

**4th September 2017**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Abberton and Langenhoe Parish Council held on Monday 4th September 2017 at The Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe.**

**PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

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

There were 5 members of the public present.

**1 419/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Davis.

**2 419/2 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was announced that Cllr De Courcy-Bower resigned. He sent an email to the clerk on 30th August 2017.

**3 419/3 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

Two residents were attending to get an update on the school parking issue.

**4 419/4 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were received.

**5 419/5 ADDRESS BY CLLR KEVIN BENTLEY, CLLR DAVIDSON AND ZONE WARDENS (IF PRESENT)**

Cllr Bentley reported that the majority of the residents had not wanted the original parking restrictions that were laid out in the letter he sent round before the summer holidays. He has now drafted new letters to distribute to the residents. He had requested that the enforcement camera make more visits to the area as well as applying for a 20mph for the whole estate leading to the school.

It was raised by 2 residents that they felt that nothing had been done for sometime, Cllr Bentley reassured them that the parish council and himself were being proactive but unfortunately these things did not happen overnight.

Cllr Kibblewhite raised if a point of contact should be made for those residents who wanted to escalate the issues.

Cllr Bentley advised that he had chased regarding the Mersea Road hedge being cut back. It was also raised about the continuous line on Mersea Road and proposed camera at the end of the village.

Cllr Grover was asked to send Cllr Bentley the statistics taken from the speed watches.

Tim, zone warden, reported that he had been handing out a lot more food recycling boxes and caddies. He advised that the new system was taking a positive step as more people were recycling. He advised that he currently had 3 prosecutions on at the moment. He also confirmed that he would be available for the Village Christmas event in December.

Cllr Davidson reported that the waste collection had settled down.

He advised that the NHS had commented that they were unable to cope with all the additional housing.

**6 419/6 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 10TH JULY 2017**

It was proposed by Cllr Grover and seconded by Cllr Frost and agreed by those present that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th July 2017 be accepted as a true record of the business

transacted at the meeting. Cllr Wormell signed the minutes.

7 420/7 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Markes Wood

Cllr Grover reported that he had trimmed back the trees near where the new gym equipment is due to be installed.

(b) Working Party for the Play Area - Fencing

Cllr Kibblewhite reported that he had not had not heard from Renzland regarding a meeting to finalise any issues. He also raised that after several emails and many man hours Sutcliffe paly had still not tried to resolve the issues regarding the play area and broken bubble window. He referred this matter to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to meet and speak to the MD of Sutcliffe play.

(c) School Crossing & Parking

There was no further update on this matter.

(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

There was no update on this matter.

Due to the resignation of Cllr De Courcy-Bower the clerk was asked to contact a contractor about the solar light. A resident advised that they may also have a contact and will let Cllr Grover know the details.

ACTION:

Clerk  
Cllr Grover

8 420/8 PLANNING REPORTS

171867 - The Post House, Abberton CO5 7NR

172069 - Olde Copse, Abberton CO5 7LE

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

9 420/9 CORRESPONDENCE

**Ashbury Projects Ltd**

The clerk reported that she had received a letter from the above about the 2 properties in Edward Mark Drive. She had referred to Cllr Kibblewhite who will appoint a solicitor to review their request.

ACTION:

Cllr K

10 420/10 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Accounts Payable

The following payment were approved schedule No 201:

Mrs C Collett (Salary September)	£235.25
Mrs C Collett (Coloured paper and highlighters)	£25.46
PKF Littlejohn (Annual Audit)	£120.00
The Noticeboard Company (Noticeboard)	£977.95
E-ON (Electricity Charges)	£44.04
R Davidson & Son (Grass cutting)	£396.00
A&J Lighting Solution (Monthly streetlight maintenance)	£60.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,859.60</b>

It was proposed by Cllr Hine and seconded by Cllr Grover and agreed that the 7 cheques listed on the schedule 201 be approved for payment and they were signed by Cllr Dougherty and Cllr Wormell.

## 11 421/11 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

### (a) Tree Warden

There was nothing to report.

### (b) Abberton & Langenhoe Community Association

Cllr Palmer-Slatter reported that the telephone box on Abberton Green was now a book swap and invited all to take a look and use. She also confirmed that the Village Christmas had been arranged for 15th December.

### (c) Edward Markes Trust

Due to Cllr De Courcy-Bower resigning as representative Cllr Frost stepped forward to undertake this role. He will liaise with Cllr Palmer-Slatter and Kathryn Hills.

ACTION:

Cllr Frost

### (d) Church Matters

Cllr Wormell reported that the grass needed cutting at the church.

### (e) Grass cutting/maintenance

Cllr Palmer-Slatter advised that we had had approximately 10 cuts and she was very pleased.

### (f) Public Relations

The clerk handed over the September 2017 newsletters for all to distribute. Cllr Frost volunteered to take on the list from Cllr De Courcy-Bower.

### (g) Neighbourhood Watch

The next meeting will be held in November.

### (h) Youth Liaison

The clerk advised that the youth club were matting this Friday.

### (i) Finance Working Party

There was nothing to report.

### (j) Property Maintenance

Cllr Hine reported that all was in good order as we are already aware of the play area damage.

### (k) Speed Watch

There had been 1 speed watch this month 21 offenders with a top speed of 60mph.

Cllr Grover advised that he was obtaining quotes for a speed camera to be purchased by the parish council.

### (l) CALC

The next meeting was due on 7th September,

## 12 421/15 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 2nd October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive.

The meeting closed at 8.56pm.