

**Minutes of the East Mersea Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.00 pm on Thursday 13th May 2021.**

**Present:**

Councillors David Sunnucks, Jeff Mason (chair), Margaret Lawford, Chris Glover, Clerk Sue Pullen, Tony Clifton representing the PCC and Village Hall and 3 members of the public

- 1. To receive apologies:** Cllr Emma Green, Borough Cllr Pat Moore,
- 2. The meeting scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020 was cancelled owing to the pandemic and therefore no minutes to confirm.**

**3. To receive the report from the Chairman**

Cllr Mason gave the Chairman's report explaining that Covid and lockdowns had put a stop to most activities and therefore meetings were conducted by Zoom which worked well for the time. No apparent change has happened with regard to residency at the caravan parks but we have continued in our pursuit to ensure licensing and planning rules are adhered to and with help from local residents the flow of traffic of certain vehicles has been monitored. Communication from CBC on the matter has been poor but it is hoped that a new set of measures to be drawn up by CBC will improve all issues concerning the caravan parks. Having written a letter to a Licensing Committee member a Forum is being set up by a Borough Councillor to include all relevant parties to engage with one another in a bid for compliance to this set of measures and for general cooperation for all concerned.

A 30mph limit along East Road has been achieved and assessment strips to gauge the possibility of a VAS being installed is ongoing, police speed checks and resident speed gun training will also be requested.

The extension of the yellow lines round a bad corner along East Road will hopefully be installed later this year.

The Country Park has been closed for some time but is now open and it would appear that improvements in Bromans Lane have helped with the congestion problems but opening and closing times are causing problems with local residents.

- 4. The report from the Parochial Church Council** was read out in full and to summarise the Benefice of the churches of West Mersea, East Mersea, Peldon and the Wigboroughs are still without an incumbent but after much campaigning four candidates will be interviewed via Zoom. Church attendance has been disrupted by various stages of lockdown but has been open for private individual prayer. Volunteers have been actively making improvements to the churchyard.
- 5. The report from Village Hall Committee** was read out in full and to summarise: as with all businesses the village hall income has suffered dramatically but the Government Business Grant scheme award of £10,000 has helped enormously.
- 6. To receive a report from Cudmore Grove Park Ranger**  
Has been circulated after the meeting

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**7. Public participation session:** Cudmore Grove signage needs attention and there had been a complaint from a resident about excessive lighting emitted from one of the caravan parks that will be looked into.

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