

9th January 2017

**Minutes of the meeting of the Abberton and Langenhoe Parish Council held on Monday 9th January 2017 at The Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe.**

**PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

In the Chair	Steve Wormell
Councillors	Peter Hine Gordon Davis Doug Kibblewhite Simon Dougherty Chris De Courcy-Bower Alan Frost
Clerk	Clair Collett

There was 1 member of the public present.

1 **390/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Davidson, Cllr Grover & Cllr Palmer-Slatter.

2 **390/2 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

3 **390/3 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

There was nothing to say on this point.

4 **390/4 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

5 **390/5 ADDRESS BY CLLR KEVIN BENTLEY, CLLR DAVIDSON AND ZONE WARDENS (IF PRESENT)**

Tim Pickard reported that he was obtaining new street names for Meadow Way and Bracken Way. He advised of a new initiative for the beginning of March 'Great British Spring Clean'. He reported of a resident walking 4 dogs that was not picking up after them and requested that if anyone sees this to report them to him.

The clerk was asked to email Cllr Bentley to see if he will be attending the next meeting.

**ACTION:**  
Clerk

6 **390/6 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 5TH DECEMBER 2016**

It was proposed by Cllr De Courcy-Bower and seconded by Cllr Hine and agreed by those present that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2016 be accepted as a true record of the business transacted at the meeting. Cllr Wormell signed the minutes.

7 **390/7 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

(a) **Markes Wood**

Cllr Davis reported that he had spoken to Joshua Simpson and they will meet at the end of February. He reported that the Village walk was due to be cancelled due to bad weather but in the end went ahead as several people turned up, 36-38 to be precise.

The next village walk is arranged for 7th May at 2pm.

(b) **Working Party for the Play Area - Fencing**

Cllr Kibblewhite raised his concerns again about the lengthy process of resolving the play area surface and to fix or replace the puzzle in the play area. He advised that he was due to meet again with the supplier to determine how the play area will be fixed. Due to the concerns of Cllr Kibblewhite regarding the raised areas surrounding the play apparatus the clerk was asked to request CBC to come and review the play area to see if there were any health and safety issues with the current surface. The clerk reported that CBC did not see this as a Health and Safety issue. The clerk advised that she had drafted the cheque for the play area however this was not signed as the work had not been completed and work was due to start at the beginning of February. Cllr Palmer-Slatton is still to arrange the sign for the play area and speak to CBC.

ACTION:  
Cllr MPS  
Clerk

(c) School Crossing & Parking

There was no further update due to the absence of Cllr Bentley.

ACTION:  
Cllr Bentley

(d) Local Council Awards Scheme

Cllr Dougherty advised that the working party was meeting on 10th January 2017 at 7.30pm.

ACTION:  
Clerk

(e) LHP - Speed Limit Request

There was no update on this matter due to the absence of Cllr Bentley.

ACTION:  
Cllr Bentley

8 391/8 PLANNING REPORTS

There were no planning applications.

9 391/9 CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk reported that she had received an email regarding CIF Funding and put to the parish council the proposal on outside gym equipment near Markes Wood. This was welcomed by the parish council and she was asked to investigate costs and suppliers.

ACTION:  
Clerk

10 388/10 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Accounts Payable

The following payment were approved schedule No 194:

Mrs C Collett (Salary January)	£230.25
A&J Lighting Solutions (Monthly Streetlight Maintenance)	£60.90
E-ON (Monthly Electricity Charges)	£40.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>£331.41</b>

It was proposed by Cllr De Courcy-Bower and seconded by Cllr Hine and agreed that the 3 cheques listed on the schedule 194 be approved for payment and they were signed by Cllr Dougherty and Cllr Wormell.

Budget Approval

Cllr De Courcy-Bower advised that the budget had been reviewed and approved by the Finance Working Party and there was an 8.3% increase in the precept.

The approval of the budget was proposed by Cllr De Courcy-Bower and seconded by Cllr Dougherty and agreed by all present. The clerk signed the declaration of parish expenditure requirement for 2017-18.

11 391/11 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

(a) Footpaths/Tree Warden

There was nothing to report

(b) Abberton & Langenhoe Community Association

Cllr Frost reported that hall bookings were going well and that A village Christmas was well attended. The parish council requested that ALCA obtain a new battery for the clock in the small hall. Mr Slatter had advised that a Nissan car will be parked in the car park for sometime as the owner had broken their leg and could not drive home.

(c) Edward Markes Trust

There was nothing to report. Cllr De Courcy-Bower had received notification from CBC that they were unable to advertise the allotments available in the village.

(d) Church Matters

Cllr Wormell reported that the new sign outside White House was now in use and looked very good.

(e) Grass cutting/maintenance

There was nothing to report.

(f) Public Relations

The clerk advised that the next newsletter will be produced for March. The deadline for inclusion is third week in February.

(g) Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Davis reported that the next meeting will be held on 20th March.

(h) Youth Liaison

The clerk advised that the youth club were meeting this week for Games Night.

(i) Finance Working Party

There was nothing to report.

(j) Property Maintenance

Cllr Hine reported that everything was in good working order.

(l) Speed Watch

There was nothing to report.

(m) CALC

There was nothing to report.

12 389/15 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive.

The meeting closed at 8.34pm.