

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th January 2014.

Present: Cllrs: David Jones, Jeff Mason, David Sunnucks, Ralph Lord, Rob Sidgwick, Borough Cllr Terry Sutton, County Cllr Kevin Bentley, Clerk: Sue Pullen, Police Officer Sarah Duke and 6 members of the public.

109.14 Apologies for absence: None

110.14 To confirm the minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 14th November 2013 and the extraordinary meeting for planning matters only held on 5th December 2013: Cllr Lord proposed, Cllr Sidgwick seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meetings.

111.14 Declarations of Interest and to receive written requests for new DPI dispensations: None

112.14 Public participation session: The continuation of the village shop was questioned and it was explained that the owners, Land Management who are very keen to keep a village shop running, have subsidised it for many years and so it is hoped it will be joined with the pick-your-own business in the flower barn for a more efficient and sustainable concern. The post office is another matter and would be a decision for the Post Office.

113.14 To receive report from Police: There had been a domestic incident at a caravan park, a threatening car incident and garages and outbuildings broken into. Several houses at West Mersea have been burgled. 3 loud explosion type noises in the night of 8/9th Jan were reported to the police.

114.14 To receive report from County Cllr: Apologies were given for lack of attendance to our previous meetings. The ECC budget will be deliberated by the full council at their meeting on 11th Feb. Many services such as for children and youth will need to be cut but there are services that are statutory such as adult social care. Unfortunately, because of staff cuts, jobs take much longer to be dealt with like potholes which are prioritised for importance and therefore how quickly they will be dealt with. It was commented that some are not done satisfactorily but penalties for shoddy workmanship can be imposed.

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

116.14 Low Cost Housing: We look forward to an update from RCCE and Housing Association at our next meeting in February.

117.14 Precept 2014/2015: It was proposed by Cllr Lord, seconded by Cllr Sunnucks and all agreed for our precept/grant for this coming financial year to remain the same as last year. The completed CBC form will be circulated for confirmation.

118.14 Rural Broadband: Research for any speedy possibilities will be chased up.

119.14 Coopers Beach Park Resorts: Date for the proposed inspection for personal documentation of individuals for proof of permanent residing elsewhere will be requested and also for the point of contact for any future correspondence to be the clerks for East and West Mersea. A list of work type vehicles to and from the site on a daily basis will be forwarded to CBC and further observation and listing will take place.

120.14 Planning Decisions:

132270: Variation of holiday occupancy from 1st March – 31st Dec to allow for a 12 month year round holiday season, resubmission of 131667 at Cosways Caravan Park - **Approve Conditional.**

132233: Use of land for the stationing of static holiday caravans and children's' play area at Cosways Holiday Park – **Approve Conditional**

Appeal Decision:

121550: For a two bedroom dwelling for a single family (existing land/plot unused excepting for storage and parking) at plot adjoining 6 Shop Lane – **Appeal Dismissed**

121.14 Schedule of payments to be made.

09/01/14	172	Clerk's salary x 2	643.26
09/01/14	173	SLCC - subs	61.00
09/01/14	174	EM Village Hall - hire	144.00
09/01/14	175	ICO – data protection	35.00
			£ 883.26

122.14 Correspondence circulated**123.14 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda**

Rural Broadband update

Coopers Beach matters

Low cost housing

Meeting closed at: 9.10pm