

**Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.30pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014.**

**Present:** Cllrs: David Jones, David Sunnucks, Jeff Mason (chair), Margaret Lord, Anne Leggett-Auld, Clerk: Sue Pullen, County Cllr: Kevin Bentley, Tony Clifton for the PCC and 4 members of the public.

**71.14 Apologies for absence:** Borough Cllr Robert Davidson

**72.14 To confirm the minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014:** Cllr Jones proposed, Cllr Sunnucks seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**73.14 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Sunnucks for item 8 on Rural Housing

**74.14 Public participation session:** None

**75.14 To receive reports from Police and Zone Warden:** None received

**76.14 To receive reports from Borough and County Cllrs:** Cllr Bentley reported that most of the road repairs have now been completed and he will chase up repairs to Bromans Lane. Clearing of ditches is the next task for Highways with a view to being prepared for the winter. A road in Fingringhoe will be closed for a day or two in September and appropriate signage will be out.

**77.14 East Mersea Churchyard:** Tony gave us a historical and informative talk on this and informed us that this churchyard would probably be full in about 5 years time but certain land within the churchyard but without head stones and no record of contents could be reused. Other possible land for purchase will be looked at in due course.

**78.14 Rural Housing:** A further meeting took place at RCCE offices with all interested parties. A statement of requirements has been drawn up to include a good sized village green which is considered important. Our Housing Needs Survey will be updated.

**79.14 CBC Local Plan:** A CBC Planning Officer will be attending our next meeting to explain the process for their new adopted plan to be completed by 2017 which includes areas for substantial development for which East Mersea is not appropriate as it falls short of necessary infrastructure.

**80.14 S106 for Footpath Map:** Postponed to next month with information to follow.

**81.14 Seawalls:** Repairs to two breaches is due to take place this month. No funds were received from National Recovery Funding for this work. Land management has not yet submitted an application for a counter wall at Rewalls and Environment Agency will endeavour to patch up beaches for the winter.

**82.14 Newsletter:** It was agreed that a quarterly newsletter of some kind would be a good idea for distribution to all East Mersea residents but there are several issues to overcome and these will be explored for reporting back at next month's meeting.

**83.14 Caravan Parks:** Car details and other evidence of permanent residency have been forwarded to CBC for appropriate action. The surveillance work will be carried out again during the winter months.

**84.14 Planning applications:**

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

11/09/14	254	Clerk's salary	643.26
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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014

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£ 643.26

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**87.14 Matters to be raised on the next agenda**

Caravan Parks

Rural housing

S106 monies – footpaths map

Newsletter/communications

Prepared questionnaire on village party

Meeting closed at 8.55pm