

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held at East Mersea Village Hall on Thursday 8th May 2025.

**Present:** Cllrs Jeff Mason (chair), Sandy Salmonese, Emma Green, Clerk Sue Pullen, City Cllr Robert Davidson, and 4 members of the public

**44.25 Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Margaret Lawford, David Sunnucks County Cllr Kevin Bentley

**45.46 To Elect Charman and Responsible Financial Officer:** Cllr Mason was elected as chairman and the clerk to continue as RFO for the next year. All required forms were completed and signed.

**46.25 The minutes** of the meeting held on Thursday 10th April 2025, were agreed and accepted by all as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman.

**46.25 Declarations of Interest:** None

**47.25 Public Participation Session:** Concern was expressed about future road congestions and talk of station car park closure.

**48.25 City Cllrs Report:** The new bins for refuse will be delivered soon.

**49.25 Audit Return 2024/25:** The financial report and external audit returns (AGAR Part 2), including associated compliances and Certificate of Exemption were agreed by all and signed by the chairman and clerk.

**50.25 CCC Draft Local Plan and LGR/Devolution:** reported at the Annual Parish Assembly.

**51.25 RCCE Affordable/Low-Cost Housing:** As reported in the Annual Parish Assembly. The results of the survey are expected for the June meeting.

**52.25 Village and VE 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party:** was held last Sunday and considered to be a success. Mersea Barns did us proud again with refreshments and the music was most entertaining. It is hoped that those who attended enjoyed themselves.

**53.25 Seawall** – as reported at the Annual Parish Assembly and our email will be followed up concerning the tow boards/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, the loose concrete square blocks which should be replaced in the wall and correctly secured.

**54.25 Planning Applications and Decisions:**

**250791** Proposal: Extension and alterations to existing Water Park centre building and erection of 6 no. day huts at Mersea Boating Lake, Rewsalls Lane

**250831** Proposal: Change of use of domestic buildings to a holiday let at Green Gates, Shop Lane

**250342** Proposal: Two storey side extension and internal alterations: renewal of previous consent 220522 at East House, East Road – **Approve conditional**

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

May 2025	Salary	488.37
May 2025	Party Music	700.00
May 2025	Tip for above	100.00
May 2025	Insurance	523.83

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 12th June 2025

<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,812.20</b>
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**The next meeting will be held in the village on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

*Signed* \_\_\_\_\_ *Thursday 12th June 2025*