

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held at East Mersea Village Hall on Thursday 9th October 2025.

Present: Cllrs Jeff Mason (chair), David Sunnucks, Emma Green, Margaret Lawford, Clerk Sue Pullen, City Cllr Robert Davidson and 1 member of the public

65.25 Apologies for absence: Cllr Sandy Salmonese

66.25 The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th July 2025 were agreed and accepted by all as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman. The September meeting was cancelled owing to too few councillors able to attend.

67.25 Declarations of Interest: None. At a previous meeting there had been a complaint from a member of the public for the lack of a councillor's declarations of interest at previous meetings with regard to the Affordable Housing Scheme, therefore Cllr Sunnucks made it clear, having received confirmation from all necessary authoritative bodies, that no such Declaration of Interest to date has been required. If the project does go ahead the site deemed most suitable for this development will be chosen by RCCE and CCC and **not** by the parish council.

68.25 Public Participation Session: Thanks were expressed for seawall repairs being observed and photographed for progress.

69.25 City Cllrs Report: Local Government Reorganisation, with regard to number of unitary divisions with a population of approx. 500,000 per unitary, is still being discussed, amongst other issues that need ironing out. The Draft Local Plan consultation period is scheduled to be out on 10th November 2025.

70.25 RCCE Affordable/Low-Cost Housing: To move forward with the project a leaflet will be delivered to every property explaining the situation as it is now and possible sites will be requested. Further information will be sent out via the parish council email service which can be joined by request to the clerk pullenrosesue@yahoo.com

71.25 Speed Sign – Was taken away for repairs as it was fixed on a certain speed, it is now back in place and working as it should do.

71.25 Seawall – the Environment Agency are carrying out the repair work as scheduled.

72.25 Caravan Parks – Certain noise complaints received were reported and investigated by CCC accordingly.

73.25 Planning Applications and Decisions:

251697 Proposal: Loft conversion of existing roof space above garage, new black spiral staircase and associated roof lights at East House, East Road

Planning Appeal against refusal for **250831** Proposal: Change of use of domestic buildings to a holiday let at Green Gates, Shop Lane

251303 Agricultural Determination Consultation Proposal: Animal feed shed at Land at Reeves Hall Farm, Meeting Lane – Prior Approval Required - **Approved**

74.25 Schedule of payments to be made:

Aug 2025	Grass cutting	125.00
Aug 2025	Salary	488.37
Sept 2025	RCCE Housing Needs Survey	236.82
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Oct 2025	Grass cutting	125.00
Oct 2025	Website management	180.00
Oct 2025	Salary	488.37
Oct 2025	Solagen – speed sign repairs	924.00
Oct 2025	Information Commissioner – Data Protection	52.00
Total		£3,107.93

The next meeting will be held in the village hall on Thursday 13th November 2025

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