

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held at East Mersea Village Hall on Thursday 13th February 2025

The Parish Council expressed great sadness at hearing of Ralph Lord's passing. He had been a parish councillor and chairman for many years. We send our condolences to Margaret and all the family.

Present: Cllrs Jeff Mason (chair), Sandy Salmonese, David Sunnucks, Clerk Sue Pullen, Rachel Fahie, RCCE Officer and 13 members of the public

13.25 Apologies for absence: City Cllrs Robert Davidson, Martin Parsons, County Cllr Kevin Bentley

14.25 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th January 2025, it was agreed and accepted by all as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman.

15.25 Declarations of Interest: None

16.25 Public Participation Session: None

17.25 City Cllr Report: None present but it was noted that in CCC's preferred options for allocating new housing sites that East Mersea received none.

18.25 Affordable/Low-Cost Housing: Rachel Fahie (Rural Community Council of Essex) gave a detailed and comprehensive presentation of the procedure to establish if there is a genuine need for a few low-cost houses in East Mersea. A question-and-answer session followed. The survey will be delivered to all properties with a pre-paid return envelope back to RCCE offices (strictly confidentially) and it is hoped that as many as possible will reply even if they do not think the matter applies to them, in which case filling in page one will be enough. RCCE then analyses the data for a summary report back to the parish council. If there appears to be a need then a suitable housing organisation will be contacted and in turn suitable sites investigated. Rachel was thanked for her attendance.

19.25 Seawall communication received – will be dealt with in due course

20.25 Planning Applications and Decisions:

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

242541 Application for Prior Notification of agricultural or forestry at Reeves Hall Farm, Meeting Lane – **Prior Approval Required (Approved).**

242556 Amendment of Plans for workers dwelling, livestock shed and associated infrastructure at land off Meeting Land

21.25 Schedule of payments to be made:

Feb 2025	Salary	488.37
Total		£488.37

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 13th March 2025 in East Mersea Village Hall at 7.30pm

Signed _____ Thursday 13th March 2025