

6th November 2017

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

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

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

There were 5 members of the public present.

1 426/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Bentley.

2 426/2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

3 426/3 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There was nothing to say on this point.

4 426/4 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Wormell declared his interest in planning application number 172677.

5 422/5 ADDRESS BY CLLR KEVIN BENTLEY, CLLR DAVIDSON AND ZONE WARDENS (IF PRESENT)

Tim Pickard reported that he had been very busy and he had upgraded the dog fouling signs in the village and that he had issued his first fine of the new amount of £100. He advised that Gary Cole was back helping him in this zone.

He also advised that the town centre had been given a Public Space Protection Order to include cycling on the pavements, skateboarding on the pavements, aggressive begging.

It was raised by Cllr Kibblewhite about the excessive amount of black bags held at CBC, however Tim advised that these were not available to the public. He was unable to advise further. It was requested that the clerk contact Jessica Scott-Boutell to ask why this was the case. It was also noted that due to the workload of Tim that he would only be able to attend the parish council meetings every 2 months.

Cllr Davidson reported that the library consultation had now finished but no results had been published as yet. He advised that Abberton & Langenhoe had some Section 106 funds that could be used according to the new list distributed this week.

He advised that there was no update on The Lion and the manhole cover had been fixed.

The clerk had circulated an email received from Cllr Bentley in his absence regarding the issues of school parking, Cllr Kibblewhite had responded to Cllr Bentley's report on this matter and that the clerk was to send a map showing the grass verge on Mersea Road to ECC.

6 426/6 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 2ND OCTOBER 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Hine and seconded by Cllr Grover and agreed by those present that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd October 2017 be accepted as a true record of the business transacted at the meeting. Cllr Wormell signed the minutes.

ACTION:  
Clerk

7 427/7 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Markes Wood

Cllr Grover reported that they had started to clear Markes Wood.

(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.

Cllr Kibblewhite advised that the chairman, vice-chairman, Cllr Grover and himself had met with Sutcliffe play on 18th October and had still not had any response. The perspex bubble had been taken away by Sutcliffe for testing. It was agreed that due to the lack of response that the clerk send an email to the MD to explain the situation and request some communication.

ACTION:  
Clerk

(c) School Crossing & Parking

This was covered in Cllr Bentley's report.

(d) LHP - Speed Limit Request

There was no update on this matter.

(e) The Lion

There was no update on this matter.

(f) Bus Shelter - Light & Drainage

Cllr Grover had received 2 quotes to install a new system for the lighting and to replace the battery. Much discussion took place on this matter and it was proposed by Cllr Grover to install a new system but also include a sensor for this new system. This was seconded by Cllr Palmer-Slatton and agreed unanimously by all present.

Cllr Grover advised that he had been unable to find a builder who wanted to install windows in the bus shelter. Cllr Kibblewhite advised that he would contact a contractor he knew for a quote.

ACTION:  
Cllr Grover  
Cllr K

(g) Local Council Award Scheme

The clerk had emailed Amanda Brown to ask when the next review date was for LCAS. She will chase her. It was asked that the clerk put on the agenda for January about the topic of the Annual Parish Meeting and if the date to be changed to a Saturday morning.

ACTION:  
All

(h) New Councillor

It was advised by the clerk that a request for election had not been received and therefore it falls to the parish council to co-opt a parish councillor for the Abberton ward. Cllr Wormell advised that the parish council had received only interest from one resident, Karen Newall. He asked if anyone had any objection to this, which none were received. Karen was then requested to join the parish council and to sign the declaration of acceptance for this role as councillor. This was signed before the RFO who signed the document also.

(i) Clerk Salary Review

It was proposed by Cllr Dougherty to establish the agreed SCP for the clerk and then request the clerk find out if the SCP had been reviewed.

(j) Rights of Way for Abberton & Langenhoe

Cllr Wormell reported that he had attended a meeting whereby 10 people were in attendance. He advised that there was still a residual of £116,000 in funding.

He handed some leaflets for distribution about all the pathways and updates.

8 428/8 PLANNING REPORTS

172870 - Pantile Farm, CO5 7PD. After much discussion it was agreed that the [parish did not support this application as the majority would rather maintain employment status as opposed to residential housing. It was referred to LEA - Local Economic Area by the councillors.

Due his declaration on interest in the planning application Cllr Wormell left the room before it was discussed.  
172677 - Land at Glebe Lane, Abberton

It was noted that the site was outside the village envelope. Even though it was a radical and very modern development the majority of the parish council supported the application but requested the clerk to comment on the application that there are no automatic access rights as it was a private road. Cllr Davis did not support the application. Cllr Wormell was invited back in the room.

Decisions had been made on applications: 172507,172069 and 172271 to approve with conditions.

9 428/9 CORRESPONDENCE

**Quotes for Grass cutting**

Cllr Palmer-Slatter had receives 2 quotes which had been circulated to the parish council. After discussing the quotes Cllr Palmer-Slatter proposed that we ask DAP Landscapes to undertake the contract, this was seconded by Cllr Hine and agreed by all present. The clerk was asked to let him know and then Cllr Palmer-Slatter will liaise with him in the New Year as to when we will need him to start.

ACTION:

Clerk

10 428/10 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Accounts Payable

The following payment were approved schedule No 203:

Mrs C Collett (Salary November)	£235.25
Mr Richard Neal (Clean and play area basketball frame play frame)	£85.00
Mr I Procter (Repair and stain bench on triangle)	£93.96
E-ON (Electricity Charges)	£44.04
E-ON (Electricity Charges)	£42.62
The Royal British Legion (Poppy Wreath donation)	£50.00
ALCA - Donation towards coffee mornings)	£50.00
A&J Lighting Solution (Monthly streetlight maintenance)	£60.90
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<b>Total</b>	<b>£722.67</b>

It was proposed by Cllr Hine and seconded by Cllr Palmer-Slatter agreed that the 9 cheques listed on the schedule 203 be approved for payment and they were signed by Cllr Dougherty and Cllr Wormell.

11 428/11 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

(a) Tree Warden

There was nothing to report.

(b) Abberton & Langenhoe Community Association

Cllr Palmer-Slatter reported that the Macmillan coffee was a huge success raising £337. The evening of Beats Working raised approximately £440 for ALCA. There is a social meeting on 13th November 2017. At the AGM Ray Hill stood down as chairman and Alan Frost has now taken on this role. There are 2 events coming up in December and February.

(c) Edward Markes Trust

Cllr Frost advise that most bills had been paid for the allotments and that on Saturday there will be a big tidy up of the area. The hedge had been cut back and looked very tidy now.

The Clean up will start at 9.30am with refreshments after.

(d) Church Matters

Cllr Wormell reported that a sign was now up at the site of Langnehoe Church showing about the earthquake. The Remembrance service will be held on Sunday and then at the memorial at 12noon. Cllr Dougherty advised that the All Souls service at Abberton Church on Sunday was well attended.

(e) Grass cutting/maintenance

There was no further report on this as covered earlier in the meeting.

(f) Public Relations

The clerk advised that the next newsletter will be in December and the deadline was 24th November. She did ask that items were sent over sooner than later.

She mentioned that she was only able to use one of the noticeboards as the chairman was in the process of erecting the new one at the top of Peldon Road.

ACTION:

Cllr W

(g) Neighbourhood Watch

The next meeting will be held on 20th November Cllr Grover will attend.

(h) Youth Liaison

The clerk advised that a youth club Christmas party had been arranged and was a sell out.

(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 reported that the bench on the triangle looked great and noted that the new noticeboard would be great due to the condensation in the old one. He advised that the outdoor gym equipment was still very popular and being used every day. He had been asked by residents for more. It was asked to put this on next months agenda.

Cllr Wormell advised that if the weather gets worse he will ensure salt is put out in the usual places.

(k) Speed Watch

There had been no watches this month.

(l) CALC

The next meeting is being held on 4th December 2017.

12 429/15 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 4th December 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive.

The meeting closed at 9.36pm.