

Draft minutes of the East Mersea Parish Council meeting held at East Mersea Village Hall on Thursday 11th June 2026.

Present: Cllrs Jeff Mason (chair), Emma Green, David Sunnucks, Margaret Lawford, Alex Richardson, Clerk Sue Pullen, City Cllrs Martin Parsons and one member of the public

60.26 Apologies for absence: City Cllr Robert Davidson

61.26 The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21st May 2026, with the correction of the wording at 54.26; Cllr Richardson stated that he had opposed the creation of a new envelope centred on the village hall and that he had a number of questions and concerns about the Affordable Housing Survey and its Report, were agreed and accepted by all as a true record and signed by the chairman.

62.26 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Margaret Lawford for Appeal no.260067

63.26 Public Participation Session: None

64.26 City Cllrs Report: The new City Council leader has now been appointed after some difficulty. The new calendar for recycling is now in action. Until wheelie bins are delivered to all households all recycling items, paper, card, plastic containers, cartons and tins should all be put together in the clear bags. Glass should be in the green boxes as before and garden waste in the brown wheelie bins, with alternate weeks for just the black bag waste collection; the food containers will be emptied every week.

65.26 Audit 25/26 – With the exception of Cllr Richardson who has not been in office this last year, the AGAR report was agreed by all and signed where appropriate. Cllr Richardson queried certain matters.

66.26 CCC Local Plan including WMTC Island Plan – certain aspects need to be highlighted such as having a robust Marine Policy where there is a coastline, and consideration for the increasing risk of wildfires owing to climate change for villages with restricted one road access and exit. A map of such villages needs to be published.

67.26 RCCE Affordable/Low-Cost Housing: Rural Housing has submitted a formal request to Colchester City Council for appropriate funding for the project to move forward. We will be asking RCCE about the need for this funding having previously thought the plan was for a couple of market value houses enabling the project to be sustainable. Cllr Richardson raised certain aspects of concern which he will forward to RCCE for answers.

68.26 Historical Buildings in East Mersea – Thanks were expressed to Harry for taking the lead on this and a steering group will be formed following an email sent out asking for volunteers. Two of the parish councillors will join the group.

69.26 Email and website changes – contact has resumed with Aubergine to progress with this project to comply with government regulations.

70.26 Jet Ski Nuisance: Action is needed for implementing the rules of the Water Policy as jet skiers continue to be a nuisance. Complaints should be reported to the Marine Police either on line or by ringing the Police and asking for the Marine Police. Improved signage in the waters will be requested and Brightlingsea Parish Council will be contacted.

71.26 Caravan Parks – Nothing to report this month

72.26 Planning Applications and Decisions:

Planning Appeal Lodged (260067) Proposal: Advertisement consent for one non-illuminated sign at Fen Farm, Moore Lane

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260631 Proposal: Loft conversion and front porch at Wayside Elm, East Road –
Approve conditional

73.26 Schedule of payments to be made:

June 2026	Salary	488.37
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The next meeting will be held on 9th July 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Signed _____ Thursday 9th July 2026