

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held at East Mersea Village Hall on Thursday 11th May 2023

Present: Cllrs Jeff Mason (chair), David Sunnucks, Margaret Lawford, County Cllr Kevin Bentley, City Cllr: Robert Davidson, Clerk Sue Pullen

52.23 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Emma Green, Sandy Salmonese

53.23 To elect Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer: It was agreed by all for Cllr Mason to continue as chairman and for the clerk to continue as RFO, Declaration of Acceptance of Office form was signed by the chairman

54.23 To confirm and agree the minutes for the meeting held on Thursday 13th April 2023: it was agreed by all and accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman.

55.23 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Sunnucks for item 6.

56.23 Public Participation Session: None

57.23 County Councillor Report: Essex has welcomed many refugees from Syria, Afghanistan, Ukraine and Sudan during this last year. With the weather improving road repairs should be getting underway. The brown visitor signs installed at unsuitable places will be reinstated soon. The long-awaited road repair near The Strood will be investigated, as will the suggestion of a mini roundabout at The Strood junction

58.23 City Councillor Report: Contributed to the speed sign project

59.23 Audit Return 2022/23: The financial report and external audit returns (AGAR Part 2), including associated compliances for 2022/23 were agreed by all and signed by the chairman and clerk. Higher interest rate savings accounts and on-line banking will be investigated.

60.23 The King's Coronation Party: Held at Mersea Barns on Sunday 7th May went well with many attendees who appeared to thoroughly enjoy the food, drink, music and general atmosphere. The weather was kind to us and we are very grateful to Mersea Barns for hosting this occasion so well for us again. Payment and tips were discussed and agreed for the different services.

61.23 Speed Signs: ECC has now issued the licence giving the parish council permission to get these installed, negotiations are taking place with contractors and the order will be placed very soon.

62.23 Caravan Parks: Further contact will be made with CCC Environmental Protection Team and the manager of Away Resorts to address concerns about a forthcoming summer weekend event

63.23 Schedule of payments to be made:

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| 11/05/23 | 508 | Jazz Duo for party + bunting | 588.00 |
| 11/05/23 | 509 | Office expenses | 100.00 |
| 11/05/23 | 510 | May salary | 412.53 |
| 11/05/23 | 511 | RBL Poppy Appeal | 120.00 |
| 11/05/23 | 512 | Tip for Jazz Duo | 100.00 |
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| Total | | | £1,220.53 |

Signed _____ Thursday 8th June 2023

64.23 Matters to be raised on the next agenda:

Caravan Parks

Speed Signs update

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 8th June 2023 in East Mersea Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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