

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held at East Mersea Village Hall on Thursday 12th February 2026.

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

**12.26 Apologies for absence:** None

**13.26 The minutes** of the meeting held on Thursday 8th January 2026 were agreed and accepted by all as a true record and signed by the chairman.

**3.26 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Margaret Lawford for planning applications 260067 and 260224.

**4.26 Public Participation Session:** None.

**5.26 City Cllr Report:** CCC Local Plan meeting took place this week. The National Planning Framework Policy has been changed yet again. There will be elections this year for ECC, CCC and the parish council.

**7.26 CCC Local Plan** is still being compiled, and the current one has now expired.

**Local Government Reform:** unitary numbers are still being discussed.

**8.26 RCCE Affordable/Low-Cost Housing:** Another meeting took place at East Mersea with officers from both RCCE and Rural Housing with a drive round to follow making a note of any potential sites for a small development. **Please do come to the meeting in the village hall next week on Wednesday 18th February at 7pm where presentations will be shown followed by a question-and-answer session.** Do join the confidential East Mersea email service for any further updates on this matter, contact the clerk on [pullenrosesue@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pullenrosesue@yahoo.co.uk)

**10.26 Caravan Parks** – note below planning application no. 260224 which was discussed at the meeting. The parish council is looking into obtaining professional assistance to formulate convincing evidence to object strongly to this application. Please note the public can comment on any planning application to CCC planning department as individuals.

**11.26 Planning Applications and Decisions:**

**260067** Proposal: Advertisement consent for 1no. non-illuminated sign at Fen Farm, Moore Lane

**252335** Proposal: Change of use of cattle shed to stabling of private and livery horses at Northlands Farm, Meeting Lane – **Approve conditional**

**252474** Proposal: Application for variation of condition 2 following grant of permission at land at Meeting Lane – **Approve conditional**

**260224** Proposal: The use of land for the siting of 10no. holiday caravans, landscaping, parking and associated works at Mersea Island Holiday Park, Fen Lane

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

Feb 2026	Salary	488.37
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**The next meeting will be held in the village hall on Thursday 12th March 2026**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday 12th March 2026