

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.00pm on Thursday 8th May 2014.

Present: Cllrs: David Jones, David Sunnucks, Rob Sidgwick, Jeff Mason (chair), Clerk Sue Pullen, Borough Cllrs: Terry Sutton, Robert Davidson and 9 members of the public.

17.14 Apologies for absence: Cllr Ralph Lord, County Cllr Kevin Bentley, Police

18.14 To confirm the minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 10th April 2014: Cllr Jones proposed, Cllr Mason seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

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

20.14 To receive report from Police and Zone Warden: None given. The Parish Council is grateful to the Zone Warden for reinstating the two road signs for us.

21.14 To receive report from Borough and County Cllrs: It had been noticed that Bromans Lane residents had not been notified as promised on the latest Cosways planning application which will be brought to CBC's attention. Also this application will be 'called in' therefore being presented before CBC Planning Committee because the site plan with the application is not accurate and clarification of this is required. As this was Terry's last meeting with us as Borough Councillor he expressed his thanks to the parish council and we returned the favour. Terry said he had thoroughly enjoyed the last 4 years as Borough Councillor for rural villages having previously worked in urban areas and we have found him to be very helpful and knowledgeable on numerous occasions on many issues, some small and some of great importance. We welcomed Robert who may take up this position, election result permitting.

22.14 Public participation session: The new bus stop signs were mentioned again; this matter is now in the hands of Essex Highways. The missing 8 knots sign from the end of Coopers Beach ramp and the faded one at the end of Moore Lane are to be replaced or reinstated. A date for resurfacing Bromans Lane was requested which will be looked into.

23.14 To confirm membership: It was agreed that we will continue to subscribe to EALC, SLCC, RCCE, CALC and CPRE as they are all considered to be beneficial to us.

24.14 To appoint representatives for the above: Postponed until next month.

25.14 To confirm Parish Council Accounts: The accounts for the year 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014 were agreed and approved by all and the necessary External Auditor Form was completed including the Annual Governance Statement. It was agreed that we should continue using the same Internal Auditor.

26.14 Rural Housing: A meeting has been arranged at the offices of Colne Housing for further discussion on this matter with all interested parties in attendance.

27.14 Defibrillator at Fen Farm: Details of this were explained and a demonstration of how to use it will take place at the village party on 7th June.

28.14 Seawalls: The disintegration of the seawalls and footpaths around the island was explained and discussed. The chairman of Essex Coastal Organisation will be asked to attend our next meeting. We will register our concerns with the Environment Agency and John Jowers will also be approached for engaging ECC's involvement.

29.14 Village Party: The leaflets are ready and will be printed and distributed shortly.

30.14 S106 monies: Our suggestion of a map of East Mersea including footpaths to hand out to visitors and walkers has so far been unapproved, this will be pursued further.

31.14 Coopers Beach and Cosways Holiday Park: The Parish Council does not agree with a suggestion that caravan occupants should pay council tax as we consider this to be the beginning of an endorsement to permanent residency. The public can help in identifying possible permanent residency by keeping a log of comings and goings on a daily basis out of the normal holiday season to pass on to CBC. Promises from CBC of dates of certain expected developments at Cosways have not been met and will be investigated. Loud music in the evening at Cosways was also brought to our attention and a letter of complaint from Fen Farm had been sent to them. A detailed record of noise was suggested that can be kept to pass on to CBC for any possible action they can take with regard to revoking their licence.

32.14 Planning Applications:

144759 Proposal: Change of use and conversion of existing store building to launderette at Cosways Holiday Park.

33.14 Schedule of payments to be made.

08/05/14	243	Clerk's salary	321.63
08/05/14	244	CPRE subs	36.00
08/05/14	245	R C Laurie (internal audit)	50.00

£ 407.63

34.14 Correspondence circulated

35.14 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