

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

Present: Cllrs Jeff Mason (chair), Sandy Salmonese, Emma Green, Margaret Lawford, Clerk Sue Pullen, City Cllrs Robert Davidson, Martin Parsons and 2 public members

56.25 Apologies for absence: Cllr David Sunnucks

57.25 The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2025 were agreed and accepted by all as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman. The June meeting was cancelled owing to too many councillors being unable to attend.

58.25 Declarations of Interest: None

59.25 Public Participation Session: Concern was expressed from one resident about a neighbouring property which will be sent to CCC Enforcement to investigate.

A number of questions were raised with regard to the RCCE survey and low-cost housing scheme which the parish council were unable to answer at this stage. Also, dissatisfaction was expressed with other aspects of the project which again, would be far too early in the proceedings to give conclusive opinions or answers on.

60.25 City Cllrs Report: Local Government Reorganisation consultation is on the home page of Colchester City Council website until 20th July. There is still much discussion about number of councils to join up into the unitary councils and other related matters. The Draft Local Plan consultation is scheduled to be out on 10th November 2025.

61.25 RCCE Affordable/Low-Cost Housing: The detailed report from RCCE, following the survey, has been received and will be displayed on the website in due course. It shows sufficient interest in a small development of this type of housing for local people enabling them to stay in the village where as they would otherwise not be able to and so RCCE recommend we move this on to the next stage, the parish council supports this.

62.25 Seawall – the reply from the Environment Agency, re our concerns over insufficient repair work, says they will carry out this work in late summer/early autumn and we will be asking for a further update on the timescale in August.

63.25 Planning Applications and Decisions:

250622 Proposal: Front and rear extension at Blackwater, Shop Lane – **Approve conditional**

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

251303 Agricultural Determination Consultation Proposal: Animal feed shed at Land at Reeves Hall Farm, Meeting Lane

64.25 Schedule of payments to be made:

June 2025	Grass cutting	125.00
June 2025	Salary	488.37
July 2025	Defibrillator support	162.00
July 2025	Salary	488.37
July 2025	CALC subs	35.00
Total		£1,298.74

The next meeting will be held in the village hall on Thursday 11th September 2025

Signed _____ Thursday 11th September 2025