

**Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.30pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013.**

**Present:** Cllrs: David Jones, Jeff Mason, David Sunnucks, Ralph Lord, Rob Sidgwick, Borough Cllr Terry Sutton, Clerk: Sue Pullen, Police Officer, Zone Warden and 6 members of public.

**58.13 Apologies for absence:** County Cllr: Kevin Bentley

**59.13 To confirm the minutes for the Parish Council meetings held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013:** Cllr Sunnucks proposed, Cllr Jones seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**60.13 Declarations of Interest and to receive written requests for new DPI dispensations.** Cllr Lord for planning application 131575.

**61.13 Public participation session:** Signs on the fence at the Strood junction were discussed again and it was agreed that they obscure the site line. The **Zone Wardens** can remove these signs after 2 days following a request and they will ask Mersea Life to put in an article concerning this matter. Coopers Beach has been told again about fly posting. The fallen East Mersea sign will be reported to ECC Highways to be reinstated. They are also on dog fouling patrol at Cudmore Grove and can fine owners.

**62.13 To receive report from Police:** There had been quite a number of crimes in East Mersea including burglaries, break-ins, thefts, road incidents and a fraud attempt. The speed gun has been in operation and will be again in due course.

**63.13 To receive reports from County and Borough Cllrs:** Some street lights in town are switch off at night now in order to save energy but can, if considered necessary, be turned back on. The collection of food waste trial has been successful and so will be rolled out to all households.

**64.13 To receive reports from Parish Councillors:** CALC meeting was attended by our representative where the main topic was CBC's draft planning document following changes in the government policies. Funding for certain community projects is available and the guidelines for application will be looked into. CBC's planning meeting was also attended. In future it may be possible to obtain paper copies of planning applications again as the agents will be asked to submit them. The forthcoming CBC Electoral Review information meeting will be attended by the clerk.

**65.13 Low cost housing update:** A letter has been sent to Land management from Colne Housing stating their interest in acquiring land from them for a rural exception scheme.

**66.13 Request for a defibrillator:** It was agreed that the West Mersea response team who have a defibrillator are excellent at providing this service and arrive very quickly when called to East Mersea therefore an additional one would not be necessary bearing in mind the considerable cost.

**67.13 External Auditor:** Our financial report for last year has been approved.

**68.13 Clerk's salary:** Cllr Sunnucks proposed, Cllr Lord seconded and all agreed for the clerk's salary to be increased in line with the national pay awards backdated from April 2013.

**69.13 Coopers Beach Park Resorts:** We have continued with meetings and letters sent on this matter. There are now several bodies and groups all acting individually but

with the same purpose of objecting strongly to 12 months opening therefore it was agreed unanimously to support one main group with representatives from all others to carry forward our objections and reasoning to the appropriate people. Cllrs Sunnucks and Mason will be this parish council's representatives.

**70.13 Rural Broadband update:** The project for villages to receive a reasonable connection is proceeding slowly.

**71.13 Planning Applications:**

**130764** Proposal: Retention of use of land as a tennis court for the private enjoyment of the occupiers of Cornerways (hatched yellow) and for the keeping of up to 4 horses (hatched brown) at Cornerways, East Road – **withdrawn**

**131575** Proposal: Variation of occupancy condition attached to COL/03/0570 to allow site occupancy between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> December each year, resubmission of 130131 at Fen Farm Camping Site – the parish council has no objections but would question the timing of this application. Cllr Lord left the room for the discussion on this.

**CC/COL/41/13** Proposal: The provision of a 3-G swing with double swing at Mersea Centre for Outdoor Learning, Rewsalls Lane – the parish council has no objection

**131667** Proposal: Application to occupy Elmcroft Bungalow, Fen Lane for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> December to 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> January at Cosways Holiday Park – the parish council objects to this application and would question the clarity of it.

**72.13 Planning Decisions:**

**131157** Proposal: Extant permission in order to extend time for implementation for conversion of single storey barn to two-bedroomed dwelling for holiday letting – each let to have a maximum four weeks (granted under 101077) at Bromans Farm, Bromans Lane – the Parish Council has no objections to this application – **Approve conditional**

**131159** Proposal: Listed Building application for above – **Approve conditional**

**131054** Proposal: Use of land as paddock (edged green), retention of stable block (edged pink) and garage extension (edged yellow) and continued use of land (hatched blue) as residential cartilage at Culch House, 6 Shop Lane – **Approved conditional**

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

25/07/13	DD	O2	18.00
12/09/13	167	Aug & Sept clerk's salary	636.88
12/09/13	168	Grass cuts x 4	100.00

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**74.13 Correspondence circulated**

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

Rural Broadband update

Coopers Beach matters update

Affordable Housing update

Meeting closed at: 9.00pm