

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held at East Mersea Village Hall on 8th July 2021

Present: Cllrs: Jeff Mason (chair), David Sunnucks, Chris Glover, Clerk: Sue Pullen, County Cllr Kevin Bentley

81.21 Apologies for absence: Borough Cllr: Robert Davidson

82.21 To confirm and agree the minutes for the meeting held on Thursday 10th June 2021: Cllr Sunnucks proposed, Cllr Glover seconded and all agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the chairman.

83.21 Declarations of Interest: None

84.21 Public Session: None

85.21 County Councillor report: Concerns over the bend in Bromans Lane were discussed bearing in mind that more people may possibly visit Cudmore Grove this summer holiday as people are staying in this country more this year. Following the meeting of several years ago with ECC officers and other interested parties, phases one and two of the proposals were implemented and have reduced problems significantly and so phase 3 will be looked into which would address this particular bend and, in the meanwhile, marshalling will be requested at busy times to help keep the flow of traffic moving as smoothly as possible.

86.21 Borough Councillor report: None.

87.21 Footpaths: Following reports of local footpaths (Nos. 20 & 18) being overgrown we have been informed that ECC has them on its schedule for attention. In September the parish council will form a Footpaths Working Group for local people to get involved in addressing overgrown footpaths more often than ECC can manage.

88.21 Village Party was booked for Friday 9th July at Mersea Barns but as we all know events like this cannot take place at present with government Covid restrictions as they are and so it had to be cancelled. Another date will be considered in due course, possibly during the Christmas period.

89.21 August meeting: As per usual the parish council will not hold an August meeting unless an emergency deems it necessary.

90.21 Caravan Parks including the new Forum: The first meeting of the forum scheduled to take place early July again had to be cancelled owing to Covid restrictions. Further progress of the forum will be looked into.

91.21 Planning Applications:

211693 (& 211694 Listed Building + Amended description) Proposal: Conversion of barns to 3 residential units at Rewsalls Old Barn, Rewsalls Lane – the parish council has no objections

210941 Amendment of application: Proposal: Demolish existing single storey extension. Construct two storey extension for benefit of son with medical problems and carer. Rear single storey extension and internal works. New porch at 1 Baring Gould Cottages, East Road – the parish council has no comments

211789 Proposal: Retrospective application for off-sales shop, extension to Vine Cottage, change of use of vine cottage from holiday let to residential annex, change of use for the Nook from winery store to residential annex, proposed new swimming pool at Mersea Island Vineyard, Rewsalls Lane – the parish council has no objection but must stress that they should have put in proper plans as the planning system requires.

Signed _____ Thursday 9th September 2021

211805 Proposal: Two storey side extension at 1 Reeves Hall Cottage, Meeting Lane – the parish council has no objections

Planning Decisions:

210898 Proposal: Conversion of existing building to single dwelling house at land south of Colchester Oyster Fisheries Ltd., Pyefleet Quay, East Road – Approve conditional

210617 Proposal: Oak framed rear porch to existing rear extension. New single car shelter. Replace existing large double garage with a cart lodge style garage/small workshop at The Moorings, East Road – Approve conditional

78.21 Planning Decisions:

210802 Proposal: Relocation of existing assault course due to current location flooding at East Mersea Youth Camp, Rewsalls Lane – **Approve conditional**

211059 Proposal: Single storey extension to an existing Pavilion to provide storage and cloakrooms at East Mersea Hall, Church Lane – **Approve conditional**

92.21 Schedule of payments to be made:

08/07/21	457	M Farthing- grass cuts	150.00
08/07/21	458	CALC - subs	35.00
08/07/21	459	July salary	364.00
Total			£549.00

93.21 Matters to be raised on the next agenda:

Caravan Parks and Forum

Footpath Working Group

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 9th September 2021 in East Mersea Village Hall at 7.30pm.