

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held at East Mersea Village Hall on Thursday 11th January 2024

Present: Cllrs Jeff Mason (chair), David Sunnucks, Margaret Lawford, Emma Green, Sandy Salmonese, Clerk Sue Pullen, City Councillor Rober Davidson and 4 members of the public

1.24 Apologies for absence: County Cllr Kevin Bentley

2.24 To confirm the minutes for the meeting held on Thursday 9th November 2023, with an addition at 119.23 BNG which should read.... for any new development, however small or large, to supply an equal number plus 10% (some councils ask for 20%) of ecological units..... it was agreed by all and accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman.

3.24 Declarations of Interest: None

4.24 Public Participation Session: Speedwatch teams with gun use was discussed but without more volunteers from East Mersea residents, we cannot pursue this further. Following a complaint, a letter will be sent to a property owner to address a fallen tree.

5.24 County Councillor Report: None

6.24 City Councillor Report: The new garden waste bin collection scheme is now up and running.

7.24 Precept/Grant 2024/25: It was agreed for the precept/grant to remain the same for the forthcoming year.

8.24 Speed Signs: The missing sign will be fitted shortly. Anyone wanting to join for speed gun training please contact the clerk.

9.24 East Mersea Footpaths: Thanks were expressed to the resident for the work of cutting back growth where necessary and future plans were discussed to keep on top of things.

10.24 Seawall update: Continued engagement with the Environmental Agency from the parish council, residents and the County Councillor requesting that the seawall is repaired sooner rather than later has been frustrating and the work has still not been carried out and the wall continues to deteriorate. Pressure for this work to take place will continue.

11.24 Caravan Parks: As yet, we have not received a reply to the letter sent to CCC requesting some positive action with regard to caravan parks' illegal residency, this will be chased up.

12.24 Planning Decisions:

232265 Proposal: Single storey side extension and enclosed porch at Wayside Elms, East Road – **Approve conditional**

232327 Proposal: Pond with spoil to be directed around existing field at Reeves Hall, Meeting Lane – **Approve conditional**

13.24 Schedule of payments to be made:

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| Dec 2023 | Salary and backpay | 556.62 |
| Jan 2024 | Salary | 428.54 |
| Jan 2024 | Poppy Appeal | 120.00 |

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| Jan 2024 | SLCC subs | 80.06 |
| Jan 2024 | Hall hire | 160.00 |
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| Total | | £1,345.22 |

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 8th February 2024 in East Mersea Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Signed _____ *Thursday 8th February 2024*