

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held at East Mersea Village Hall on Thursday 9th November 2023

Present: Cllrs Jeff Mason (chair), David Sunnucks, Margaret Lawford, Sandy Salmonese, Clerk Sue Pullen, Lisa Smart, ECC Country Parks Manager and one member of the public

112.23 Apologies for absence: Cllr Emma Green

113.23 To confirm the minutes for the meeting held on Thursday 12th October 2023: it was agreed by all and accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman.

114.23 Declarations of Interest: None

115.23 Public Participation Session: Nothing reported.

116.23 County Councillor Report: None

117.23 City Councillor Report: None

118.23 Cudmore Grove: Lisa gave a comprehensive report of the park as it is now and future management plans. The locking gate appears to be working well and if, by chance, someone is locked in at night there is a code visible to enable exit.

119.23 BNG (Biodiversity Net Gain): Lisa gave a very thorough and interesting talk on what BNG means and how it is implemented. In simple terms it is a government initiative for any new development, however small or large, to supply an equal number of ecological units to those taken up with the development.

120.23 Speed Signs: One sign is operating and the other is back with the manufacturer for adjustment. Anyone wanting to join for speed gun training contact the clerk.

121.23 WMTC King Charles Invitation: We support the idea but with a wider agenda as the island has many things to offer including red squirrels.

122.23 Footpaths: Some that are overgrown are being addressed and plans for all in the future are on-going.

123.23 Seawall update: Environmental Agency informed that the owing to storms Babet and Ciaran repair work has been adapted to suit conditions.

124.23 Designated Rural Area: We will register an interest with CCC Place Strategy Manager for East Mersea to be added to the list.

125.23 Caravan Parks: A letter has been sent to CCC Chief Executive to request some positive action with regard to caravan parks' illegal residency.

125.23 Schedule of payments to be made:

09/11/23	Nov salary	412.53
Total		£412.53

No meeting in December so the next meeting will take place on Thursday 11th January 2024 in East Mersea Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Signed _____ Thursday 11th January 2024