

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held on Zoom at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th March 2021.

**Present:** Cllrs: Jeff Mason (chair), Emma Green, Margaret Lawford, David Sunnucks, Chris Glover, Clerk: Sue Pullen, Borough Cllrs: Pat Moore and Roger Buston, County Cllr: Kevin Bentley and 2 members of the public

**28.21 Apologies for absence:** None

**29.21** To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th February 2021: Cllr David Sunnucks proposed, Cllr Emma Green seconded and all agreed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting and will be signed by the chairman, with the exception that Minutes Item 22.21 West Mersea Neighbourhood Plan was not discussed at the meeting but was a post-meeting note added as the result of an email from Cllr Glover dated 12th February.

**30.21 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Sunnucks for application 210411 (and 210412).

**31.21 Public Session:** The suggestion of extending a footpath was discussed but thought not to be a reasonable or viable idea. A post covid village party was discussed briefly and will be on the next agenda.

**32.21 County Cllr report:** Covid infection rate in Essex is falling dramatically but vigilance is still required and the vaccination programme is going well. The Adult Social Precept part of the County Council tax is going up but other parts are not. Primary schools are the responsibility of ECC and have successfully all reopened. A proposed meeting by a resident with County Parks will include representation of the parish council and the parking department.

**33.21 Borough Cllrs reports:** The full council met to determine the future CBC budget. Cllr Buston was welcomed to the meeting and he explained in detail what the CBC Licencing Committee is capable of achieving with regard to the long running problem of residency at the caravan parks.

**34.21 Speeding in East Road:** Training for use of speed guns will be looked into again as it may now be possible with the end of restrictions in sight. Volunteers will then be sought to take this up to operate along East Road.

**35.21 Noticeboard:** The price for the new one was agreed by all and has now been installed at the far end of East Road.

**36.21 West Mersea Neighbourhood Plan:** As above at 29.21

**37.21 Poopy Appeal:** It was agreed by all to support this very worthy cause with £200, having missed contributing last year.

**38.21 Caravan Parks:** As above in Borough Cllrs and will be discussed further next month

**39.21 Planning Applications:**

**210411 (210412 Listed Building) Proposal:** Change of use of an existing tennis court to create a car park for private use with associated replacement fencing and resurfacing. Erection of open-sided building and screen walls for use with outdoor ceremonies at East Mersea Hall, Church Lane – the parish council has no objections

**210555** Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use from agricultural building to class C3 dwelling house at The Cattle Barn, Reeves Hall, Meeting Lane – the parish council has no objections and supports this application

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 8th April 2021

**Planning Decisions:**

**201590** Amended: Change of use of part of agricultural land to domestic garden and the construction of and the construction of a domestic outbuilding (garage/workshop) on that land at Westleigh, East Road – Approve conditional

**202438 (202439 Listed Building)** Proposal: Conversion of existing Essex barn to create a single dwelling at Bromans Farm, Bromans Lane – Approve conditional

**40.21 Schedule of payments:**

11/03/21	446	Noticeboard	344.34
11/03/21	447	March salary	364.00
11/03/21	448	RBL Poppy Appeal	200.00
11/03/21	449	East Mersea Village Hall hire 2020	48.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£956.34</b>

**41.21** Matters to be raised on the next agenda:

Caravan Parks – further action

WM Neighbourhood Plan

Village Party

**The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 held on Zoom. Details for the meeting will be available from the clerk nearer the time.**