

**Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.30pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014.**

**Present:** Cllrs: David Jones, David Sunnucks, Rob Sidgwick, Borough Cllr Terry Sutton, County Cllr Kevin Bentley, Clerk Sue Pullen and 6 members of the public.

**140.14 Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Ralph Lord and Jeff Mason

**141.14 To confirm the minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014:** Cllr Jones proposed, Cllr Sidgwick seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

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

**143.14 Public participation session:** New bus stop signs which have been installed along East Road were questioned again for money wasted as there is no bus route, this will be looked into and also the East Mersea road sign that are on the ground. It was suggested that Linda and Brian who run the village shop should be asked of their intentions with regard to the future of the shop.

**144.14 To receive report from Police:** None received at the meeting, it came by email and was not available in time and circulated later.

**145.14 To receive report from Borough and County Cllrs:** The proposal for a speed limit of 20mph for Bromans Lane and Shop Lane will be put through and presented before Colchester Local Highway Panel. Parking Partnership will also be approached. It was suggested that all the lanes in East Mersea could benefit from this limit. Bromans Lane will be put forward for resurfacing. County wide the 'spy camera car' is out and about looking for illegal parking particularly outside schools.

**146.14 To receive reports from Parish Councillors and the Clerk:** The Clerk's Forum was attended and certain matters noted, particularly that Colchester is to have an Electoral Review, part of which is to consider reducing the number of councillors by 9 to 51, consultation is on going for the public to have their say.

**147.14 S106 monies:** Money for spending on leisure, sport and recreation is available from recent building works carried out at East Mersea. Cudmore Grove will be contacted for any ideas they may have that are acceptable for this fund.

**148.14 Rural Broadband:** More avenues had been explored for East Mersea to receive superfast broadband but without success, and so it is felt that we will have to wait for the ECC project for receiving an improved speed in the latter part of 2016.

**149.14 Coopers Beach and Cosways Holiday Park:** Bromans Lane residents had come again to express their disapproval of recent developments at Cosways and also to talk about the planning application for shop etc. that will be discussed by CBC Planning Committee next week in the Town Hall where they will have a chance to speak and talk of their suggested conditions in the event of the application receiving approval. We are waiting to hear back from CBC Enforcement Dept on possible beaching of approved planning.

The parish council attended a meeting on Coopers Beach matters at the end of February and is still waiting for the notes of that meeting to be circulated by a West Mersea Town Councillor. Another request to include East Mersea Parish Council in the contact link with CBC will take place. We will be writing to Coopers Beach to request

that they clear the footpath from the Church to the beach as it is heavily littered by their customers. Also caravans parked on an unauthorised verge will be reported on.

**150.14 Planning Applications:**

140545 Proposal: Construction of extension to existing fish processing building at Colchester Oyster Fisheries, Pyefleet Quay – the Parish Council has no objection to this application.

**Planning Decisions:**

136243: Proposal: erection of 3 x 2m high ménage mirrors (part retrospective) at Fishponds Stables, Shop Lane – **Refused**

**151.14 Schedule of payments to be made.**

13/03/14	179	Clerk's salary	321.63
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**151.14 Correspondence circulated**

**152.14 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda**

Coopers Beach and Cosways matters

Low cost/rural housing

Seawalls

Village Party

S106 monies

Meeting closed at: 8.40pm