

Minutes of the East Mersea Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall, East Road, East Mersea at 7.00 pm on Thursday 12th May 2022.

Present:

Councillors: Jeff Mason (chair), Margaret Lawford, Sandy Salmonese, Emma Green, Clerk Sue Pullen, Tony Clifton representing the PCC and Village Hall, County Cllr Kevin Bentley and Borough Cllr Robert Davidson and 2 members of the public

- 1. To receive apologies:** Cllr David Sunnucks, Borough Cllr Pat Moore.
- 2. To confirm the minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting on 13th May 2021:** the minutes were agreed by all and signed by the chairman
- 3. To receive the report from the Chairman**

Cllr Mason gave the Chairman's report explaining that we are now emerging from Covid and things, in general, are getting back to normal. Having achieved the 30mph limit along East Road speeding is still proving to be a problem and so we are pursuing for the installation of radar speed signs. The parish council has had numerous planning applications to consider. Caravan Parks have been relatively quiet although residency is still a problem. It is hoped that the stalling caravan forum is reinvigorated enabling possible engagement with the park managers. Thanks were expressed to all the parish councillors and congratulations to Robert Davidson for successfully winning his borough councillor election. It would be good to see many of the East Mersea residents at the June party.
- 4. Borough Councillor Report:** Following the elections Colchester Borough Council has a different constitution. The Local Plan is still waiting to be adopted. Cllr Davidson has had a successful, longer than usual, period as Mayor and has now stepped down.
- 5. County Councillor Report:** Essex has welcomed many Ukrainian families into their homes following a suitability process for everyone. West Mersea has about 20 families with a co-ordinator ensuring they are meeting one another and all being looked after. Many have already found employment. English lessons are being sought for those who would like them.
- 6. The report from the Parochial Church Council** was given explaining that attendance is almost back to normal following Covid difficulties. A new incumbent has been appointed, The Rev. Judith Bevan. Repair work is now being considered for roof tiling, guttering adjustments, buttress repairs, path maintenance and a new audio system.
- 7. The report from Village Hall Committee** was given explaining that income is still down but improving slowly. With expenditure on upgrading the car park, improvement of the frontage and decorating the exterior the accounts show a loss.
- 8. No report was given from Cudmore Grove Park Ranger** – new contact details will be looked into.
- 9. Public Session-** Verges and overhanging growth on the lanes, in particular Shop Lane, are a problem and will be reported for action. Also, many of the 30mph repeater signs need repairing and will be reported.

Signed _____ Date: _____ 2023