

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held at East Mersea Village Hall on Thursday 13th January 2022

**Present:** Cllrs Jeff Mason (chair), David Sunnucks, Emma Green, Margaret Lawford, Sandra Salmonese, Clerk Sue Pullen, Borough Cllr Robert Davidson, County Cllr Kevin Bentley and 1 member of the public.

**132.22 Apologies for absence:** None

**133.22 To confirm and agree the minutes** for the meeting held on Thursday 9th December 2021: it was agreed and accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman.

**134.22 Declarations of Interest:** None

**135.22 Public Session:** None

**136.22 Borough Councillor report:** Pam Donnelly has been appointed as the new CBC Chief Executive. CBC Local Plan is with the Inspectors and is scheduled to be adopted in March this year. John Jowers will be the Colchester Mayor in 2023. West Mersea Neighbourhood Plan is ready for referendum and then inspectors.

**137.22 County Councillor report:** Although Covid numbers are increasing, occupied hospital beds and other factors are decreasing. Covid restrictions' review will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> January. Council tax will rise, not least because of the ever-growing pressure ECC is under to support adult social care, a major part of its spend, as private providers are struggling to survive, the council must do what is necessary to support them in giving care to all those that need it.

**138.22 Precept/Grant 2022/2023:** After much deliberation it was agreed by all that our precept remains the same for this coming year.

**139.22 Radar Speed Signs:** ECC Highways will assist with this project as the installation of the poles has to comply with certain regulations with regard to safety etc. A neighbouring speed watch operator will be consulted re training on the use of speed guns and invited to attend an EMPC meeting. Local volunteers will then be requested.

**140.22 Caravan Parks plus new Forum:** The scheduled meeting of the forum was cancelled again. Improved communication will be requested from the organizers of these meetings.

**141.22: Planning Decisions:**

**212857** Proposal: Agricultural Storage Unit - Roof Amendment at Rewsalls Barn, Rewsalls Lane – **Approve conditional**

**212963 (212964 Listed Building)** Proposal: Barn conversion to 1x6 bedroom dwelling at Rewsalls Old Barn, Rewsalls Lane – **Refuse**

**213055** Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed erection, extension or alteration of a building for agricultural or forestry use - storage barn at Rumbles, Shop Lane – **Prior Approval Required – (Approved)**

**142.22 Schedule of payments to be made:**

13/01/22	471	January salary	364.00
13/01/22	472	Hall hire	48.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£412.00</b>

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 10th February 2022

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

Caravan Parks and Forum

Radar Speed Signs

Jubilee Celebrations

**The next meeting will take place on Thursday 10th February 2022 in East Mersea Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 10th February 2022