

14th May 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Abberton and Langenhoe Parish Council held on Monday 14th May 2018 at The Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

In the Chair	Stephen Wormell
Councillors	Karen Newall Simon Dougherty Doug Kibblewhite Alan Frost Dave Grover Margaret Palmer-Slatton Malcolm Mattack
Clerk	Clair Collett

There were 3 members of the public present.

1 451/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

2 451/2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

3 451/3 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Mr Gordon Davis raised that several cigarette butts were at the bus shelter and asked for a no-smoking sign to be put up in the shelter. Cllr Frost will arrange this.

4 451/4 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were received.

5 451/5 ADDRESS BY CLLR KEVIN BENTLEY, CLLR DAVIDSON AND ZONE WARDENS (IF PRESENT)

Cllr Bentley advised that there will be an ECC full council meeting this week.

He advised that he had been thinking of devolving certain duties to the parish council by providing funding and then for the parish council's to arrange their own contractors. The council were asked to think about this proposal as he believed it may speed things up being completed.

He reported that he was extremely angry from the correspondence received by Cllr Mattack from NEPP when they advised that they had not been told of the parking issues or speeding in Bracken Way. He will speak to them and resolve this and the lack of communication.

Cllr Bentley acknowledged that he had received the emails from Cllr Kibblewhite regarding the water issues at Pyefleet View junction with Fingringhoe Road and Corner Bungalow in Layer Road and he will investigate this matter.

Lastly Cllr Bentley raised that broadband was still a major issue and that due to County Broadband advising that they can provide the service given in the original spec, that government funding would not be given. The proposal by Cllr Bentley was to invite County Broadband, Superfast Essex and himself to attend a parish council meeting to discuss the issues. The clerk was asked to contact County Broadband and then Kevin accordingly.

Cllr Bentley requested Cllr Kibblewhite to send him an email with the questions, including the one which asks why we are still being shown as 2 villages and not one.

6 451/6 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 16TH APRIL 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 16th April 2018 be accepted as a true record of the business transacted at the meeting. Cllr Wormell signed the minutes.

ACTION:
Clerk
Cllr Bentley
Cllr K

Cllr Mattack asked to not be included in this agreement as he was not a member of the PC at this time.

7 451/7 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Markes Wood

There was nothing to report. It was agreed to move this to representative reports.

(b) Working Party for the Play Area

Cllr Kibblewhite reported that all the concrete surround had been done and he was awaiting a site visit in order to receive a quotation for the painting the basketball seating area.

It was agreed to take this item off the agenda now.

(c) School Crossing & Parking

This was covered in Cllr Bentley's report.

It was asked that the clerk send an email to NEPP to highlight the lack of communication at NEPP.

(d) LHP - Speed Limit Request

There was no update this matter.

(e) The Lion

Cllr Dougherty reported that a planning application was received the day following the last meeting.

He advised that the planning application had been held at CBC for nearly 3 weeks before circulating and did not allow sufficient time for residents to comment.

It had been agreed that a leaflet drop to the village advising everyone of the planning and how to comment if they so wish. Cllr Dougherty reported that over 80 people had commented on the application with the majority of objecting to the plans at the time of the meeting. A revised date of 17 May for submissions had been offered by CBC.

He had not been advised as to whether Cllr Davidson had 'called in' the application to review or not.

(f) Bus Stop Issue

Cllr Grover reported of the lengthy reply received from Essex Highways regarding the bus shelter.

There was no real resolution to the issue raised by Cllr Grover and it was agreed that no further action was warranted.

(g) GDPR - General Data Protection Policy

The clerk advised that all councillors had been allocated their new email address for the parish council and that they were all in use. She will circulate the policy that Abberton & Langenhoe PC will adhere to regarding Data Protection.

The clerk had also purchased the new laptop for parish council business.

(h) Election - 3rd May 2018

Cllr Wormell advised that the election had taken place and that Cllr Mattack had been elected. It was advised that the vacancy for the councillor on Langenhoe ward had been advertised.

8 452/8 PLANNING REPORTS

180874 - The Langenhoe Lion site, CO5 7LF. This had been circulated to the parish council and residents of the village for comment. The parish council had agreed not to support this application.

181072 - 15 Pyefleet View, Langenhoe, CO5 7LD. As this application had only been received today the clerk had circulated it but not everyone had seen it. It was agreed that everyone send their comment to the clerk before Friday for her to comment on behalf of the parish council.

9 452/9 CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Mrs Elgaard

The clerk advised that she had received an email from the above regarding the footpath between Peldon Road

ACTION:

Clerk

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Clerk

ACTION:

Clerk

All

ACTION:

Cllr Mattack

and Meadow Way. Cllr Mattack was asked to look into this and respond to Mrs Elgaard.

Phone Mast on Mersea Road

The clerk had been contacted about issues with a residents alarm and broadband since the installation of the phone mast in Mersea Road. Cllr Dougherty advised that a contact details were available for anyone having issues on the original planning application. The clerk will send these to the resident.

ACTION:
Clerk

10 452/10 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Accounts Payable

The following payment were approved schedule No 209:

Mrs C Collett (Salary April with additional hours)	£423.45
E-ON (Monthly Electricity charges)	£46.88
Colchester Association of Local Councils (Annual Subscription)	£35.00
17th Colchester Sea Scouts (plants for Abberton Green and tubs)	£39.00
BHIB Ltd (Annual Insurance)	£838.78
Mrs C Collett (Annual use of office)	£520.00
Mrs C Collett (Coloured paper, toners, stationery)	£67.58
Mrs C Collett (Laptop, MacAfee, Microsoft Office)	£495.56
D Knight (replacing post on Abberton Green)	£60.00
Mrs K Newall (Mileage and car park for training)	£44.95
Mr J Simpson (concrete edge of play area)	£950.00
A&J Lighting Solutions (Monthly streetlight maintenance)	£60.90
Total	£3,582.10

It was proposed by Cllr Palmer-Slatter and seconded by Cllr Kibblewhite and agreed that the 12 cheques listed on the schedule 209 be approved for payment and they were signed by Cllr Wormell and Cllr Dougherty.

It was proposed by the clerk to move the next meeting forward to 4th June 2018 so the Annual Accounts could be signed off before the deadline. This was agreed and the next parish council meeting will start at 8pm.

11 453/11 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

(a) Tree Warden

Due to Mr Davis no longer being a councillor he was asked to report on the village walk. He reported that this was number 42 and 13 people and a dog were in attendance. He advised that Derek and Ena were presented with a gift for their dedication to helping out with the walks since they started.

(b) Abberton & Langenhoe Community Association

Cllr Frost reported that the afternoon tea was very successful with 50 in attendance.

He advised of the up-coming table top sale and Royal Wedding viewing at the hall. Cllr Palmer-Slatter reported that she had tried to postpone the freighter as there would not be anywhere for it to park but had been told this could not be done. The clerk was asked to cancel the freighter visit this Saturday. this time. Cllr Frost encouraged people to 'like' the Facebook page for the village hall events.

ACTION:
Clerk

(c) Edward Markes Trust

Cllr Frost reported that there was 1 1/2 plots left.

(d) Church Matters

Cllr Wormell reported that Pepita was looking into a remote lock up system for the church.

(e) Grass cutting/maintenance

Cllr Palmer-Slatter confirmed that the 3 cuts had been done and the next was due at the end of the week. She will handover to Cllr Newall.

(f) Public Relations

The clerk reported that the next newsletter will be distributed in June and the cut-off for production is 25th May.

(g) Neighbourhood Watch

There was nothing to report.

(h) Youth Liaison

The clerk advised that the youth club was still very popular.

(i) Finance Working Party

The clerk advised that the FWP would meet to agree the Accounts prior to presenting at the parish council meeting, potentially 30-31st May 2018. Cllr Dougherty also advised that the review of the clerk's salary needed to be done.

(j) Property Maintenance

There was nothing to report.

(k) Speed Watch

There was nothing to report.

(l) CALC

There was nothing to report. The next meeting is in June.

(m) Centenary Anniversary

Cllr Grover reported on the quote received for a wooden (oak) plaque and cross for the centenary anniversary. It was agreed by all present that the plaque was a better option but for Cllr Grover to speak to Pepita about size and placement.

ACTION:
Cllr Grover

(n) Broadband

This was covered earlier in Cllr Bentley's report. The clerk was again asked to arrange for County Broadband to attend a meeting, along with Superfast Essex and Cllr Bentley.

ACTION:
Clerk

12 454/15 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 4th June 2018 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive.

The meeting closed at 9.12pm.