

3rd April 2017

**Minutes of the meeting of the Abberton and Langenhoe Parish Council held on Monday 3rd April 2017 at The Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe.**

**PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

In the Chair	Steve Wormell
Councillors	Gordon Davis Peter Hine Simon Dougherty Chris De Courcy-Bower Alan Frost Margaret Palmer-Slatter Dave Grover
Clerk	Clair Collett

There were 3 members of the public present.

1 **400/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Kibblewhite.

2 **400/2 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The chairman announced his change of address.

3 **400/3 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

There was nothing to say on this point.

4 **400/4 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

5 **400/5 ADDRESS BY CLLR KEVIN BENTLEY, CLLR DAVIDSON AND ZONE WARDENS (IF PRESENT)**

Cllr Bentley reported that the letter he had delivered to all the residents on the Bracken Way Estate had responded with the majority being a resounding 'No' to the yellow lines on the road. He advised that he was meeting with NEPP next week to discuss again the options to try and resolve the parking issues.

Cllr Hine raised that the yellow lines near the bus shelter had still not been painted. Cllr Bentley advised he will look into this again. He also raised that the road surface near the Peldon Rose was dangerous and very uneven. Cllr Bentley advise he would look into this too.

Cllr Bentley advised that he was attending a meeting to discuss the traffic issues at the Warren Lane junction on Friday.

The clerk raised if there was any further development from the LHP regarding the speed limits on Layer Road and extension of the pavement on Mersea Road. Cllr Bentley had no update on this.

Cllr Palmer-Slatter asked when the hedges/tress would be cut back on Mersea Road and thanked Cllr Bentley for arranging the new finger posts at the end of Fingringhoe Road.

She asked if anything could be done to tidy up the land that the posts are on.

Tim Pickard reported that the street name plates for Meadow Way and Bracken Way were being renewed.

He advised that he had been to court for a fly-tipping offence and the person had been charged.

He confirmed that he would be at the village hall tomorrow between 9-11am.

Carys Morgan from CBC zone warden, came to present about the new recycling strategies.

She confirmed that the refuse collection would be fortnightly from June with a limit of 3 black sacks per household.

The clerk advised that she had put a link on the parish council website to the CBC recycle page.

Carys advised that the ultimate aim was to recycle more and have less refuse to collect. It was questioned by Cllr Dougherty the weight of the garden sacks for recycling as he had been told that his garden waste was too heavy for the collectors.

**ACTION:**

Cllr Bentley

Cllr Davidson reported that if any parish councillor took a photo of any offenders parking near the school and sent to Tim Pickard they could be fined.

Cllr Davidson advised that the funding of £800 should have been paid to the parish council for the noticeboard. The clerk advised that she would check the account and arrange for notice board.

There was no further update on The Lion site.

Cllr Davidson raised that there could be potential for a car park for the school off Peldon Road within the Local plan.

He also confirmed that the clerk could obtain quotes for the bollards for the grass verge on Mersea Road.

It was also proposed by Cllr Wormell and agreed by all present that the Village sign be moved half way down the hill on the same side as it was an obstruction for farm vehicles in its current site.

ACTION:  
Clerk

#### 6 401/6 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 6TH FEBRUARY 2017

It was proposed by Cllr De Courcy-Bower and seconded by Cllr Frost and agreed by those present that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2017 be accepted as a true record of the business transacted at the meeting. Cllr Wormell signed the minutes.

#### 7 401/7 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

##### (a) Markes Wood

There was nothing to report. Cllr Wormell presented Cllr Davis with a garden voucher from the parish council as a token of thanks for all his years of dedication of time towards Markes Wood and the footpaths for the village.

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

The clerk reported that she had received a response from Sutcliffe Play to the letter sent by the parish council, which she read out. It was agreed by all present to respond to Sutcliffe Play to advise what both the £500 discount and additional equipment were promised not one or the other.

ACTION:  
Clerk

##### (c) School Crossing & Parking

This was covered in Cllr Bentley's report earlier.

##### (d) Local Council Awards Scheme

There was no update this month.

ACTION:  
Clerk

##### (e) LHP - Speed Limit Request

This was covered in Cllr Bentley's report earlier.

##### (f) The Lion

There was no update on this matter.

##### (g) Litter Pick

The litter pick will be held on 23rd April at 2.00pm. Mr & Mrs Ingram will help with refreshments. Tim will drop litter picks and bags to the hall on Friday.

##### (h) Bus Shelter - Light and Drainage

The clerk had contacted Nick Long who advised he was unable to quote for the work at this time. The clerk had asked another contractor for a quote and left a message for a contact from Ray Hill.

ACTION:  
Clerk

#### 8 401/8 PLANNING REPORTS

170604 - Abbeywood, Peldon Road CO5 7PB

170633 - 50 Fingringhoe Road, CO5 7LB

170744 - 15 Pyefleet View, CO5 7LD

The planning application had been given to the planning committee to review before the meeting.

It was agreed by all that the parish council support the above planning applications.

Cllr Davidson commented that the water tower in the village was to be demolished. He will circulate the

ACTION:

planning report as this had not been sent to the parish council by CBC.

Cllr Davidson

9 402/9 CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk reported that she had received notification from Aspen Build that the money from the 2 new houses in Edward Marke Drive would be paid on 14th April 2017.

The Clerk reported that she had received a cheque from The Five Parishes Society for plants for Abberton Green. She had sent a letter of thanks.

10 402/10 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Accounts Payable

The following payment were approved schedule No 197:

Mrs C Collett (Salary April)	£235.25
Blackwater Garden Services (Grass cutting)	£192.00
Mrs M Palmer-Slatter (plants)	£3.00
Mrs C Collett (Voucher for Cllr Davis)	£30.00
Mr J Simpson (Cutback shrubs and help in Markes Wood)	£195.00
Mrs C Collett (Postage)	£6.60
Mrs C Collett (Mileage and parking for EALC course)	£37.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>£698.95</b>

It was proposed by Cllr Hine and seconded by Cllr De Courcy-Bower and agreed that the 7 cheques listed on the schedule 196 be approved for payment and they were signed by Cllr Dougherty and Cllr Wormell.

At the time of the meeting it was not sure how much the training course or LCAS funding would be.

11 402/11 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

(a) Footpaths/Tree Warden

There was nothing to report.

(b) Abberton & Langenhoe Community Association

Cllr Palmer-Slatter reported that there will be a quiz at the village hall on 6th May at 7.30pm  
Tickets on sale now.

(c) Edward Markes Trust

Cllr De Courcy-Bower reported that a tenant had withdrawn so 2 allotments were available.  
It was suggested to advertise in the Mersea Life magazine. The clerk will investigate.

ACTION:  
Clerk

(d) Church Matters

Cllr Wormell reported there had been a christening and a memorial at the church.

(e) Grass cutting/maintenance

Cllr Palmer-Slatter advised there the next cut was due this week. She was still researching about the pots for the triangle.

ACTION:  
Cllr MPS

(f) Public Relations

The clerk advised that the next newsletter will be produced for June.

(g) Neighbourhood Watch

The next meeting will be held on 19th June 2017 at the village hall.

(h) Youth Liaison

There was nothing to report.

(i) Finance Working Party

There was nothing to report.

(j) Property Maintenance

Cllr Hine reported that all equipment was ok in the village.

(k) Speed Watch

Cllr Grover reported that 2 speed watches had taken place this month by the County Speed watch team. 12 offenders in an hour who will receive 3 points and £100 fine and then 10 offenders in the second.

(l) CALC

There was nothing to report.

12 403/15 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th May 2017 at 7.00pm for the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Parish Council in the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm.