

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th October 2013.

Present: Cllrs: David Jones, Jeff Mason, David Sunnucks, Ralph Lord, Rob Sidgwick, Borough Cllr Terry Sutton, Clerk: Sue Pullen, 3 members of the public.

76.13 Apologies for absence: County Cllr: Kevin Bentley, Police

77.13 To confirm the minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 12th September 2013: Cllr Sidgwick proposed, Cllr Mason seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

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

79.13 Public participation session: No matters other than a planning application to be discussed further down the agenda.

80.13 To receive report from Police: A report was sent to say no crimes in East Mersea were reported this month.

81.13 To receive reports from County and Borough Cllrs: The CBC meeting next week in the Town Hall is to inform and give details of a forthcoming Electoral Boundaries Review.

82.13 To receive reports from Parish Councillors and the Clerk: The Clerk's Forum was attended and the main topic was to inform that due to cutting costs measures CBC are encouraging residents to go online as much as possible for transactions. The Service Centre will be moved to the library from Angel Court and help can be given to people showing them how to do things online.

83.13 Low Cost Housing: The housing company and the land owner are now working on this project.

84.13 Changes to Southend Airport Airspace: This proved to be a very hard document to understand but was thought not to be of too much concern to us anyway.

85.13 Village Party: It was agreed that this will be held in early June in a new shed at Fen Farm at the kind permission of Cllr Lord. An invitation will be printed and be delivered to all the properties of East Mersea.

86.13 Rural Broadband: The ECC scheme, 'Superfast Essex' reports that it will not be until 2016 that certain villages like East Mersea will receive a significant improvement to their broadband speed connection. Rupert Watkins, who was in attendance at this meeting, offered to assist with looking into alternative routes/methods.

87.13 Local Councils Explained: It was agreed not to buy this publication as it is expensive and its contents can all be looked up online.

88.13 Community Initiative Fund: We have no suitable projects but it may be that we have to extend the graveyard, this will be looked into and the PCC contacted.

89.13 Coopers Beach Park Resorts: A meeting with like-minded groups will be attended and another arranged with our Borough Councillor and a CBC Officer. We are adamant that CBC must draw up a detailed policy document setting out how the site will be policed to prevent people from living in the caravans permanently.

90.13 Planning Applications:

131831 Proposal: Kitchen and en-suite extension at Marlin, East Road – the parish council has no objection to this application.

131910 Proposal: Retention of use of land as a tennis court for the private enjoyment of the occupiers of Cornerways (hatched yellow) and for keeping of up to 4 horses (hatched brown) on the submitted plan no's 291/13/11 at Cornerways, East Road – the owners explained their intentions and the parish council has no objections.

91.13 Schedule of payments to be made.

10/10/13	169	Aug & Sept clerk's salary	340.77
10/10/13	170	Expenses 2 months	100.00

£ 440.77

92.13 Correspondence circulated

93.13 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

Rural Broadband update

Coopers Beach matters update

Meeting closed at: 8.35pm