

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

**Present:** Cllrs Jeff Mason (chair), David Sunnucks, Margaret Lawford, Emma Green, Sandy Salmonese, Clerk Sue Pullen, City Councillor Robert Davidson and 5 members of the public

**24.24 Apologies for absence:** County Cllr Kevin Bentley, City Cllr Carl Powling

**25.24 To confirm the minutes** for the meeting held on Thursday 8th February 2024, it was agreed by all and accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman. To note the March meeting was cancelled owing to absentees.

**26.24 Declarations of Interest:** None

**27.24 Public Participation Session:** There was much discussion about the rough sleeper in the bus shelter and with one of his case workers present we learnt more about the situation and that his flat is ready for his return. He will hopefully move back there next Tuesday. East Mersea residents, including businesses have been more than generous towards him with food, roof covering, bedding etc. but we will now be asking everyone to encourage him to move back to his flat by not being so giving, for his own safety he must now move on.

A resident's hedge is looking overgrown and a letter will be sent to him to address this in September when the nesting season is over. But dangerous overhang to walkers and cyclists can be tackled now with care.

**28.24 County Councillor Report:** None

**29.24 City Councillor Report:** The take-up for brown bins for garden waste has far exceeded the numbers the council had first planned for. The CCC Local Plan was explained in more detail. Sites for development submitted at the first stage are carefully sifted through by CCC for their suitability and the next draft will be in the autumn.

**30.24 East Mersea Footpaths:** More work has been carried out by our local handyman.

**31.24 CCC Local Plan:** As above in City Councillor report

**32.24 Pilot Scheme for Police Drop-in Sessions:** In theory it was agreed to be a good idea but with no suitable event to hold these in EM it maybe that residents can attend sessions at WM.

**33.24 Seawall update:** As land owners of the seawall, ECC will be chased up following our enquiry to them as to when the repairs will be taking place. It was pointed out from a resident that some properties are potentially at risk of flooding.

**34.24 Caravan Parks:** A meeting took place with CCC Chief Executive to express our concerns about residency and a follow-up report will be requested for any possible action that may be taken.

**35.34 Planning applications:**

**240368** Proposal: Single storey extension at Creek House, Bromans Lane – now **Approved conditional**

**240573** Proposal: Replace the existing main roof thatch with natural slates at North Farm Barn, East Road

**240641** Proposal: Conversion of cattle shed to two residential holiday lets at Reeves Hall, Meeting Lane

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 9th May 2024

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

Mar 2024	Salary	428.54
April 2024	Salary	428.54
April 2024	Expenses: office, petrol, paper, ink	200.00
April 2024	EALC & NALC subs	106.00
April 2024	Footpath clearance	60.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,223.08</b>

**The next meeting will take place on Thursday 9th May 2024 in East Mersea Village Hall which will begin with the Annual Parish Assembly at 7.00pm**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 9th May 2024