

8th January 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Abberton and Langenhoe Parish Council held on Monday 8th January 2018 at The Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

In the Chair Steve Wormell

Councillors Gordon Davis
 Karen Newall
 Peter Hine
 Alan Frost

Clerk Clair Collett

There were 4 members of the public present.

1 433/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Dougherty, Cllr Grover, Cllr Kibblewhite, Cllr Palmer-Slatter, and Tim Pickard.

2 433/2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clerk announced that Janet Goody who resided in the village had sadly passed away over the Christmas period.

3 433/3 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There was nothing to say on this point.

4 433/4 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations received.

5 433/5 ADDRESS BY CLLR KEVIN BENTLEY, CLLR DAVIDSON AND ZONE WARDENS (IF PRESENT)

Cllr Bentley reported he had received the signed petition that Cllr Grover had organised and obtained signatures for. He advised that the clerk was going to send the supporting letter required for the NEPP meeting being held on 22nd March. He advised that he was not able to attend but Cllr Davidson will attend in his absence. He advised that the speed strip for Mersea Road that had been requested by Cllr Kibblewhite initially he had applied for even though there was currently a backlog.

Cllr Bentley also reported that an application had been submitted for the slow-up signs as you enter the village from Layer Road. He did suggest that the parish council may want to consider speed gates for the village too. The parish council agreed that they were happy for an assessment to take place to see if speed gates or slow up signs would be preferable. Cllr Bentley advised that a grant could be available for whichever outcome is decided on.

Cllr Davidson advised that after reading the NEPP minutes from the last meeting they were advising that decision were going to be approved on an annual basis as opposed to a quarterly basis at present.

He also advised that footway obstruction was going to be enforced but no areas had been agreed as yet.

6 434/6 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 4TH DECEMBER 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Hine and seconded by Cllr Frost and agreed by those present that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th December 2017 be accepted as a true record of the business transacted at the meeting. Cllr Wormell signed the minutes.

7 434/7 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

It was raised that Cllr Kibblewhite had still not received a response from Renzland after several emails. It was proposed by Cllr Hine and seconded by Cllr Wormell to request that Mr J Simpson carry out the work based on the quote submitted in November. This was agreed by all present.
Nothing further had been received from Sutcliffe play following the email to the MD.

ACTION:

Clerk

(c) School Crossing & Parking

This had been covered in Cllr Bentley's report.
The clerk had not received an invoice for the A-board yet.

(d) LHP - Speed Limit Request

There was no update on this matter.

(e) The Lion

The clerk advised that the fence was being fixed as it had been blown down in the storm. Cllr Hine raised that an article in the Sunday Times for the Co-Op was seeking sites for small shops. It was proposed that this be sent to the developer, Julian, for his review.

(f) Bus Shelter - Light & Drainage

There was no update on this matter. The clerk was requested to chase Cllr Grover regarding the work on the light.

ACTION:

Clerk

(g) Local Council Award Scheme

The clerk advised that this was discussed at the Finance Working Party meeting in December and that an application could not be made until after the financial year-end.

(h) Annual Parish Meeting

Cllr Wormell proposed that the meeting be held before the parish council meeting on 5th March 2018. The clerk was asked to invite the chairperson from ALCA, NHW, zone wardens and EMT for a 5 minute presentation.
It was agreed the clerk put this in the newsletter and noticeboards and update the meeting dates on the website.

ACTION:

Clerk

(i) Outdoor gym Equipment

The clerk had received some quotes for additional gym equipment as requested. Cllr Wormell proposed that this item be put on the agenda in September to establish if the need was still there.

ACTION:

Clerk

8 435/8 PLANNING REPORTS

1732677- The decision issued for this planning application was to refuse.

173168 - Oxley House Fruit Farm, Abberton, CO5 7NR

This application had been circulated to the parish council who had reviewed and supported the proposal.

173373 - Georgian House, Langenhoe, CO5 7LQ

This application had only been received today, which the clerk circulated. It was agreed that the parish council review this and send any comments to the clerk by the end of the week for her to comment.

9 435/9 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from the Post Office

The clerk reported that the Post Office had written to confirm that since the Post office at Butterfly Lodge had been closed since September 2016 they had been unable to identify a suitable solution and therefore the branch will remain closed.

Birkett Long

The clerk advised that she had received notification that Birkett Long had closed the case as the work had been concluded regarding the removal of restriction with Ashbury Projects Ltd.

10 435/10 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Accounts Payable

The following payment were approved schedule No 205:

Mrs C Collett (Salary January 30 hours)	£282.30
Charity of Edward Marke (Ground Rent of Edward Marke)	£60.00
Mr G Davis (Lamination and photocopying posters)	£9.96
Mr G Davis (Lamination and photocopying posters)	£22.16
St Andrews Church (PCC Payment)	£100.00
Mrs C Collett (Postage)	£13.44
E-ON (Electricity Charges)	£44.04
E-ON (Electricity Charges)	£42.62
A&J Lighting Solution (Monthly streetlight maintenance)	£60.90
Total	£635.42

It was proposed by Cllr Frost and seconded by Cllr Newall agreed that the 9 cheques listed on the schedule 205 be approved for payment and they were signed by Cllr Wormell and Cllr Hine.

Cllr Wormell reported that the Annual Precept had been agreed in principal by the Finance Working party on 18th December 2018. He advised that the increase overall per household was an increase of 48 pence for the year. This was agreed by all and signed off by the clerk and chairman.

11 435/11 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

(a) Tree Warden

Cllr Davis that the New Year's day walk was well attended with 37 adults, one coming from Florence in Italy. He advised that this was the 42nd walk and he would like to invite the Colchester Gazette to attend the next one.

(b) Abberton & Langenhoe Community Association

Cllr Frost reported that the Village Christmas was very well attended and that there was an ALCA meeting on 15th January 2018.

The coffee mornings will start on 24th January 2018 and will be held every Wednesday.

There were no many hall bookings this month.

(c) Edward Markes Trust

Cllr Frost reported that there were 5 plots left. He will advertise this in Mersea Life and the newsletter.

(d) Church Matters

There was nothing to report.

(e) Grass cutting/maintenance

There was nothing to report.

(f) Public Relations

The clerk thanked Cllr Wormell for installing the new noticeboard at Peldon Road. She advised that she will order some additional magnets.

The clerk advised that the newsletter was due in February and the cut-off will be 25th January 2018 for articles.

(g) Neighbourhood Watch

The next meeting is 26th February 2018.

(h) Youth Liaison

The clerk advised that the youth club was still being well attended.
5th January.

(i) Finance Working Party

The Finance Working party met on 18th December and had agreed the Annual precept in principle.

(j) Property Maintenance

Cllr Hine reported that everything was in good order at present.

(k) Speed Watch

Cllr Grover had advised the clerk that there had been no speed watches this month.

(l) CALC

The next meeting is being held on 1st March 2018.

12 436/15 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 5th February 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm.