

## ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present Stephen Wormell – Chairman  
Simon Dougherty – Vice Chairman  
Jonathan Andrews  
Alan Frost  
David Grover  
Peter Hine  
Doug Kibblewhite  
Malcolm Mattack  
Margaret Palmer-Slatton

Also in attendance – CBC Cllr R Davidson, 5 members of public and Clerk.

125/19	Apologies for absence – none	
126/19	Announcements – none	
127/19	Public Questions – David Godwin, organiser of the Peldon Speedwatch, addressed the meeting. It was noted that Cllr Grover was intending to resign as speedwatch representative for Abberton and Langenhoe and as a result the Police had indicated that they wanted the speedwatch equipment returned. Cllr Grover had approached Mr Godwin to enquire if Peldon Speedwatch would be able to undertake any sessions in the Abberton and Langenhoe area. Mr Godwin indicated that he personally would be happy to help out, but his members at Peldon would probably only wish to use their time in Peldon area. Mr Godwin encouraged the council to attempt to recruit more members and offered to help with training. He would forward the council the press release that he had recently used, which resulted in more residents coming forward to join the group.	
128/19	Declarations of Interest – none	

129/19	<p>Reports of Borough and County Cllrs and Zone Warden  CBC Cllr Davidson advised that in the run up to Christmas, there would be free parking in the Town Centre on Wednesday evenings and that there was free admission to the Castle on 11<sup>th</sup> December. He also advised of two grant funding opportunities that were available to voluntary groups, and changes to the recycling collections over the Christmas period.</p>	
130/19	<p>Minutes of Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019  The minutes as previously circulated were signed as a correct record by Cllr Wormell. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Grover. The following amendments were made – remove Cllrs Hine and Kibblewhite from attendance list, 123/19.1, amended to read; It was noted that Karen Newall had cleared The Folly. Cllr Mattack was pursuing Colchester Borough Homes to repair a fence running between Broom Way and Kingfisher Cottages.</p>	
131/19	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding for Petanque Court – the Clerk advised that CBC had indicated that in principle, the S106 monies in the Sport and Leisure budget could be used towards the Petanque Court. A full report would need to be sent to CBC to request the money to be released and the Clerk will contact the resident who had made the initial contact for further information. Matter to be discussed in full at meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk to contact resident for further information</p>
132/19	<p>Planning Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 192616 – Oxley Hill Barns, Oxley Hill Farm, Layer Road - Agricultural determination for new building for storage of hay and straw and equipment – no objection</li> <li>• 192800 – Langenhoe Hall, Langenhoe Hall Lane – Agricultural determination for proposed building for crop store – (note Cllr Wormell declared an interest in this application and did not make any comment) – no objection</li> </ul> <p>Planning decisions  Approvals  192408 – 11 Edward Marke Drive – single storey rear extension and garage conversion</p>	

	192616 – Oxley Hill Barns, Oxley Hill Farm															
133/19	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barclays Bank had advised of a reduction in the Business Premium Account interest rate</li> <li>• CBC had unveiled their Woodland Project</li> <li>• CBC Arboricultural Officer is hoping to resurrect the Tree Warden scheme</li> </ul>															
134/19	<p>Finance and Accounts – December 2019</p> <p>The following accounts were approved for payment Schedule 008/19 and signed by Cllrs Wormell and Dougherty</p> <table> <tr> <td>A&amp;J Lighting – streetlight maintenance and call outs</td> <td>£559.62</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D A Page Landscapes – grass cutting -</td> <td>£198.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thinksay Creative Comms Ltd – newsletter</td> <td>£216.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anglian Inspection – playground inspection</td> <td>£150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E-On – streetlight electricity</td> <td>£121.59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Richard Neal – cleaning play equipment</td> <td>£90.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff costs</td> <td>£284.75</td> </tr> </table> <p>A query was raised on one of the invoices submitted by A&amp;J Lighting and it was agreed the Clerk would speak to them prior to releasing the cheque.</p> <p>Cllrs noted that the cash flow statement showed that 72% of the budget had been spent as at 9.12.19</p>	A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance and call outs	£559.62	D A Page Landscapes – grass cutting -	£198.00	Thinksay Creative Comms Ltd – newsletter	£216.00	Anglian Inspection – playground inspection	£150.00	E-On – streetlight electricity	£121.59	Richard Neal – cleaning play equipment	£90.00	Staff costs	£284.75	
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135/19	<p>The Lion Community Shop</p> <p>James Lambert – Treasurer of the Steering Group provided an update. The old building was now demolished. The Heads of Terms was still not signed, but there was a meeting with the developer arranged for 12<sup>th</sup> December where this would be discussed. The recent survey had attracted over 100 responses and Mr Lambert thanked Cllr Palmer-Slatton for arranging for the survey to be delivered with the newsletter. Talks had taken place with the local school and they were interested in being involved with the project. Various events had been organized to raise funds and it was noted that the likely opening would be autumn 2020. Cllr Dougherty raised concerned as to whether the Heads of Terms agreement had been checked by a legal representative on behalf of the Steering Group.</p>															

136/19	<p>Website – update</p> <p>The new website designed by Suffolk Cloud is taking shape and should go live early in the new year. It was agreed to delete Cllrs telephone numbers from the website and use the council email addresses as a point of contact.</p>	
137/19	<p>To confirm the appointment of the Internal Auditor for 2019/20</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Dougherty and seconded by Cllr Frost to retain the services of Mrs Stobard as Internal Auditor. The quote for 2019/20 audit is for £180. Agreed</p>	Clerk to confirm with Mrs Stobard
138/19	<p>To consider quotes for grasscutting for 2020</p> <p>Two quotes had been obtained. It was proposed by Cllr Dougherty and seconded by Cllr Mattack to accept the quote from J M Knight. Agreed.</p>	Clerk to write to both contractors
139/19	<p>Budget 2020/21 - To consider/agree recommendation from Finance Working Party</p> <p>The draft budget proposals had been previously circulated. Cllr Mattack proposed and Cllr Grover seconded agreeing to proposals as presented.</p> <p>It was noted that due to the Election, that CBC had not yet been able to confirm the Revenue Grant for 2020/21. Final calculations on the proposed precept will be delayed until this is received.</p>	
140/19	<p>Representatives reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Footpaths and Tree Warden – Cllr Mattack was happy to be put forward as Tree Warden for the CBC scheme. He had approached the school concerning the Woodland Project and they were keen to participate. It was agreed that Cllr Mattack would assume responsibility for checking Markes Wood.</li> <li>2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – the Christmas event will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. The next Village Walk will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020, led by Gordon Davis</li> <li>3. Edward Marke Trust – the AGM took place on 4<sup>th</sup> December and new Trustees had been appointed.</li> <li>4. Church Matters – still without a vicar. The Christmas carol concert would take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. The service of remembrance had been well attended as had the service organised by the school.</li> </ol>	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Grass cutting – there had been 13 cuts this year and the some of the planters needed replacement</li> <li>6. Neighbourhood Watch – a lot of the current signage needed repair or replacement</li> <li>7. Youth Liaison – nothing to report</li> <li>8. Finance Working Party – nothing to report</li> <li>9. Property Maintenance – the annual inspection of the play equipment had been undertaken by Anglian Inspections Ltd. There were a few minor issues which will be dealt with.</li> <li>10. CALC – nothing to report</li> <li>11. Broadband – new cables continue to be installed and it was noted that BT were also working in the village</li> <li>12. Markes Wood – nothing to report</li> <li>13. Speedwatch – already covered under item 127/19</li> <li>14. Social media and newsletter – next newsletter would be March 2020. Cllr Grover had been speaking to the Editor of Mersea Life magazine who was happy to include items relating to the villages in the publication</li> <li>15. Highways Issues – Cllr Kibblewhite is organising a meeting with ECC Cllr Bentley to discuss outstanding issues.</li> </ol>	
141/19	Date of next meeting – 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm