

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held at East Mersea Village Hall on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Present:** Cllrs Jeff Mason (chair), Emma Green, Sandy Salmonese, Clerk Sue Pullen, City Cllr Robert Davidson

**1.23 Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Margaret Lawford and David Sunnucks, County Cllr Kevin Bentley

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

**3.23 Declarations of Interest:** None

**4.23 Public Participation Session:** None

**5.23 City Councillor Report:** Colchester City Council is investigating various options to address its financial shortfall.

**6.23 Local Government Association's new Model Councillor Code of Conduct:** it was agreed by all to adopt this Code of Conduct.

**7.23 Precept/Grant 2023/24:** it was agreed by all to keep the parish council precept the same as the previous year.

**8.23 Clerk's salary increase:** It was agreed by all for the clerk's salary to be increased in line with NALC National Salary Awards backdated to April 2022.

**9.23 Radar Speed Signs:** Further progress has been made towards obtaining the relevant licence and liaising with suppliers.

**10.23 Seawall:** The Environment Agency is planning repair work on parts of the seawall in due course.

**11.23 Jubilee Tree:** was successfully planted with commemorative plaque at Mersea Barns with an opening occasion followed by mulled wine and minced pies all courtesy of Mersea Barns.

**12.23 Caravan Parks:** Nothing to report.

**13.23 Planning Applications:**

**222831** Proposal: Partial demolition of garage/storage area for annex accommodation at Fen Farm, Moore Lane

**222958** Proposal: Construction of an outbuilding with garaging on ground floor and an annexe and home office upstairs at Sea View, Meeting Lane

**223014** Proposal: Single storey rear extension and replacement of the first floor fenestration on the southern elevation at Reeves Hall, Meeting Lane

**223015** Listed Building application as above

**223110** Proposal: Single storey rear extension at 2 Reeves Hall Cottages, Meeting Lane

**Planning Decisions:**

**222552** Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed change of use at Bromans Farm, Bromans Lane – Prior Approval Required  
(Approved)

**221267** Proposal: Change of use of Field 3 to recreation and leisure. Fields 3 and 4 to be used for glamping at Mersea Barns, East Road – **Approve conditional**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 9th February 2023

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

12/01/23	496	Dec salary	382.20
12/01/23	497	Poppy Appeal	120.00
12/01/23	498	SLCC subscription	77.44
12/01/23	499	Grass cuts	125.00
12/01/23	500	Jan salary	382.20
12/01/23	501	Jubilee tree plaque	50.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£1,136.84</b>

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

Caravan Parks

Proposed wind turbine project update

Radar Speed Signs update

**The next meeting will take place on Thursday 9th February 2023 in East Mersea Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 9th February 2023