

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held at East Mersea Village Hall on Thursday 9th May 2024

**Present:** Cllrs Jeff Mason (chair), David Sunnucks, Margaret Lawford, Emma Green, Sandy Salmonese, Clerk Sue Pullen, City Cllrs Robert Davidson, Carl Powling, Martin Parsons and 4 members of the public

**36.24 Apologies for absence:** County Cllr Kevin Bentley

**37.24 To Elect Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer:** Cllr Mason was duly elected as chairman and the clerk for RFO for this next year. The required forms were completed.

**38.24 To confirm the minutes** for the meeting held on Thursday 11th April 2024, it was agreed by all and accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman.

**37.24 Declarations of Interest:** None

**38.24 Public Participation Session:** Nothing further

**39.24 County and City Councillors Reports:** Given in Parish Assembly earlier

**40.24 Audit Return 2023/24:** 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.

**41.24 Mersea to Maldon** -suggested transport scheme – it was agreed that up-take would be very poor and therefore PC contribution would be unjustified.

**42.24 CCC Local Plan:** Inaccuracies in the document will be sent to CCC and Net Zero Carbon is thought to be a box-ticking exercise at the moment

**43.24 Bus shelter update:** Given in the Parish Assembly earlier

**44.24 Seawall update:** Covered in the Parish Assembly.

**45.24 Caravan Parks:** A meeting took place with CCC Chief Executive to express our concerns about residency and a follow-up report/letter has been sent which we consider to be very unsatisfactory. The matter will be followed up further.

**46.34 Planning applications:**

**240839** Proposal: Two semi-detached 2 bedroom houses with some matters reserved at land adj. to Hillside Cottages, Meeting Lane

**Planning Decisions:**

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

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

May 2024	Salary	428.54
May 2024	JAD Contracts – bus shelter clearance	240.00
May 2024	Business Services - Insurance	473.71
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,142.25</b>

**The next meeting will take place on Thursday 13th June 2024 in East Mersea Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 13th June 2024