

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th January 2020.

Present: Cllrs: Jeff Mason (chair), Margaret Lawford, David Sunnucks, Chris Glover, Emma Green, Borough Cllr Robert Davidson, Clerk: Sue Pullen, 1 public member.

489.20 Apologies for absence: Borough Cllr Pat Moore and County Cllr Kevin Bentley.

490.20 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 14th November 2019: Cllr Sunnucks proposed and Cllr Glover seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

491.20 Declarations of Interest: Cllr David Sunnucks for application no. 193130.

492.20 Public participation session: Thanks were expressed by the chairman on behalf of the parish council to Cllr Margaret Lawford for her organisation of the Village Party which was deemed a success by those that attended and considered to be a very pleasant and sociable occasion.

It was queried that the information letter from ECC to all residents re the new speed limit did not include Rewsalls Lane but it was explained that this is because Mersea Outdoors has always taken responsibility for its upkeep etc. and therefore any speed limit on that road would be up to them.

493.20 Zone Wardens report: None received and no issues to report.

494.20 County Cllr Report: The 30mph limit will be installed from the East Mersea boundary and West Mersea Councillors would have to be approached to request any other section of road leading up to that.

495.20 Borough Cllr report: CBC Council Tax decision and notification may be delayed.

496.20 Precept/Grant 2020/2021: Following a report and discussion on the parish council finances and noting that CBC grants are to be kept at the same level for this next year Cllr Sunnucks proposed, Cllr Mason seconded and all agreed to keep the East Mersea precept/grant the same as last year noting that surplus funds may be required for an Affordable Housing Scheme and/or burial plot when the churchyard is full to capacity.

497.20 Cudmore Grove/ Bromans Lane update: It is understood that Park Manager, Richard Sharp is leaving and that Paul Button from Mersea Outdoors will be responsible for the park.

498.20 West Mersea Neighbourhood Plan: No update. But to note that the proposed new housing project is still with CBC Planning Dept.

499.20 CBC Local List: The list records and safeguards heritage assets, further investigation will be made on this matter.

500.20 ECC Tourism Officer: A meeting held by this department at Waldergraves to discuss new projects will be attended by our parish council representative.

501.20 Cudmore Grove Bird Hide: Cllr Sunnucks proposed, Cllr Mason seconded and all agreed to donate £500 towards the new bird hide subject to seeing a proper plan and costs. We would also ask why ECC cannot pay for this very important park asset as they have paid for expensive playground equipment and further suggest they should follow the parish council's example.

502.20 Tree Warden: CBC is promoting their Woodland Project and they aim to plant £200,000 trees in suitable locations preferably in reasonably sized areas. They are

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looking for Tree Wardens with a keen interest in helping with this project and with trees in general. The parish council will suggest the new Cudmore Grove manager for this role for East Mersea. Trees are also available to individuals or groups for pick-up, having been pre-ordered, from Colchester Stadium Tree Event on 22nd February.

503.20 Caravan Parks: CBC Licensing Committee meeting to discuss caravan parks will be attended by a Borough Councillor and probably a Parish councillor to emphasise the fact that we consider that nothing has been actioned from the last meeting and that people living at caravan sites is as evident as it ever was. A meeting with WMTC had taken place to discuss this issue.

504.20 Planning Applications:

193130 Proposal: Installation of sewage treatment plant at East Mersea Youth Camp, Rewalls Lane.

Planning Decisions:

192729 Proposal: Prior notification under Class Q of the GDPO for the change of use of one agricultural building to residential dwelling at Bromans Farm, Bromans Lane –

Approve conditional

192595 Proposal: Erection of and agricultural storage building at Green Gates Farm, Shop Lane – **Approve conditional**

192371 Proposal: Construction of an outbuilding with garaging on ground floor and a home office upstairs at Seaview, Meeting Lane - **Approve conditional**

192767 Proposal: Removal/Variation of a condition (8 weeks determination). Application to vary condition 6 of planning permission 183048 relating to staff access hours at East Mersea Pick Your Own – **Approve conditional**

505.20 Schedule of payments to be made:

09/01/20	416	EMVH - hire	120.00
09/01/20	417	SLCC - subs	61.25
09/01/20	418	M Lawford – party	189.42
09/01/20	419	Clerk's salary Dec & Jan	684.02
09/01/20	420	As above	23.96
09/01/20	421	Mersea First Responders	50.00
Total			£1,128.65

506.20 Matters to be raised on the next agenda:

Caravan Parks

Cudmore Grove/Bromans Lane

West Mersea Neighbourhood Plan

Colchester 's Local List

Website

ECC Tourism Meeting report