

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held at East Mersea Village Hall on Thursday 11th December 2025.

Present: Cllrs Jeff Mason (chair), David Sunnucks, Emma Green, Margaret Lawford, Sandy Salmonese, Clerk Sue Pullen, City Cllr Martin Parsons and 1 public member.

75.25 Apologies for absence: None

76.25 The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th October 2025 were agreed and accepted by all as a true record and signed by the chairman. The November meeting was cancelled owing to too few councillors able to attend.

77.25 Declarations of Interest: Cllr David Sunnucks for planning application 252514.

78.25 Public Participation Session: Fencing in areas for nesting birds has taken place at Cudmore Grove which has left the surrounding area very ploughed up with muddy ruts which has been brought to the pc's attention. The parish council will discuss with ECC Park Ranger to enquire as to whether any work is scheduled to take place to improve the damage.

79.25 City Cllrs Report: Funding for Neighbourhood Plans has been axed. If councils turn down applications for 150 or more dwellings the government must be notified who then take control of the plans. West Mersea doctors have met with the NHS and they have a plan in place which includes major refurbishments at the site and will eventually enable more people to be registered at the surgery.

Local Government Reorganisation - unitary divisions are still being discussed amongst other matters.

CCC Draft Local Plan consultation period is now open and the parish council would like to encourage as many people as possible to send in their comments to CCC bearing in mind the additional planned housing for West Mersea. This can be done via the automated system on the CCC website or by post or email. If by post or email it is advisable to include a summary of no more than 100 words as it will otherwise be summarised by CCC and therefore possibly miss your most valuable points.

The more residents who return opinions the more likely it is that CCC will listen to the views expressed.

The consultation closing date is 14th January 2026.

80.25 CCC Draft Local Plan and Local Government Reform: as above

81.25 RCCE Affordable/Low-Cost Housing: A meeting is scheduled for parish councillors to meet at RCCE offices next week to discuss the next steps for this project.

82.25 Seawall – the Environment Agency has completed the repair work.

83.25 Caravan Parks – nothing to report

84.25 Planning Applications and Decisions:

252335 Proposal: Change of use of cattle shed to stabling of private livery horses at Northlands Farm, Meeting Lane

252474 Proposal: Application for variation of condition 2 following grant of 242556 at land off Meeting Lane

252514 Proposal: Retrospective application for boating store, changing/store room building and storage container at Mersea Boating Lake, Rewsalls Lane

Planning Appeal against refusal for **250831** Proposal: Change of use of domestic buildings to a holiday let at Green Gates, Shop Lane – **Appeal is allowed and planning permission granted.**

252214 Proposal: To vary condition 10 (foul drainage) of planning permission 242556 at Land off Meeting Lane – **Approve conditional**

85.25 Schedule of payments to be made:

Nov 2025	Poppy Appeal	100.00
Nov 2025	Salary	488.37
Nov 2025	Solagen – speed sign repairs	924.00
Dec 2025	Salary	488.37
Total		£2,000.74

The next meeting will be held in the village hall on Thursday 8th January 2026

Signed _____ *Thursday 8th January 2026*