

5th June 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Abberton and Langenhoe Parish Council held
on Monday 5th June 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
 Doug Kibblewhite
 Alan Frost
 Margaret Palmer-Slatton
 Dave Grover

Clerk Clair Collett

There were 2 members of the public present.

1 411/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

2 411/2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

3 411/3 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There was nothing to say on this point.

4 411/4 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

5 411/5 ADDRESS BY CLLR KEVIN BENTLEY, CLLR DAVIDSON AND ZONE WARDENS (IF PRESENT)

Tim Pickard, zone warden advised that he will be at the village hall tomorrow from 9-11am for any recycling issues.

He reported that a recycling roadshow will be held in June. A poster will be displayed on the noticeboard.

He also advised of the crucial crew event being held at Firstsite that year 6 children attend through school.

Tim also mentioned that he had been selected to attend and represent CBC at the palace of Westminster.

Cllr Bentley advised that he had sent a chaser email regarding the grass verge on Mersea Road and the ownership. He advised that a letter is ready to send to the residents on the Bracken Way Estate and this will be sent on Thursday.

It was raised to Cllr Bentley about the overgrown footpaths near Meadow Way. He will organise for this to be cut back. Cllr Grover and Kibblewhite raised that the Essex Fire had put strips down on Mersea Road and the survey results had been circulated by Cllr Grover. Cllr Bentley confirmed that ECC would have to organise a survey themselves for legal reasons and then act on the results from that survey. Cllr Hine proposed that 30mph be painted on the Mersea Road as another deterrent for speeding.

Cllr Kibblewhite proposed that white lines be painted in the middle of the road to stop over-taking.

It was requested to Cllr Bentley that another Village sign be erected on Layer Road coming into Abberton & Langenhoe. The clerk was asked to email Kevin this as a reminder.

Cllr Palmer-Slatton raised that the hedges on Mersea Road still needed cutting back and could Cllr Bentley chase this.

Cllr Davidson reported that the local plan final version would be approved at the Town Hall on 12th June and will be circulated to the clerks for distribution. The consultation will run from 16th June 2017 until 11th August.

Cllr Davidson advised that an information meeting will be held at Abberton & Langenhoe Village Hall on 3rd July between 4-8pm.

With regards to The Lion site Cllr Davidson reported that CBC have no control over the building, although the planning permission does state that demolition cannot take place until agreed that the use is for the community.

ACTION:

Clerk

Cllr Davidson

Cllr Bentley

6 412/6 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 8TH MAY 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Hine and seconded by Cllr Dougherty and agreed by those present that the minutes of the APM meeting held on 8th May 2017 be accepted as a true record of the business transacted at the meeting. Cllr Wormell signed the minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr Dougherty and seconded by Cllr Grover and agreed by those present that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th May 2017 be accepted as a true record of the business transacted at the meeting. Cllr Wormell signed the minutes.

7 412/7 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

The clerk advised that the work on the fencing had commenced today but payment would not be made until the work was complete.

The clerk advised that she had ordered the play area signs.

(c) School Crossing & Parking

This matter had been covered earlier in Cllr Bentley's address.

(d) Local Council Awards Scheme

Cllr Dougherty reported that as part of the LCAS the council must confirm by resolution at a full council meeting that it conforms to the requirement needed for Foundation Level. The clerk had drafted a document to show this. It was proposed by Cllr De Courcy-Bower and seconded by Cllr Hine and agreed unanimously by all present. The document was signed by Cllr Wormell and Cllr Dougherty.

The council had reviewed the Risk Management policies and were happy with the content.

The clerk will update the website to reflect this. Cllr Dougherty requested that the council review the policies on the website as many were to be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

Cllr Dougherty thanked all those members of the working party particularly the clerk for all her hard work.

(e) LHP - Speed Limit Request

There was no update on this matter.

(f) The Lion

This was covered earlier in Cllr Davidson's report.

(g) Litter Pick

The litter pick was successful with 8 parish councillors in attendance along with residents. The parish council thanked Derek & Ena for preparing the refreshments.

(h) Bus Shelter - Light and Drainage

Cllr De Courcy-Bower reported that the new solar panel would cost approx. £125 and new battery £215.

He would also arrange for someone to install this. This was proposed by Cllr Dougherty and seconded by Cllr Hine and agreed by all present to go ahead with this proposal.

Regarding the bus shelter drainage it was agreed to maintain the current drainage holes and monitor for the time being based on a review by the chairman and vice-chairman.

It was raised that glass be installed in the gaps of the bus shelter to provide protection. Cllr De Courcy-Bower was asked to obtain quotes.

8 412/8 PLANNING REPORTS

171114 - This planning application had not been sent to us so had not been commented on.

9 412/9 CORRESPONDENCE

D Knight - Quote

The clerk had been advised that if non concrete posts were installed the quote would remain the same.

It was proposed that Steve Wormell be approached to install the posts once the ownership had been clarified.

ACTION:

Clerk

ACTION:

Cllr DeCB

Playground Sign - NES

The proof for the play area sign had been circulated and if the word designed is omitted this would be approved. This was agreed by all present.

Outdoor Gym Equipment - HAGS

Cllr Kibblewhite asked for more time to review the amended quotes form HAGS and would advise the clerk whether to proceed with the order. This process was agreed by all present.

Noticeboard

The clerk advised that she had received a quote for the new noticeboard but did not have it at the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Wormell and seconded by Cllr Palmer-Slatter that if the quote was circulated by the clerk and everyone was happy that the noticeboard could be ordered on this basis. This was agreed by all present.

ACTION:

Clerk

ACTION:

Cllr Kibblewhite

ACTION:

Clerk

10 413/10 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Accounts Payable

The following payment were approved schedule No 199:

Mrs C Collett (Salary June)	£235.25
Mrs C Collett (Postage)	£9.00
Mrs M Palmer-Slatter (plants for triangle and war memorial)	£85.19
Blackwater Garden Services (Grass cutting)	£336.00
A&J Lighting Solution (Call out and fix 2V)	£128.22
Total	£793.66

It was proposed by Cllr De Courcy-Bower and seconded by Cllr Hine and agreed that the 5 cheques listed on the schedule 199 be approved for payment and they were signed by Cllr Dougherty and Cllr Wormell.

11 413/11 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

(a) Footpaths/Tree Warden

Cllr Davis reported that the village walk was a great success with 26 people attending and one dog. The next walk will be held on 24th September at 2pm.

Cllr Davis advised that he will submit a walk report to the parish clerk for the website.

(b) Abberton & Langenhoe Community Association

Cllr Frost reported that the village is very busy with lots of bookings. A new cleaner has also started too. Cllr Palmer-Slatter reported that the Afternoon Tea was a huge success.

(c) Edward Markes Trust

It was advised that there are 3 allotments available.

(d) Church Matters

Cllr Wormell reported that the lane to the church had been repaired.

(e) Grass cutting/maintenance

Cllr Palmer-Slatter advised there had been 2 cuts since the last meeting and that another cut was due this week. She advised that the plants had been put in at the war memorial.

(f) Public Relations

The clerk advised that the next newsletter will be produced for September and that the cut off for this was the third week in August.

It was also requested by Cllr Dougherty that a leaflet drop be made for the local plan meeting details. The clerk agreed to print off A5 leaflets and send out for distribution.

(g) Neighbourhood Watch

There was nothing to report.

(h) Youth Liaison

ACTION:

Clerk

The clerk reported that a select few of the youth club had helped serve at the Afternoon Tea held at the Village Hall.

(i) Finance Working Party

There was nothing to report.

(j) Property Maintenance

There was nothing to report due to most matters being covered earlier in the meeting.

(k) Speed Watch

Cllr Grover reported that he had circulated the survey results on 19th May.

(l) CALC

Cllr Frost reported that the guest speaker was Paul Smith. He talked about the middlewick ranges and the garden city at Marks Tey. He advised that cycle ways in Colchester were discussed about usage. He also advised that CBC were arranging to hold an event for the clerks to network.

12 410/15 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th July 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.