

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

Present: Cllrs Jeff Mason (chair), David Sunnucks, Margaret Lawford, Clerk Sue Pullen, City Cllr Martin Parsons and two members of the public

22.26 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Emma Green, Sandy Salmonese, City Cllr Robert Davdison

23.26 The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th February 2026 were agreed and accepted by all as a true record and signed by the chairman.

24.26 Declarations of Interest: None.

25.26 Public Participation Session: The Affordable Housing Scheme was criticised and a number of points and questions were raised. The chairman answered some questions but asked for a full list to be emailed to us so that they can be forwarded to RCCE and Rural Housing for detailed replies accordingly.

26.26 City Cllr Report: The next CCC Local Plan meeting will take place on Monday. Consultation responses are still being looked through with new sites having been submitted. The government is scheduled to make an announcement by 26th March 2026 re new unitary numbers. Recycling pilot scheme will commence in June and rolled out to all by September with the new wheelie bins for all recyclable items except glass which will still be in the green boxes. Another smaller wheelie bin will be for the black bags ie. non-recyclable, garden and food waste will remain as they are now.

27.26 CCC Local Plan and Local Government Reform: as above.

28.26 RCCE Affordable/Low-Cost Housing: The public meeting was deemed a success with about 30 residents in attendance with positive feedback from many. Laura, the RCCE officer gave detailed presentations from both RCCE and Rural Housing and answered many questions. Join the confidential East Mersea email service for any further updates on this matter, contact the clerk on pullenrosesue@yahoo.co.uk

28.27 Email and website changes: It was reluctantly acknowledged that this must take place for accessibility compliance with government regulations and therefore it was agreed to engage with Aubergine to assist with this but with a number of questions to be answered as to the changes and how this will affect what we do at present.

29.26 Caravan Parks – The parish council obtained professional assistance to formulate convincing evidence to object strongly to the application no. 260224 for an additional 10 caravans at Mersea Island Holiday Park.

30.26 Planning Applications and Decisions:

260284 Proposal: Application to vary condition 2 following grant of planning permission 192595 at Greengates Farm, Shop Lane – the parish council objects on the grounds of ambiguity with the wording ‘occasional use’.

31.26 Schedule of payments to be made:

Mar 2026	Salary	488.37
Mar 2026	RCCE subs	63.60
Mar 2026	Objection Letter	960.00

The next meeting will take place on 9th April 2026

Signed _____ Thursday 9th April 2026