

6th February 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Abberton and Langenhoe Parish Council held on Monday 6th February 2017 at The Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

In the Chair Steve Wormell

Councillors Gordon Davis
 Doug Kibblewhite
 Simon Dougherty
 Chris De Courcy-Bower
 Alan Frost
 Margaret Palmer-Slatton

Clerk Clair Collett

There were 4 members of the public present.

1 393/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Davidson, Cllr Bentley, Cllr Hine & Cllr Dougherty.

2 393/2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that John Everett who had resided in the village for many years and had also been associated with ADCC for many years had passed away in January.

3 393/3 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

A resident raised the matter of the pavement along Mersea Road stopping before the end of the village and asked if there were plans to extend it. Cllr Wormell advised that this had been raised by the parish council to Cllr Bentley and will request an update on this from him.

4 393/4 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

5 393/5 ADDRESS BY CLLR KEVIN BENTLEY, CLLR DAVIDSON AND ZONE WARDENS (IF PRESENT)

Tim Pickard reported that he had obtained new street names for Meadow Way and Bracken Way. He had spoken to Cllr Davidson regarding the Grass verge on Mersea Road and it is ECC land. Cllr Bentley advised that the parish council can install bollards on this and use Section 106 funds to do so. The clerk was asked to see what funds were available.

Cllr Davidson had advised the clerk that there was no further update on The Lion site.

Cllr Bentley had sent the clerk a report which she in turn read out to the council. In this report he advised that he was putting in the application to NEPP to address the issues of parking near the school. He requested that the clerk email him with the comments made on this matter.

He also advised of the public consultation on the A120 plans. The clerk advised that this would be put on the website.

Lastly, the report advised of a new secondary school for Colchester to be based on the former Alderman Blaxill site. The project is due to completed by 2019.

ACTION:
Clerk

6 394/6 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 9TH JANUARY 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Grover and seconded by Cllr De Courcy-Bower and agreed by those present that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2017 be accepted as a true record of the business transacted at the meeting. Cllr Wormell signed the minutes.

7 394/7 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Markes Wood

Cllr Davis reported that work would commence in Markes Wood before the next meeting.

(b) Working Party for the Play Area - Fencing

Cllr Kibblewhite raised his concerns again about the lengthy process of resolving the play area issues and read out an email received from the sales director of Sutcliffe Play. It was agreed that the parish clerk respond to this email on behalf of the parish council.

The clerk advised that the installation of the fencing was due to start this week.

Cllr Palmer-Slatter is still to arrange the sign for the play are and speak to CBC.

ACTION:

Cllr MPS
Clerk

(c) School Crossing & Parking

In reference to the report from Cllr Bentley, Cllr Grover advised that when they had met with NEPP some month ago the proposal was single yellow lines everywhere, double lines on the corners/bends, white 'Give Way' lines at the junction and for the estate to be a 20mph zone. It was asked that the clerk respond to Kevin on this proposal.

ACTION:

Clerk

(d) Local Council Awards Scheme

The clerk advised that the working party had met on the 10th January and the standing orders had been reviewed and adapted by the clerk, Cllr Dougherty and Cllr Kibblewhite.

It was proposed by Cllr Wormell and seconded by Cllr Kibblewhite that these standing orders be adopted by the council. This was agreed by all present.

The clerk would advise EALC and request a review of the application.

ACTION:

Clerk

(e) LHP - Speed Limit Request

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

ACTION:

Cllr Bentley

8 394/8 PLANNING REPORTS

The clerk reported that planning application 162873 had been approved with conditions.

9 394/9 CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk advised that she had circulated an email from The Helen Rollason charity to ask if Abberton Green could be used as a refreshment stop on the cycle event being held on 7th May 2017. This was agreed by all.

ACTION:

Clerk

The clerk also raised that she had received an email from a resident regarding the issue on the parking near the school and asked if Cllr Bentley could be chased for an update. This would be included in the email being sent to Cllr Bentley on the outstanding issues.

ACTION:

Clerk

10 394/10 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Accounts Payable

The following payment were approved schedule No 195:

Mrs C Collett (Salary February)	£230.25
A&J Lighting Solutions (Monthly Streetlight Maintenance)	£60.90
Mr G Davis (Photocopying and laminating)	£4.70
Mrs C Collett (Coloured paper for newsletters)	£18.85
Total	£314.70

It was proposed by Cllr Kibblewhite and seconded by Cllr Palmer-Slatter and agreed that the 4

cheques listed on the schedule 195 be approved for payment and they were signed by Cllr De Courcy-Bower and Cllr Wormell.

11 395/11 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

(a) Footpaths/Tree Warden

There was nothing to report

(b) Abberton & Langenhoe Community Association

Cllr Palmer-Slatte reported that there was social committee meeting on 20th February at 7.30pm to discuss social events for the year.

(c) Edward Markes Trust

There was nothing to report.

(d) Church Matters

There was nothing to report.

(e) Grass cutting/maintenance

Cllr Palmer-Slatte advised that she had still not heard from Josh Simpson regarding the overgrowth on Abberton Green.

(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

There was nothing to report.

(h) Youth Liaison

There was nothing to report.

(i) Finance Working Party

There was nothing to report.

(j) Property Maintenance

Cllr Hine had advised that all seemed in good order. Cllr Grover requested that Josh Simpson be asked to cut back the overgrowth on the footpath near school. This was agreed and Cllr Grover will speak to Josh.

(k) Speed Watch

Cllr Kibblewhite reported that 2 community speed watches had taken place with 9 offenders and 5 offenders. Cllr Kibblewhite and Cllr Grover reported the responsibility for the community speed watch operation had now passed to Essex Fire Brigade. This new team had conducted a watch on Mersea Road and caught 6 speeding vehicles which in turn will be receiving fines.

ACTION:

Clerk

(l) CALC

There was nothing to report.

12 395/15 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 8.36pm.