

9th July 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Abberton and Langenhoe Parish Council held on Monday 9th July 2018 at The Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

In the Chair	Stephen Wormell
Councillors	Karen Newall Doug Kibblewhite Peter Hine Dave Grover Margaret Palmer-Slatter Malcolm Mattack
Clerk	Clair Collett

There were 6 members of the public present.

1 459/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Dougherty, Cllr Frost and Cllr Bentley.

2 459/2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

3 459/3 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There was nothing to say on this point.

4 459/4 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were received.

5 459/5 ADDRESS BY CLLR KEVIN BENTLEY, CLLR DAVIDSON AND ZONE WARDENS (IF PRESENT)

Tim Pickard reported that he will now be attending the village hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 9-11am to coincide with the coffee morning.

He advised that new street signs had been put up in School Road. The clerk asked if any metal posts were available to re-site the village sign on Mersea Road. He will ask and advise the chairman.

Cllr Davidson reported that he had a meeting this week regarding The Lion site.

Cllr Kibblewhite said it was regrettable Cllr Bentley was absent as he and others had many issues outstanding, which had been ongoing for months and that needed his response. Cllr Davidson noted Cllr Bentley was a very man since the election in May and he would help where he could.

6 459/6 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4TH JUNE 2018

It was proposed by Cllr Grover and seconded by Cllr Kibblewhite and agreed by those present that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th June 2018 be accepted as a true record of the business transacted at the meeting. Cllr Wormell signed the minutes.

It was proposed that a garden voucher be purchase for Mr Davis for his contribution to the parish council for many years. This was agreed by all and will be presented at the next meeting.

7 459/7 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) School Parking

Cllr Grover reported that due to the volume of cars on sports day he had called NEPP who had responded saying it was not their problem! The police were unable to help either.

(b) LHP - Speed Limit Request

There was no update on this matter.

(c) The Lion

This was covered in Cllr Davidson's report.

(d) Outdoor Gym Equipment

The clerk was requested to put this on the agenda for discussion of adding more apparatus. She was asked to obtain quotes for 2 new pieces and a bench for the area for the next meeting.

ACTION:

Clerk

(e) Policies & Procedures Review

It was agreed that the policies had been reviewed and need to be updated. Cllr Mattack had reviewed the majority of them and offered to update the Standing Orders using the new recommended model for Standing Orders. The Clerk will amend the other documents based on the review of the councillors.

ACTION:

Clerk

Cllr Mattack

(f) Seats for Triangle

Cllr Hine reported that he had looked into replacing the seats and they were all very costly. He advised that he will discuss with Cllr Grover and revert back in September with another proposal.

ACTION:

Cllr Hine

Cllr Grover

8 460/8 PLANNING REPORTS

9 460/9 CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Resident regarding school parking.

The clerk reported that she had received an email from a rather angry resident regarding the school parking issues. She had forwarded this to the parish council as well as Cllr Bentley and Cllr Davidson.

She had also invited the resident to attend the parish council meeting to raise his concerns.

Cllr Newall also raised that John May, funeral director, had passed away last week.

10 460/10 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Accounts Payable

The following payment were approved schedule No 211:

Mrs C Collett (Salary June with backdated pay)	287.90
Mrs C Collett (Salary July)	245.00
E-ON (Electricity Charges June)	50.04
E-ON (Electricity Charges July)	48.44
Mrs C Collett (Postage for Accounts and stamps)	9.02
Mrs C Collett (A4 paper and filed)	22.45
Colchester Borough Council (Election Charges)	582.10
Mr G Davis (Plants for Green)	20.00
A&J Lighting Solutions (Annual Visit)	198.48
A&J Lighting Solutions (Monthly streetlight maintenance)	60.90
Total	1,524.33

It was proposed by Cllr Palmer-Slatton and seconded by Cllr Mattack and agreed that the 10 cheques listed on the schedule 211 be approved for payment and they were signed by Cllr Wormell and Cllr Hine.

11 460/11 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

(a) Footpath & Tree Warden

Cllr Mattack reported that he had chased ECC via Cllr Bentley regarding the overgrown footpaths between Peldon Road and Meadow Way and Fingringhoe Road (Langenhoe) and Abberton Road (Fingringhoe). He web portal was showing the status of both issues were 'Work in Progress' and that ECC were in the process of 'carrying out work at this location', This was evidently not the case and the paths remained untouched. Cllr Mattack confirmed he would continue to collow up the issues and try to get ECC to meet its statutory responsibility to keep PROW clear.

(b) Abberton & Langenhoe Community Association

Cllr Palmer-Slatter reported that the community fun day was a great success and had made £520. She made special thanks to Emma Ross and Xanthe Brundle for organising the day.

Cllr Palmer-Slatter also added that there were several events coming up:

Quiz - 29th September

Barn Dance - 20th October

Beats Working - 24th November

(c) Edward Markes Trust

Cllr Palmer-Slatter reported that Rosemary had sold another allotment and that a Open Day was being held on 15th September 10am-12pm with produce on sale.

(d) Church Matters

Cllr Wormell reported that the church was being locked at night and it was coming up for a busy time of the year for the church.

(e) Grass cutting/maintenance

Cllr Newall reported that the grass had not been cut since the last cut due to the dry weather. She reported that the willow needed 'lopping'. Cllr Hine offered to do this.

ACTION:
Cllr Hine

(f) Public Relations

The clerk reported that the newsletter had been distributed and the next will be in September. All articles before the end of August or publication.

Cllr Wormell reported that training was important for the parish council however we do have a budget do if training in requested it will need to be approved for good order sake.

(g) Neighbourhood Watch

There was nothing to report.

(h) Youth Liaison

The Clerk reported that the youth club picnic was another great success and very well attended.

(i) Finance Working Party

There was nothing to report.

(j) Property Maintenance

Cllr Hine reported that he had completed his monthly inspection for June & July for the play area. He reported that everything was in good order apart from weeds coming through near the play area. A quote for painting the basketball shelter was also being obtained.

(k) Speed Watch

Cllr Grover reported that 2 speed watched had taken place with 45 offenders and a top speed of 42mph. The survey carried out on Layer Road we do not believe to be conclusive due to no road strips being laid and the position it was carried out. Cllr Grover was asked to follow this up. Pat Jordon, the lollipop lady had asked for markings to be made on the road as it was extremely dangerous on her crossing and not being seen. The clerk was asked to send an email to Cllr Bentley.

ACTION:
Cllr Grover
Clerk

(l) CALC

Cllr Dougherty and Cllr Frost had advised the clerk via email that a suggestion of funding was available. It could be used towards using a contractor for carrying out maintenance jobs. The clerk had completed a pre-application and had been accepted to apply for funding.

ACTION:
Clerk

(m) Centenary Anniversary

Cllr Grover reported that he had obtained quotes for an engraved window pane as suggested by the church. He advised that he had already been approved funding for this project from Cllr Davidson and this would cover the costs. It was agreed by all present for Cllr Grover to go ahead with the order for the window.

ACTION:
Cllr Grover

(n) Broadband

Cllr Kibblewhite reported that even though County Broadband were unable to change appointments to attend the village meeting will still go ahead. He will design leaflets which will be delivered as soon as possible.

ACTION:
Clerk
Cllr K

(o) Markes Wood

There was nothing to report.

12 462/15 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 3rd September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive.

The meeting closed at 9.16pm.