

4th December 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Abberton and Langenhoe Parish Council held on Monday 4th December 2017 at The Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

In the Chair	Simon Dougherty
Councillors	Gordon Davis Karen Newall Peter Hine Doug Kibblewhite Alan Frost Margaret Palmer-Slatton Dave Grover
Clerk	Clair Collett

There were 3 members of the public present.

1 430/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Wormell, and Tim Pickard.

2 430/2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Dougherty announced that the lady who resided in Austons Cottage had sadly passed away.

3 430/3 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There was nothing to say on this point.

4 430/4 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations received.

5 430/5 ADDRESS BY CLLR KEVIN BENTLEY, CLLR DAVIDSON AND ZONE WARDENS (IF PRESENT)

Cllr Davidson, Cllr Bentley and Tim Pickard were not present.

Cllr Patricia Moore also came, although she was late. We chatted about the refuse collections and recycling bags at extra costs which she was going to raise with CBC.

The clerk advised that she had emailed Cllr Jessica Scott-Boutell but had not yet had a response.

6 430/6 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 6TH NOVEMBER 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Hine and seconded by Cllr Kibblewhite and agreed by those present that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th November 2017 be accepted as a true record of the business transacted at the meeting. Cllr Dougherty signed the minutes.

7 430/7 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Markes Wood

There was nothing to report.

(b) Working Party for the Play Area - Fencing

Cllr Kibblewhite reported that he was still waiting for a quote from Renzland regarding the concrete to surround the play area. Cllr Grover had given the clerk a quote received from Mr J Simpson which she had circulated accordingly/ It was agreed that Cllr Kibblewhite chase Renzland and obtain quote for comparison. This was still ongoing.

Cllr Kibblewhite and the clerk had not received any response. It was proposed that the clerk send an email to the MD, Martin Griffin, to escalate and express how disappointed the council was to the lack of response and

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lack of after sales care.

(c) School Crossing & Parking

Cllr Grover advised that he had completed the petition and hand delivered this to Cllr Bentley with a map of the proposed road markings for NEPP.

The clerk was asked to check that Cllr Bentley had everything he needed for the meeting with NEPP in March. Cllr Kibblewhite advised that the school PTA had agreed to pay half of the A Boards for the school regarding the speeding and parking. It was proposed by Cllr Kibblewhite and seconded by Cllr Frost and agreed by all present to match this amount. The cheque will be raised at the next meeting.

(d) LHP - Speed Limit Request

The clerk was asked to email Cllr Davidson and Cllr Bentley as to when the next meeting was for LHP.

(e) The Lion

There was no update on this matter.

(f) Bus Shelter - Light & Drainage

Cllr Grover reported that the light would be installed later this week or by next week.

The clerk advised that she had circulated the quotes received for the bus shelter windows. After much debate it was proposed by Cllr Palmer-Slatton and seconded by Cllr Grover and agreed by all present to accept the quote from Glazing Division - Option C. The clerk was asked to contact them and advise.

(g) Local Council Award Scheme

The clerk had received an email from Amanda Brown regarding the LCAS. It was proposed by Cllr Dougherty to discuss this further at the Finance Working Party meeting on 18th December 2017 and then revert back to full council.

(h) Clerk Salary Review

The clerk had spoken to NALC and had been advised that no review had been done as yet for the salary review but will be advised in the New Year. It was confirmed that the clerk was on SCP 19.

(i) Outdoor gym Equipment

After much discussion it was requested that the clerk obtain quotes for 2 more apparatus and a bench for the area for the council to consider in 2-3 months time.

8 431/8 PLANNING REPORTS

173039- Sparrow Hawk Cottage, Abberton CO5 7NH. This was circulated to the parish council and it was agreed by all present that the parish council support this application.

172988 - 9 Pyefleet View, Langenhoe, CO5 7LD

The clerk had had many problems with her email. It was advised that she send this again for everyone to review and comment by close of business 5th December 2017.

9 431/9 CORRESPONDENCE

New Noticeboard

The clerk had received a thank you letter from Old Heath Congregational for the noticeboard that the parish council had donated.

Commemoration of the end of WW1

The clerk had received an email regarding the 100 year anniversary and it was raised if the parish council would like to do anything. Cllr Grover advised that he would look into a Bugler player for the service next year. He will revert back.

Broadband

The clerk received an email from Mr Ciaravella, a resident in the village, regarding the broadband service in the

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village. This was circulated to the parish council for review. Cllr Dougherty stated that the parish council had considered the issues over 3 years.

Abberton & Langenhoe were not in phase 1 of the installation of superfast broadband and that nothing definite since phase 1 has Abberton & Langenhoe been on the map for installation.

It was then in phase 2.5 that it was mentioned that a rollout of those who were in a certain postcode could apply to purchase a wireless broadband and those on a separate postcode list were strongly encouraged to register their demand for superfast broadband. This was published on the website and also in the newsletter of June 2016. The decision is still being made and consultations are taking place on a regular basis. Cllr Dougherty proposed that Cllr Kibblewhite should replace former Cllr De Courcy-Bower, who is currently still listed on the Superfast Essex website as the representative for Abberton & Langenhoe as the listed broadband champion. and then revert back to the parish council so that we could regularly update the residents.

Cllr Bentley should also be able to update Cllr Kibblewhite accordingly.

Training

It was requested by Cllr Newall to attend the 'New Councillor' training days in March. This was agreed by all present that she attend.

10 432/10 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Accounts Payable

The following payment were approved schedule No 204:

Mrs C Collett (Salary December and addit hours)	£376.40
Anglia Inspection Services Ltd (Annual play area inspection)	£150.00
Mr J Simpson (strimming footpaths)	£165.00
Mrs C Collett (Coloured paper for newsletter)	£7.99
Mrs C Collett (Postage)	£6.72
Renzland Powergates (Paint yellow gates and concrete less £200)	£1,080.00
A&J Lighting Solution (Monthly streetlight maintenance)	£60.90
Total	£1,847.01

It was proposed by Cllr Kibblewhite and seconded by Cllr Grover agreed that the 7 cheques listed on the schedule 204 be approved for payment and they were signed by Cllr Dougherty and Cllr Hine.

11 432/11 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

(a) Tree Warden

There was nothing to report.

(b) Abberton & Langenhoe Community Association

Cllr Palmer-Slatter reported that the Village Christmas will be held on 15th December 2017.

The coffee mornings will start on 24th January 2018. There is also a new hall management committee.

(c) Edward Markes Trust

Cllr Frost advised that the tidy up day was well attended and very successful.

(d) Church Matters

Cllr Dougherty reported that the Carol Service will be held on 17th December at 4pm.

(e) Grass cutting/maintenance

Cllr Palmer-Slatter reported that she had planted more bulbs on Abberton Green.

(f) Public Relations

The clerk reported that all newsletters had been handed out and was waiting for the new noticeboard.

(g) Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Grover reported that 4 people attended the last meeting and the provisional dates for next year are 12th March, 18th June and 19th November. They discussed the possibility of a Facebook page.

(h) Youth Liaison

The clerk advised that a youth club Christmas Nerf party was a great success and they are due to meet again on 5th January.

(i) Finance Working Party

The Finance Working party have arranged to meet to discuss the budget on 18th December 2017 at 7.30pm.

(j) Property Maintenance

Cllr Hine asked that the play area inspection report be sent to Cllr Grover and himself for their records.

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(k) Speed Watch

There was one watch with 16 offenders. Rosemary and Keith Turrell had attended a volunteer course for speeding.

(l) CALC

The next meeting is being held on 7th December 2017 however Cllr Dougherty and Cllr Frost had sent their apologies.

Cllr Dougherty thanked everyone and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

12 433/15 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive.

The meeting closed at 9.04pm.