present:** Cllrs: David Jones, Jeff Mason, David Sunnucks, Rob Sidgwick, Borough Cllr Terry Sutton, Clerk: Sue Pullen, Icen Homes and RCCE representatives and 6 members of the public.

**124.14 Apologies for absence:** Cllr Ralph Lord, County Cllr Kevin Bentley

**125.14 To confirm the minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014:** Cllr Mason proposed, Cllr Jones seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**126.14 Declarations of Interest and to receive written requests for new DPI dispensations:** David Sunnucks and David Jones re Cosways Caravan Park

**127.14 Public participation session:** Speeding in Bromans Lane was discussed and suggestions that a 30mph limit would be more appropriate. It was explained that a record of accidents is a major factor in obtaining a reduced speed limit but there is none for this lane. Kevin will be asked for any assistance he can give with the matter and Bromans Lane residents were encouraged to write to Essex Highways themselves. Also huge concern was expressed for the recent developments and planning applications submitted at Cosways Holiday Park and the matter was discussed at length later on in the meeting. New bus stop signs have been erected along East Road but as there is no bus route this will be questioned.

**128.14 To receive report from Police and Zone Wardens:** None received

**129.14 To receive report from Borough and County Cllrs:** None other than for update on caravan parks later on in the meeting.

**130.14 To receive reports from Parish Councillors and the Clerk:** No meetings were attended this month.

**131.14 Low Cost Housing:** The Rural Community Council of Essex and Icen Homes were in attendance and gave a full account of the present situation and what to expect in the near future. Designs and costing will be brought to the parish council for approval (for 4 houses) hopefully at the April meeting, a planning application would then be submitted and land acquired and also a public consultation will take place. For shared ownership/low cost housing they must be built on land outside the village envelope and it was investigated and decided some time ago that the best option was land opposite the village hall. The architect will also be asked to attend the April meeting. Our thanks were given to Moira and Steve for attending this meeting and bringing us up to date.

**132.14 Rural Broadband:** Avenues had been explored for East Mersea to receive superfast broadband but without success, more to follow.

**133.14 Bradwell-proposed storage of intermediate level waste:** The Parish Council will consult West Mersea Town Council for guidance on the matter and residents can express their views via the website [www.essex.gov.uk/viewplanning](http://www.essex.gov.uk/viewplanning)

**134.14 Pick-up point for recycling bags and food waste caddies:** It was decided that this was not necessary for East Mersea.

**135.14 Coopers Beach and Cosways Holiday Park:** Inspections of Coopers Beach site had taken place for evidence of permanent residency and 3 caravans are being investigated further. We will write to a senior planning officer to express our disapproval

that a West Mersea Councillor is the only/first point of contact with the CBC officers following inspections etc. It was suggested that requesting a National Insurance document would be good proof of permanent residency and other appropriate details. Bromans Lane residents met with Vincent Pearce, a senior CBC Planning Officer, to discuss their concerns at Cosways Holiday Park. He took on board their concerns and will report back on what actions will take place. They also expressed their dissatisfaction about not being informed of planning applications for Cosways but hopefully they will be in future. It would appear that a bright light on the site has been heightened making it more obtrusive and will be checked for brightness.

**136.14 Planning Applications:**

136243: Proposal: erection of 3 x 2m high ménage mirrors (part retrospective) at Fishponds Stables, Shop Lane – the Parish Council has no objections to this application

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

13/02/14	176	Clerk's salary	321.63
13/02/14	177	Mark Farthing – grass cuts	40.00
13/02/14	178	Clerk's office exp, petrol	100.00

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£ 461.63

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**138.14 Correspondence circulated**

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

Rural Broadband update  
Coopers Beach and Cosways matters  
Low cost housing - April

Meeting closed at: 9.30pm