

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held at East Mersea Village Hall on Thursday 8th January 2026.

Present: Cllrs Jeff Mason (chair), David Sunnucks, Emma Green, Sandy Salmonese, Clerk Sue Pullen, City Cllrs Martin Parsons and Robert Davidson.

1.26 Apologies for absence: Cllr Margaret Lawford

2.26 The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th December 2025 were agreed and accepted by all as a true record and signed by the chairman.

3.26 Declarations of Interest: None

4.26 Public Participation Session: None. It should be noted that the parish council's governing bodies state that '*Public behaviour at council meetings should be respectful, focused on facts rather than personal attacks, and adhere to the council's rules and the Chair's instructions. Members of the public have a legal right to attend, but not to disrupt meetings and the Chair can ask disorderly individuals to leave or, in cases of serious disturbance, close the meeting or have the meeting removed from the agenda.*

Interruptions are generally not permitted and questions must typically be submitted in writing to the clerk in advance for inclusion on the agenda.'

5.26 City Cllrs Report: CCC Budget meeting is scheduled to take place in February with no more than 5% increase for Council Tax predicted.

Local Government Reorganisation – timings and number of unitary divisions are still being discussed but ultimately the government will decide.

CCC Draft Local Plan consultation period is still open until 14th January 2026 and residents are encouraged to put forward their comments.

6.26 Precept/Grant 2026/27: Following consideration of finances to date and future spend it was agreed by all for this to remain the same as last year.

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

8.26 RCCE Affordable/Low-Cost Housing: A meeting took place at RCCE offices to discuss matters further and we were joined by a representative from English Rural. It was agreed and confirmed that English Rural will be our Registered Provider.

Documents to inform all residents have been compiled and will be distributed and displayed wherever possible. Please join the confidential East Mersea email service for any further updates on this matter, contact the clerk on pullenrosesue@yahoo.co.uk

9.26 Seawall & Cudmore Grove – the seawall repairs look good but EA may not carry out any further works of this kind. The fence work at Cudmore Grove is still on-going and so any making good will be tackled at a later date.

10.26 Caravan Parks – nothing to report

11.26 Schedule of payments to be made:

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| Jan 2026 | Salary | 488.37 |
| Jan 2026 | Batteries | 39.77 |
| Jan 2026 | SLCC subs | 87.50 |
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| Total | | £615.64 |

The next meeting will be held in the village hall on Thursday 12th February 2026

Signed _____ **Thursday 12th February 2026**