

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th May 2019.

Present: Cllrs: Jeff Mason (chair), David Sunnucks, Chris Glover, Emma Green, Margaret Lawford, Clerk: Sue Pullen, Borough Cllr: Pat Moore, County Cllr Kevin Bentley, ECC Director Dominic Collins, Park Ranger Richard Sharp and 6 members of the public.

391.19 Apologies for absence: Borough Cllr Robert Davidson

392.19 To elect Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer for the forthcoming year: Cllr Sunnucks proposed, Cllr Glover seconded and all agreed for Cllr Mason to continue as Chairman. Cllr Mason proposed, Cllr Lawford seconded and all agreed for the Clerk to continue as the Responsible Financial Officer. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office form was completed and signed by the chairman.

393.19 To confirm and agree the Financial Statement for year ending 2018/19, noting the Internal Audit Report, signing the Annual Governance Statement, Certificate of Exemption and Accounting Statement.

394.19 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 11th April 2019: Cllr Glover proposed and Cllr Sunnucks seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

395.19 Declarations of Interest: None

396.19 ECC Dominic Collins was invited to speak about the progress ECC has made with regard to Bromans Lane congestion problems going to and from Cudmore Grove. Certain previously considered options have been ruled out owing to various issues. The ditches along Bromans Lane are being considered for piping and flattening of more ground for extra passing places and maximising the width of the lane. Marshalling has been used to good effect but people acting from and on the roadside is apparently illegal without an appropriate licence and so regulating flow of traffic from the boundary of the park is essential. The Park Ranger assisted in explaining matters with regard to staffing, opening hours and other arrangements including efforts presently being made to help the congestion situation.

397.19 Public participation session: The above was opened up for discussion, questions, comments and suggestions of which there were many. Some suggestions will be considered. Criticism was expressed of the marshalling at the last busy weekend and broken promises on other matters. Closing entry to the park when all car parks are full can be used. Parking Enforcement will be looked into for vehicles illegally parked on the lane. Both noise and air pollution will be considered for monitoring. Volunteer rangers may be looked into for opening and closing the park to enable longer opening hours. 'No Queueing' signs for the park will be looked into to help limit congestion and would be sited in places possibly from the Strood onwards and 'Priority Lane' signs were also suggested. Dominic Collins will endeavour to attend the parish council meeting in July for a further update.

398.19 Zone Wardens report: None received. A thank you letter will be sent to Heather Haward for her very generous suppling of refreshments for the Litter Pick volunteers.

399.19 County Cllr Report: A 30 mph limit is waiting to go through the formalities to be endorsed for all of East Mersea including all the lanes. There is a new format for the Community Initiative Fund which may be of interest to us

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400.19 Borough Cllr report: Planning matters and the Licencing Committee meeting held to look at caravan parks were spoken about.

401.19 To confirm membership of EALC (NALC), RCCE, CALC: It was agreed we should continue our membership of these organisations as they can be of benefit to us with various matters.

402.19 Community Special Constables: One has already been trained and authorised and two more are in the process.

403.19 Defibrillator: This has now been ordered as some money has been secured with Caroline Bowring's wonderful fund-raising, for which we are enormously grateful, and the parish council's contribution. A letter will be sent to Caroline from the parish council. First Responder Christine Cheetham has also been a great help in an advisory capacity and her offer of continued support will be invaluable.

404.19 Ferry Visitor Signage: Will be made in the very near future.

405.19 Caravan Parks: Our letter to CBC will be sent shortly expressing our total disappointment of CBC's inability to regulate residency at the caravan parks and their inept performance at the recent CBC Licensing Committee meeting to explain matters.

406.19 Planning Applications:

190949 Proposal: Construction of flood defence bund where existing sea wall has been abandoned. Construction of boating lake for sailing training at East Mersea Youth Camp, Rewsalls Lane

191102 Proposal: Retrospective: Construction of Coastal Defence Works and protection of surface water outlet at Mersea caravan Centre, Waldergraves Farm

Planning Decisions:

190638 Proposal: Single storey rear extension, two storey front extension, new porch, new roof and internal alterations at Sea View, Meeting Lane – **Approve conditional**

cc/col/17/19 Proposal: Erection of 11 Log Cabins East Mersea Youth Camp, Rewsalls Lane - **Granted**

407.19 Schedule of payments to made.

09/05/19	397	Clerk's salary - May	353.99
		Clerk's expenses (fuel, ink,	
09/05/19	398	paper, office use)	100.00
09/05/19	399	CALC subs	35.00
09/05/19	400	V. Stapley – Ferry point map	400.00

£888.99

408.19 Matters to be raised on the next agenda

Caravan Parks

Ferry Visitor Signage

Defibrillator