

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th February 2015.

Present: Cllrs: David Jones, David Sunnucks, Jeff Mason (chair), Anne Leggett-Auld, Clerk: Sue Pullen, Borough Cllr: Robert Davidson, Zone Warden, Tony King, Community Agent and 3 members of the public.

137.15 Apologies for absence: Cllr Margaret Lawford, County Cllr Kevin Bentley

138.15 To confirm the minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 8th January 2015: Cllr Sunnucks proposed, Cllr Jones seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

139.15 Declarations of Interest: None

140.15 Public participation session: Enquiries were made about the overgrown hedge in Shop Lane which is being dealt with and due to be trimmed back in due course.

CBC Local Plan was explained including that plots for development can still be offered/suggested at this consultation stage. CBC website gives a map with all the sites offered so far in the borough and all other relevant information.

Unfortunately the increase in general of caravans is something that is encouraged by the government in supporting the tourism industry.

141.15 To receive Zone Warden report: A litter-pick is to take place at Cudmore Grove on 21st March and volunteers are welcome. Park Resorts will be contacted with regard to the rubbish along Church Lane. Help with using a computer and CBC website will be offered in West Mersea Library every third Thursday in the month from 10am to 12 noon.

142.15 To receive County and Borough Cllrs reports: Further explanation of CBC Local Plan was given. ECC and probably CBC will be freezing their portion of the Council Tax this coming year; the Police part is increased.

143.15 Tony King, Community Agent: Gave a detailed account of their purpose which is to support mainly older people in any way that is needed enabling them to stay in their own homes. For more information visit: www.communityagentsessex.org.uk or ring: **08009 775858** or **01376 574341**.

144.15 Rural Housing: Discussions with Land Management will take place soon.

145.15 Footpath Map: All necessary information will be ready for next month.

146.15 Seawalls: The repair work at Cudmore Grove has just been completed again. To date we have not received a reply to our letter to the Environment Agency about the poor state of the sea defence wall further along the coast which will be chased up.

147.15 Newsletter: A suggested draft was agreed and it is thought that 3 times a year for publication would be desirable.

148.15 Caravan Parks: Park Resorts General Manager will be invited to our March meeting when we will express all our concerns to him about Coopers Beach.

149.15 Planning Applications:

149.15 Planning Decisions: Change of use of land for the storage of caravans and staff car park at Coopers Beach Caravan Park – **Approve conditional**

150.15 Correspondence: circulated

151.15 Schedule of payments to be made.

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| 12/02/15 | 266 | Clerk's salary – Feb & back payment | 354.67 |
| 12/02/15 | 267 | Clerk's expenses | 100.00 |

£ 454.67

152.15 Matters to be raised on the next agenda

Caravan Parks
Seawalls
Rural housing
Footpaths map
Newsletter

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed _____ Thursday 12th March 2015