

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th July 2019.

Present: Cllrs: Jeff Mason (chair), Chris Glover, Margaret Lawford, Emma Green, Clerk: Sue Pullen, County Cllr Kevin Bentley, Borough Cllr Robert Davidson, Dee O'Rourke, ECC Head of Culture and Green Spaces, Richard Sharp, Cudmore Grove Park Manager and two members of the public.

423.19 Apologies for absence: Cllr David Sunnucks

424.19 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 13th June 2019: Cllr Glover proposed and Cllr Lawford seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

425.19 Declarations of Interest: None

426.19 Public participation session: Certain CBC Planning Decisions were questioned.

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

428.19 County Cllr Report: None of Essex libraries will be closing, community groups are being explored to run them. Availability of E Books and building use by other community groups will be advertised.

429.19 Borough Cllr report: CBC Draft Local Plan is progressing slowly. A voucher is needed from CBC website to obtain new recycling containers. There are now grants available for residents to protect their dwellings against flooding.

430.19 Cudmore Grove/ Bromans Lane update: Richard Sharp, Park Manager had compiled and distributed a comprehensive report on matters needing attention and what actions were going to take place in the near and longer future to alleviate problems at Cudmore Grove and Bromans Lane. Following consultation with County Cllr Bentley, Borough Cllr Davidson and ECC officers Dominic Collins and Dee O'Rourke and with the Parish Council's approval Bromans Lane will see work carried out there next week to improve passing places and maximise the width. Monitoring the lane during the summer will follow. Car parking improvements and other matters will be dealt with in due course. The café is hoped to be reopened by the summer holidays and 7pm closing is in operation to help with noise pollution for those in close proximity. Coaches are allowed entry only with a permit which is being enforced. Richard is very aware of all the problems associated with the park and traffic congestion and is keen to improve matters as much as possible.

431. West Mersea Neighbourhood Plan: Is proceeding slowly with the draft tourism section having been circulated to the parish council.

432.19 Special Constables: 3 should on duty for the island by the end of the year.

433.19 Defibrillator: The parish council has now taken possession of this device and the setting up and installing procedures will take place in due course.

434.19 Ferry Visitor Signage: This has now been installed and huge thanks go to Cllr Lawford for her tireless efforts on this project and her team for bringing this to completion and the pleasing result is for all to see. The parish council will now pursue claiming S 106 monies to fund the project.

435.19 Caravan Parks: CBC's reply to WMTTC on residency questions will be explored further. It is noted that Away Resorts is up for sale.

Signed _____ Thursday 12th September 2019

436.19 Planning Applications:

190949 Proposal: Construction of flood defence bund at East Mersea Youth Camp, Rewsalls Lane – Amendment to Planning Consultation

Planning Decisions:

181783 Proposal: Conversion of existing barns and stables to 18 self-catering holiday accommodation and for the erection of 14 new holiday cottages at Coopers Beach Holiday Park – **Approve conditional**

191245 Proposal: Side extension to accommodate extended office facilities, new porch and first floor dormer window at Colchester Oyster Fisheries Ltd. Pyefleet Quay, East Road – **Approve conditional**

Appeal decision: APP/A/1530/W/18/3218290 at Tennis Court, East House, East Road - **Appeal dismissed**

437.19 Schedule of payments to be made:

11/07/19	405	Impact Signs – Ferry Landing Sign	107.40
11/07/19	406	Clerk's salary - July	353.99
11/07/19	407	RCCE - subs	52.80
Total			£514.19

438.19 Matters to be raised on the next agenda

Caravan Parks

Defibrillator

Cudmore Grove/Bromans Lane

West Mersea Neighbourhood Plan