

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held at East Mersea Village Hall on Thursday 14th April 2022

**Present:** Cllrs Jeff Mason (chair), Emma Green, Sandra Salmonese, Margaret Lawford Clerk Sue Pullen, Borough Cllr Robert Davidson and one member of the public

**165.22 Apologies for absence:** Cllr David Sunnucks, Borough Cllr Pat Moore

**166.22 To confirm and agree the minutes** for the meeting held on Thursday 10th March 2022: it was agreed by all and accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman.

**167.22 Declarations of Interest:** None

**168.22 Public Session:** Coopers Beach has a new manager

**169.22 Borough Councillor report:** The new CBC Executive, Pam Donnelly, is now in office. From 15th April Colchester High Street is closed to cars except Blue Badge vehicles, taxis and buses. M & S is moving to Tollgate. CBC are organising a weekly lorry to Ukraine carrying supplies.

**170.22 Radar Speed Signs and Speed gun training:** Unfortunately, we have no further update with regard to the speed signs but are pursuing this with intent. Training for speed gun use is being looked into.

**171.22 Jubilee Celebrations:** Joining forces with and at Mersea Barns plans are going well with stalls and children's activities in the afternoon of Saturday 4th June followed by a party for East Mersea residents. Leaflets have been designed and will be distributed to all properties in East Mersea at the beginning of May and then a week before the event. Bunting etc. will be investigated. A commemorative oak tree has been ordered from CBC which will be planted in the grounds of Mersea Barns and an appropriate plaque will be sought.

**172.22 Clerk's salary increase:** Following no salary increase for two years it was agreed by all for 5% commencing at April 2022.

**173.22 Caravan Parks including Forum:** The Forum meeting was attended by only one caravan park manager and unfortunately, not by a parish council representative owing to Covid, the next one is scheduled to take place at West Mersea. As yet, no minutes have been distributed for the last meeting.

#### **174.22 Planning Applications:**

**220621** Proposal: Side extension at Colne Cottage North, Bromans Lane – the parish council has no objections

#### **Planning decisions:**

**211980** Proposal: Change of use from agricultural to equestrian and construction of menage at Reeves Barn, Meeting Lane – **Approve conditional**

#### **175.22 Schedule of payments to be made:**

14/04/22	475	April salary	364.00
14/04/22	476	Exp. Office, petrol, etc.	200.00
14/04/22	477	EALC & NALC subs	98.86
<b>Total</b>			<b>£662.86</b>

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 12th May 2022

**176.22** Matters to be raised on the next agenda:  
Caravan Parks and Forum  
Radar Speed Signs and training for speed gun use  
Jubilee Celebrations

**The next meeting will take place on Thursday 12th May 2022 in East Mersea Village Hall and will commence at 7.00pm. with the Annual Parish Assembly**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 12th May 2022