

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th March 2015.

Present: Cllrs: David Jones, David Sunnucks, Jeff Mason (chair), Margaret Lawford, Clerk: Sue Pullen, Borough Cllr: Robert Davidson, Zone Warden and 4 members of the public.

153.15 Apologies for absence: Cllr Anne Leggett-Auld, County Cllr Kevin Bentley

154.15 To confirm the minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 12th February 2015: Cllr Jones proposed, Cllr Lawford seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

155.15 Declarations of Interest: None

156.15 Public participation session: Excessive noise from gliders' engines flying overhead was expressed and the land owner that the gliding club use will be approached, West Mersea Town Council will be contacted for their opinion and possibly CBC Environmental Health to assess noise levels.

Some pot holes were mentioned which will be reported on ECC website and the public were encouraged to do this too.

Dumped rubbish was reported which the Zone Warden will address.

157.15 To receive Zone Warden report: We are all encouraged to report fly tipping and dog fouling when it occurs and if identified, the culprits can and will be prosecuted. Litter picking in your own immediate area is encouraged and equipment can be obtained for group sessions.

158.15 To receive County and Borough Cllrs reports: The quality of refuse bags was mentioned, a planning decision reported, Local Community Meetings are merging with Neighbourhood Action Panels and the new Warding Boundaries will be published this month.

159.15 Park Resorts General Manager had accepted our invitation to attend this meeting but unfortunately failed to come.

160.15 Rural Housing: Discussions with Land Management on plot size had taken place and further developments will follow.

161.15 Footpath Map: A price for printing had been obtained and copy right issues are to be addressed.

162.15 Seawalls: We have now received a reply from the Area Coastal Manager of the Environment Agency in answer to our letter about the poor state of the sea defence wall along a section of the coast. They take note of our concerns and say they will attend to matters that effect public safety when and where they feel appropriate.

163.15 Newsletter: An offer to deliver our proposed publication with Mersea Life to all properties has been received and will be looked into further with regard to dates. Sponsors will also be sought.

164.15 Caravan Parks: Concern was expressed that Coopers Beach will become bigger than all of the rest of East Mersea following the proposal for many more lodges on the site. Unfortunately the new government guidelines encourage more building and the tourism industry. The Parish Council is considering engaging a Planning Consultant who specialises in this type of issue in an attempt to curtail further development at Coopers Beach. Quotes and a realistic view of a satisfactory result will be sought. Cllr

Jones proposed, Cllr Mason seconded and all agreed to spend up to £1000 of parish council funds as it is thought to be of the utmost importance for the future of East Mersea and time is of the essence. It has been noted that children are being picked up by the school bus from Church Lane every day and brought back again and also some from Cosways Caravan Park which will be reported to CBC for the possibility of permanent residency.

165.15 Planning Matters:

166.15 Correspondence: circulated

167.15 Schedule of payments to be made.

12/03/15	266	Clerk's salary	328.69
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£ 328.69

168.15 Matters to be raised on the next agenda

Caravan Parks

Seawalls

Rural housing

Footpaths map

Newsletter

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

April meeting will be held a week later than normal on 16th April 2015 due to absentees and having the required quorum.