

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held at East Mersea Village Hall on Thursday 14th September 2023

Present: Cllrs Jeff Mason (chair), Emma Green, Margaret Lawford, Sandy Salmonese, Clerk Sue Pullen, City Cllr Robert Davidson, and three members of the public

88.23 Apologies for absence: Cllr David Sunnucks

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

90.23 Declarations of Interest: None

91.23 Public Participation Session: Certain overgrown footpaths were mentioned again and a suitable local handyman will be approached to carry out some cutting back. Following concerns from Bromans Lane residents the automatic locking gate for Cudmore Grove will be chased up. EMPC Standing Orders were requested and will be sent and put on the website. Parking at the end of East Road next to Ivy Lane and unsociable behaviour was reported and is being looked into. Some pot holes have been repaired, other places need attention and the closure of East Road, all be it for a brief period, was considered unacceptable as prior notice was not given.

92.23 County Councillor Report: None received.

93.23 City Councillor Report: Following concerns about jet skiers travelling too fast and coming in too near to the waters' edge and beaches it was suggested that we engage with WMTC as they are holding meetings to discuss coastline problems with the Water Bailiff. We will also make contact with Brightlingsea Harbour Commissioner to hear their views on the matter.

94.23 Speed Signs: The new signs have now been installed and any adjustments needed will follow. It is now hoped that these signs will help to remind drivers that the limit is 30 mph and people walk, horse ride and cycle along this road. We are now taking names of any residents who would like to join a team of volunteers to carry out speed gun training and subsequent use of a speed gun in East Mersea.

95.23 Update on bank accounts: The PC mandate is now up to date and includes all members, online banking is being sorted out. Bonds or a Trust Fund are still being investigated for investment.

96.23 Caravan Parks: Noisy events were discussed and it was noted that one event, that was troublesome last year, was cancelled this year.

97.23 Planning Applications:

231929 (LB 231930) Proposal: Change of use of barns from business (Class E) and storage use (Class B8) to 2 x holiday lets at Rewsalls Old Barn, Rewsalls Lane – the parish council has no objections to this application.

98.23 Schedule of payments to be made:

14/09/23	520	Aug salary	412.53
14/09/23	521	Grass cutting	125.00
14/09/23	522	Website upkeep	180.00
14/09/23	523	CALC subs	35.00
Total			£752.53

Signed _____ Thursday 12th October 2023

99.23 Matters to be raised on the next agenda:
Caravan Parks, Speed Signs, Finances

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 12th October 2023 in East Mersea Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Signed _____ Thursday 12th October 2023