

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held at East Mersea Village Hall on Thursday 10th April 2025

Present: Cllrs Jeff Mason (chair), Sandy Salmonese, David Sunnucks, Emma Green, Clerk Sue Pullen, City Cllrs Robert Davidson, Martin Parsons, 1 member of the public

33.25 Apologies for absence: Cllr Margaret Lawford, County Cllr Kevin Bentley

34.25 The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th March 2025, were agreed and accepted by all as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman.

35.25 Declarations of Interest: None

36.25 Public Participation Session: None

37.25 City Cllrs Report: Extra CCC meetings have taken place to try to resolve certain issues with regard to the Draft Local Plan. Infrastructure audit has not been done. This is scheduled to be approved by July 2026.

Essex local council reform plans must be submitted to government by September.

38.25 CCC Draft Local Plan and LGR/Devolution: as above.

39.25 Affordable/Low-Cost Housing: The deadline for completed survey returns has passed and we are now waiting to hear from RCCE with the analysed results which will establish if there is any need for local low-cost housing in East Mersea.

40.25 Village Party: All East Mersea residents are invited to this party which will take place on Sunday 4th May 6 to 8pm at Mersea Barns and will combine to celebrate VE day 80th anniversary. Beer and music are being looked into.

41.25 Seawall – We will write to ECC as owner and EA as construction experts, to say that although the repair work is very good, there are wooden footings next to the repair which have deteriorated to the extent that unless replaced, will cause the sea wall to be further undermined and cost significantly more if left. In addition, there are loose concrete square blocks which should be replaced in the wall and correctly secured.

42.25 Planning Applications and Decisions:

250622 Proposal: Front and rear extensions at Blackwater, Shop Lane – lapse of previous approval

250198 Proposal: Replace existing main roof thatch with standing seam metal sheet at North Farm Barn, East Road – **Approve conditional**

43.25 Schedule of payments to be made:

April 2025	Salary	488.37
April 2025	Village Hall - hire	160.00
April 2025	EALC & NALC subs	113.87
Total		£762.24

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 8th May 2025 in East Mersea Village Hall at 7.30pm preceded by the Annual Parish Assembly at 7pm

Signed _____ Thursday 8th May 2025