

2nd October 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Abberton and Langenhoe Parish Council held on Monday 2nd October 2017 at The Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

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

There were 7 members of the public present.

1 422/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Dougherty and Tim Pickard.

2 422/2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

3 422/3 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There was nothing to say on this point.

4 422/4 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

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

Cllr Bentley reported that the application had been submitted to NEPP regarding the road markings. It was a valid application and now a petition is required to support the application from the residents. Cllr Bentley will be obtaining signatures on Saturday.

He advised that Cllr Kibblewhite had sent an email to update all on the meeting with the head teacher 3 weeks ago.

Cllr Bentley advised that he will chase about the hedge being cut back on Mersea Road as this had still not been done.

Cllr Wormell raised that the village sign had still not be moved. Cllr Bentley advised that he will chase this up also.

Cllr Bentley advised that signs were proposed to be put up near the school. Cllr Kibblewhite had obtained quotes for this and design.

Cllr Davidson reported that the waste collection had settled down.

He also apologised for the grass not being cut when requested. He has spoken to the agent of The Lion and the gentleman in Layer had not been in touch and at present there was still no other interest.

He advised that the O2 pole will be installed very soon on Mersea Road.

Lastly, there is a defibrillator course at Peldon Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 9th October.

6 422/6 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 4TH SEPTEMBER 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 4th September 2017 be accepted as a true record of the business transacted at the meeting. Cllr Wormell signed the minutes.

7 423/7 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 Sutcliffe had now realised that a site meeting was needed with the Chairman and vice-chairman present along with other councillors to finally resolve the issues and after sale care.

This site meeting is arranged for 18th October and a time to be arranged. The clerk was asked to obtain the best time from Cllr Dougherty so he could attend.

Cllr Kibblewhite also reported that West Mersea were using Sutcliffe to install a new play area and are very interested in the after care received from Sutcliffe before they are due to start there.

He also advised that he was waiting for Renzland to meet regarding the fencing and cementing of the surround of the play area. He advised that Cllr Grover had kindly fixed a panel to replace the bubble window and when removed it was not as thick as stated by Sutcliffe.

On a positive note the outdoor gym equipment that has been installed is a huge success with all ages using the equipment daily. It was suggested that more apparatus be purchased.

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

This was covered in Cllr Davidson's report.

(f) Bus Shelter - Light & Drainage

Cllr Grover reported that he was waiting for a quote from EFS regarding the lighting for the bus shelter.

Cllr Wormell suggested using glass bricks instead of windows for the bus shelter. Cllr Grover will investigate and report back next month.

ACTION:

Cllr Grover

(g) Local Council Award Scheme

The clerk reported that the Local Council Award Scheme had still not been given due to an Annual Parish Meeting not being arranged as well as the Annual Council Meeting. Amanda Brown from EALC explained to the clerk that this was not a parish council meeting but a meeting for the residents/parish. The clerk has provisionally booked 12th March 2017 at 7.30pm and has requested the council propose a topic for the meeting next month or change to a Saturday morning if preferable.

ACTION:

All

(h) New Councillor

One interested party attended the meeting. Karen Newall gave the parish council a presentation as to why she would like to become a parish councillor. Cllr Wormell advised that a notice of vacancy must be published for a certain period and then a decision can be made.

8 423/8 PLANNING REPORTS

There were no planning reports.

9 423/9 CORRESPONDENCE

Ashbury Projects Ltd

Cllr Kibblewhite confirmed that the solicitors had been instructed to remove the condition off the title deeds for the 2 houses in Edward Marke Drive. The fees were quoted of £250 plus VAT and this is being settled by Ashbury so no cost to the Parish Council.

ACTION:

Cllr K

10 424/10 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Accounts Payable

The following payment were approved schedule No 202:

Mrs C Collett (Salary October)	£235.25
Mrs M Palmer-Slatter (Bulbs and plants for Abberton Green)	£34.00
Joshua's Gardens (Maintenance of footpaths)	£220.00
Mr D Grover (Memory stick, lock and fixing play area)	£128.79
E-ON (Electricity Charges)	£44.04
HAGS SMP Ltd (Installation of outdoor gym equipment)	£8,167.00
A&J Lighting Solution (Monthly streetlight maintenance)	£60.90
Total	£8,889.98

It was proposed by Cllr Hine and seconded by Cllr Kibblewhite agreed that the 7 cheques listed on the schedule 202 be approved for payment and they were signed by Cllr Hine and Cllr Wormell.

11 424/11 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

(a) Tree Warden

Cllr Davis reported that the village walk was very successful again with 21 people in attendance and 1 dog.

(b) Abberton & Langenhoe Community Association

Cllr Palmer-Slatter reported that they will be a coffee morning on 21st October 10-12 at the village hall. She advised that she is setting up a weekly coffee morning on a Tuesday morning. He asked the parish council for a donation towards the set-up for this. Cllr Wormell proposed £50 as a donation, this was seconded by Cllr Kibblewhite and agreed by all present. The clerk will issue a cheque for the next meeting. She advised that there were still tickets for the dance event on 28th October.

ACTION:

Clerk

(c) Edward Markes Trust

Cllr Frost advised that he had obtained the EMT paperwork and was still sorting through. He advised that a working party day for tidying up the allotments had been arranged for 11th November. Cllr Palmer-Slatter will arrange to give the clerk posters to display in the village. The day will start at 9.30-12 with refreshments after.

ACTION:

Cllr MPS

Clerk

(d) Church Matters

Cllr Wormell reported that the grass had been cut. The clerk raised if the parish council wanted to donate for a poppy wreath again this year. It was agreed by all present that a cheque be raised at the next meeting for £50 and Cllr Wormell will speak to Pepita regarding the wreath.

ACTION:

Clerk

Cllr W

(e) Grass cutting/maintenance

Cllr Palmer-Slatter advised that the last cut was on 20th September with another needed already. Due to time constraints and workload the current contractor was unable to fit in all the work when needed therefore Cllr Palmer-Slatter had requested quotes from 2 contractors and will advise at the next meeting. It was raised that the manhole cover be repaired very soon if possible. Cllr Davidson advised that this would be done by the end of the month.

ACTION:

Cllr Davidson

(f) Public Relations

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

(g) Neighbourhood Watch

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

(h) Youth Liaison

The clerk advised that the youth club were meeting on 13th October. It is still very well popular and very attended.

(i) Finance Working Party

There was nothing to report.

(j) Property Maintenance

Cllr Hine reported that all was in good order apart from that discussed earlier. Cllr Palmer-Slatter asked if we could chase Paul Blyth about the lines on the basketball pitch.

(k) Speed Watch

There had been no watches this month.

Cllr Grover had 4 volunteers for the speed watch and had requested a training session from the Fire Service.

Cllr Kibblewhite raised that the new signs for the speeding and parking around the school were approximately £130- £160 each plus vat depending on the style of board to be used. He proposed that the parish council and school share this cost. This was seconded by Cllr Frost and agreed by all present.

Cllr Kibblewhite will advise when invoice received.

(l) CALC

Cllr Frost reported that he and Cllr Dougherty had attended the meeting on 7th September and the guest speaker was due to be Cllr Kevin Bentley who did not attend. The Local plan was then discussed instead. Councils were asked to submit there issues surrounding infrastructure. This was done by Cllr Dougherty.

12 425/15 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 8.56pm.