

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th January 2019.

Present: Cllrs: Jeff Mason (chair), David Sunnucks, Emma Green, Chris Glover, Margaret Lawford, Clerk: Sue Pullen, Borough Cllr: Robert Davidson, East Mersea PYO owner, 8 members of the public.

323.19 Apologies for absence: Borough Cllr Pat Moore, County Cllr Kevin Bentley, Zone Warden

324.19 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 13th December 2018: Cllr Glover proposed and Cllr Lawford seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

325.19 Declarations of Interest: None

326.19 Public participation session: Thanks were expressed to Peter and Peter for their comprehensive listing of all the dwellings in the village for the benefit of the First Responders. A blocked ditch will be cleared in due course and a Litter Pick will take place in February. The Village Hall car park is thought to be in need of resurfacing which previously has been carried out by volunteers; this will be looked into for a further resurface and with the possibility of using S106 money.

East Mersea Pick Your Own - Concern was expressed about the change of opening hours, noise and lighting re the planning applications for the Pick Your Own site. The owner explained in full her intentions and how things have developed as the project has progressed. The opening hours are to enable flexibility rather than for constant use. Most people consider it a big asset to the village and would like to support it as much as possible but teething problems with the lighting must be resolved quickly and we would request be constantly reviewed along with any possible noise nuisance especially for the immediate neighbours. The Parish Council will support this application with mention of the above provisos. However, the Parish Council will not support the second application for lit signage to remain consistent and with belief that this is totally out of character for a rural village.

327.19 Zone Wardens report: None but there will be another 'clean-up the country' type campaign in March so will be spoken about at the next meeting.

328.19 Borough Cllr report: The CBC Local Plan is still being worked on. Essex Libraries consultation is still open and suggestions of volunteer workers is a possibility for West Mersea. The Essex Highways devolution initiative was mentioned as West Mersea are considering taking part and this will be looked into for an update.

329.19 County Cllr report: None sent.

330.19 Precept/Grant 2019/2020: After discussion and consideration of future requirements and budget Cllr Lawford proposed, Cllr Glover seconded and all agreed to request the same amount as last year.

331.19 Clerk's Salary: In line with National Salary Awards Cllr Green proposed, Cllr Sunnucks seconded and all agreed for the clerk's salary to be increased by 39.5p per hour from April 2019

332.19 Cudmore Grove/Broman's Lane: Nothing further to date but ECC Officers will attend the February parish council meeting to present any thoughts and decisions they have made.

Signed _____ Thursday 14th February 2019

333.19 Speed Surveys: A formal application has been submitted for a 30mph limit on the main stretch of East Road but no result for that request has been received as yet.

334.19 WM Doctor's Surgery: Having received a reply to our letter we are no more informed or satisfied than before but will keep the situation under review.

335.19 Silent Soldiers: Further contribution is needed and will be made by the parish council and therefore discussed at the February meeting.

336.19 Proposed Tourist Signage update: This is progressing well and a draught will be ready for approval soon.

337.19 Caravan Parks: Further monitoring of vehicle movement establishing residency has taken place and more will be done. Yet another letter will be sent to CBC asking them exactly what they are doing about the matter. Litter from the holiday park is a huge problem along Church Lane.

338.19 Planning Applications:

183048 Proposal: Application to vary condition 10 of planning permission 162443 (hours of operation) at East Mersea Pick Your Own, East Road – The Parish Council's comments as above

183064 Proposal: Two post-type sign displays, lit by ground spot during business hours, one at each vehicle entrance angled to be visible to approaching drivers. The company logo will be displayed on half the board (maximum 1 m diameter) with opening hours/relevant information at East Mersea Pick Your Own, East Road – The Parish Council's comments as above

183105 Proposal: Two storey side extension and internal alterations at East House, East Road

339.19 Schedule of payments to made.

10/01/19	387	Clerk's salary - January	342.01
10/01/19	388	Clerk's expenses	100.00
10/01/19	389	Mr P Mann – slow signs	124.80
10/01/19	390	EM Village Hall - hire	144.00

£710.81

340.19 Matters to be raised on the next agenda

Caravan Parks

Visitor Signage for the Point

Speed surveys – any updates

Cudmore Grove/Broman's Lane - ECC attendance

Silent Soldiers – filling the shortfall

Park Ranger – ideas

Village Hall car park update on resurfacing