

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018

A meeting of the Full Council took place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm at The Village Hall, Edward Mark Drive, Langenhoe.

Cllr Present – Simon Dougherty – in the Chair

Alan Frost  
Malcolm Mattack  
Doug Kibblewhite  
Peter Hine  
David Grover  
Margaret Palmer-Slatte

Also in attendance – 4 members of public, CBC Cllr Davidson and Clerk

466/15 Apologies for absence – Cllr Stephen Wormwell, ECC Cllr Kevin Bentley and CBC Zone Warden Tim Pickard

467/15 Announcements – none

468/15 Public Questions  
A resident enquired about the possibility of street lights being installed on the public footpaths across the grass adjacent to the basketball area; he was advised that this would not be financially viable. A resident asked if consideration had been given to the installation of a defibrillator within the parish. Cllr Palmer-Slatte had been looking into this.

469/15 Declarations of Interest – none

470/15 Reports from County Cllr, Borough Cllr and Zone Warden  
ECC Cllr Bentley sent a written report –

- NEPP application has been passed and Cllr Bentley will be writing to residents once he has details of timescales etc.
- Extra funding has been allocated for pot holes and defects and Parishes are requested to submit details of top two defects
- School Crossing Patrol – he has raised the Councils' concerns with the team at County Hall and asked the Council to consider moving the crossing

CBC Cllr Davidson had attended a CBC Local Plan meeting and advised that Part 1 of the Local Plan has not been proven and

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that the consultants were not working in harmony with the Inspector. This matter is becoming urgent as any reallocation of the housing need could put pressure on rural villages. CBC Cllrs are intending to challenge the consultants. Cllr Davidson advised that he allocated some of his Locality Budget to West Mersea in exchange for a WW1 Soldier Silhouette being donated to each of the villages that he represented.

471/15 Minutes of Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

The minutes as previously circulated were proposed as a true record by Cllr Dougherty and seconded by Cllr Hine. Cllr Dougherty signed the minutes.

472/15 Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting

- School Parking – Cllrs Kibblewhite, Grover and Mattick had attended a meeting with the new Headteacher at the school who endorsed the Councils' concerns about the parking issues. Mrs Stevenson is keen to become involved and work with the community and hopes to attend a future parish council meeting
- LHP Speed Limit request – being dealt with by ECC Cllr Bentley
- The Lion – item deferred by CBC Planning Cttee due to amendments to the submitted plans
- Outdoor gym equipment – the Clerk reported that there had still not been any quotes received. Cllr Hine suggested that the installation of more equipment should be reconsidered based on the use of the current equipment.
- LCAS application – nothing to report; audit report yet to be officially received by the Parish Clerk.
- Vacancy for Cllr – permission now received to co opt
- Rural Police Investment Proposal – Cllr Dougherty reported that this plan, previously circulated, put forward by CBC Cllr Mark Cory, Leader of CBC at the CALC meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September. And subsequently amended to take the views expressed at that meeting into account. He appraised members of the proposal for parishes to contribute to the employment of additional PCSO's and Specials to be deployed in the rural parishes. It was agreed that the Parish Council would in principal support the proposals and would make the necessary provision in the budget for 2019/20.
- Devolution of Highway Services – This proposal, put forward by ECC Cllr Bentley, via EALC, and forwarded by the Parish Clerk to Cllrs, sought volunteer Parish Councils' to take part in the first phase. Following an e.mail from Cllr Mattack which highlighted that the closing date for applications was prior to the next

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meeting of the Council, The Clerk had made an expression of interest.

- New Clerk – Mrs Carolyn McSweeney has been offered the position of Clerk

473/15 Planning Application  
182187 – 20 Sawkins Close – no objection

/474/15 Correspondence  
HMRC – changes to method of reclaiming VAT  
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475/15 Finance and Accounts  
Accounts Payable  
The following payments were approved, schedule 213

EON – monthly electric charges	50.04
Mrs C Collett – 6 months use of home office	260.00
A and J Lighting – monthly streetlight maintenance	60.90
Mrs C Collett – salary for September	245.00
EON – monthly electric charges	48.44
Mrs Palmer-Slatton – refund for plants	30.00

It was proposed by Cllr Grover and seconded by Cllr Hine that the 6 cheques listed on schedule 213 be approved for payment. Signed by Cllrs Dougherty and Hine.

476/15 Representatives Reports

1. Footpaths and Tree Warden – nothing to report
2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – Cllr Palmer-Slatton reported that the McMillan Coffee Morning had raised £229, the quiz held on 6/10/18 had been well received and reminded members of the 60's dance on 24/11/18
3. Edwards Marks Trust – nothing to report
4. Church Matters – nothing to report
5. Grass cutting/maintenance – Cllr Palmer-Slatton reported that there had now been 10 cuts and that the plants for the triangle had been purchased. She had also obtained a quote for the water butts and it was agreed to proceed with the purchase  
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6. Public relations – nothing to report
7. Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report
8. Youth Liaison – the Youth Club was now meeting again after the summer break, but needed more volunteers  
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9. Finance Working Party – Cllr Dougherty reported that the WP would be arranging a meeting to consider the budget/precept for 2019/20  
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10. Property Maintenance – Cllr Hine reported that the annual inspection of the play equipment was due.
11. Speed Watch – nothing to report

12. CALC – Cllrs Dougherty and Frost reported that the new Leader of CBC – Cllr Cory had attended the CALC meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September and outlined his proposals for the next year, this included; increased policing in rural areas, cleaning up the town centre and more debate on the Garden Villages proposals.  
Nect CALC meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018
  13. WW1 Centenary Anniversary – Cllr Grover had received a negative response form the church regarding the proposal to install a commemorative window. He would continue to take this matter forward
  14. Broadband – Cllr Kibblewhite was still in discussion with BT/Openreach
  15. Markes Wood – Cllr Grover reported some damage to trees and a member of the public offered to clear this up
- Action – Cllrs Grover and Dougherty

477/15 Date of next meeting – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm