

Minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held at East Mersea Village Hall on Thursday 9th April 2026.

Present: Cllrs Jeff Mason (chair), Emma Green, Sandy Salmonese, Margaret Lawford, Clerk Sue Pullen, City Cllrs Martin Parsons, Robert Davidson and one member of the public

32.26 Apologies for absence: Cllr David Sunnucks

The parish council spoke of remembering David Leggett who recently passed away and his contribution to the local community was praised.

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

34.26 Declarations of Interest: None.

35.26 Public Participation Session: None.

36.26 City Cllr Report: The new CCC Local Plan is progressing with the next consultation period in the summer followed by the inspection and with the possibility of being ready for implementation by the spring next year. Meanwhile, no emergency plan is in place which has been requested.

37.26 CCC Local Plan as above Local Government Reform: Colchester will be in a unitary grouping with Braintree and Tendring but we wait for confirmation.

38.26 RCCE Affordable/Low-Cost Housing: Rural Housing are going through the process of engaging with possible site owners and Colchester City Council. We will request another meeting shortly to discuss further developments.

39.26 Email and website changes: It was agreed to accept the resolution for Aubergine's quotation to get things moving on this to comply with government regulations for accessibility compliance.

40.26 Village Party: Following discussion early July is thought to be a suitable date and Mersea Barns will be consulted.

41.26 Caravan Parks – CCC will be consulted re Mersea Island Holiday Park Music Weekend.

42.26 Planning Applications and Decisions:

260525 Agricultural Determination Consultation – to determine if prior approval is needed for a proposed erection of a storage building for agricultural use at Mersea Island Vineyard, Rewsalls Lane.

260504 Application to vary condition 2 (drawings) of planning permission 240368 at Creek House, Bromans Lane

260446 Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use from Agricultural Building to small boat storage at Reeves Hall, Meeting Lane.

The Parish Council has no objections to these applications.

43.26 Schedule of payments to be made:

April 2026	Salary	488.37
April 2026	Mersea Barns – 2025 Party	1,200.00

The next meeting will take place on 21st May 2026 which will commence at 7pm with the Annual Parish Assembly.

Signed _____ Thursday 21st May 2026