

10th July 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Abberton and Langenhoe Parish Council held on Monday 10th July 2017 at The Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

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

There were 2 members of the public present.

1 415/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Hine, Cllr Bentley and Tim Pickard.

2 415/2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

3 415/3 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

A member of the public brought to the attention of the parish 2 incidents of speeding on Layer Road this month and asked what could be done to reduce speed in the village.

4 415/4 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declaration of interest was received from Cllr De Courcy-Bower regarding the Local Plan Consultation.

5 415/5 ADDRESS BY CLLR KEVIN BENTLEY, CLLR DAVIDSON AND ZONE WARDENS (IF PRESENT)

Cllr Davidson reported that the new recycling system was still in the early stages. He thanked those that had attended the Peldon event held on 1st July. He advised that the grasscutting was done again on Sunday and had taken approximately 3 1/2 hours. He advised that the cost to do this for the interim until another contractor was found next year would be £120 per cut. It was proposed by Cllr Palmer-Slatter and seconded by Cllr Wormell and agreed by all present to accept this quote for the interim. Cllr Wormell also thanked Cllr Davidson for helping out the parish council in this matter. Cllr Davidson advised that there are ECC Ranger Services available for cutting grass verges and hedges belonging to ECC.

6 415/6 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 5TH JUNE 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Dougherty and seconded by Cllr Kibblewhite and agreed by those present that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th June 2017 be accepted as a true record of the business transacted at the meeting. Cllr Wormell signed the minutes.

7 415/7 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 had not had time to meet with Renzland Powergates but will arrange to meet them on site in the next few weeks. He advised that he will raise that the gates, the concrete surrounding the play area had not been completed. He will advise of the outcome of this meeting.

The clerk advised that Cllr Grover had kindly put up the new play area signs.

Cllr Wormell raised that the play area had been damaged last week. The bubble window had been broken.

Cllr Grover had tidied and taped over the area to prevent anyone hurting themselves.
Cllr Wormell asked Cllr Kibblewhite to speak to Sutcliffe Play to ask for a replacement as it was clear that the apparatus was not fit for purpose as it had been broken so easily. Cllr Kibblewhite agreed that he would contact them.

(c) School Crossing & Parking

There was no further update on this matter.

(d) Review of Policies

The following policies were due to their annual review by the parish council. Each member had been asked to review them from the website.

Media Policy, Freedom of Information Policy, Complaints Procedure, Financial Regulations, Training Policy.
Cllr Dougherty proposed that the policies were in good order and up to date, this was seconded by Cllr Kibblewhite and agreed by all present that the policies were in place and will be reviewed again in another year. It was requested that the bus shelter windows be added to the Action plan for this year.

ACTION:
Clerk

(e) LHP - Speed Limit Request

There was no update on this matter.

(f) The Lion

The clerk raised that she had received an email from the developer who currently owns The Lion to clarify the current situation regarding the site. He advised of the diary where they had contacted Mr & Mrs Jennings regarding their interest in taking over the shop, unfortunately Mr & Mrs Jennings had not responded to the phone messages that were last left with them and did insist that if they were truly interested to get in contact as Barkley Projects had tried to meet and call them many times but to no avail. The Lion Site is now being marketed again to the general public to use as a medical centre, community shop.

Cllr Davidson was asked to chase up on the Rental assessment.

ACTION:
Cllr Davidson

(g) Bus Shelter - Light & Drainage

Cllr De Courcy-Bower advised that there was no update on this matter.

(h) Local Plan Consultation

Many of the councillors had attended the information session held on 3rd July. CBC had said that it had been well attended with over 40 residents coming in and asking questions.

The parish council discussed that there was an increase of houses to 55. The general view of the council and the concerns were infrastructure, no amenities. It was agreed that Cllr Dougherty draft a response to be put forward and then the parish councillors comment and add or change any wording and then approve by all via email for the clerk then to comment on the consultation on behalf of the parish council.

ACTION:
Cllr Dougherty
Clerk
All

(i) Grass Cutting Contractor/Ride on Mower

It was raised that the parish council purchase a ride-on mower and storage container to store it. After much discussion it was agreed that at this time this was not a viable option due to the expense of the mower and running costs.

8 416/8 PLANNING REPORTS

171489 - 2 Sawkins Close, Langenhoe CO5 7LU

171536 - 2 Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe CO5 7LP

These planning applications had been circulated to the parish council previous to the meeting. It was agreed that the parish council had no objections to these applications.

9 416/9 CORRESPONDENCE

Garden Bags from CBC

The clerk had received a letter to confirm that garden recycling bags are now free of charge from CBC as of 20th June 2017.

Email re proposed new base station mast

The clerk had received an email regarding the above and the site proposal was on the grass verge on Mersea

ACTION:
Clerk

Road right next door to 1 Fingringhoe Road. This was circulated to the parish council for comment and the majority view was to object to this proposal. The chairman requested the clerk respond to the email, which she did to highlight the views of the parish council.

10 417/10 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Accounts Payable

The following payment were approved schedule No 200:

Mrs C Collett (Salary July)	£282.30
Mrs C Collett (Salary August)	£235.25
Mr G Davis (Strimming near play area)	£40.00
Mr J Simpson (Strimming footpaths in the village)	£440.00
E-ON (Electricity Charges)	£44.04
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North Essex Signs (Play Area signs)	£126.41
A&J Lighting Solution (Monthly streetlight maintenance)	£60.90
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Total	£1,332.42

It was proposed by Cllr Palmer-Slatter and seconded by Cllr Grover and agreed that the 9 cheques listed on the schedule 200 be approved for payment and they were signed by Cllr Dougherty and Cllr Wormell.

11 417/11 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

(a) Tree Warden

There was nothing to report.

(b) Abberton & Langenhoe Community Association

It was reported that the 5 parishes show was being held on 6th August and that Peldon Village Hall will be opening soon.

(c) Edward Markes Trust

Cllr De Courcy-Bower reported that all allotments had now been taken.

(d) Church Matters

Cllr Wormell reported there was a wedding booked for 22nd July 2017.

(e) Grass cutting/maintenance

There was nothing further to report.

(f) Public Relations

The clerk advised that the next newsletter will be produced for September and that the cut off for this was the 19th August.

(g) Neighbourhood Watch

The next meeting will be held in November.

(h) Youth Liaison

The clerk advised that the Summer BBQ for the youth club was very attended with over 30 families in attendance.

(i) Finance Working Party

There was nothing to report.

(j) Property Maintenance

Cllr Palmer-Slatter requested that Paul Blyth be contacted to see if he could paint the white lines on the basketball pitch again. She also raised that crack were forming in the play area surface again. Cllr Kibblewhite will raise this with Sutcliffe play.

ACTION:

Clerk
Cllr K

(k) Speed Watch

There had been 1 speed watch catching 12 offenders with a top speed of 54mph.

(l) CALC

There was nothing to report.

12 418/15 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 7th September 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive.

The meeting closed at 9.37pm.