

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 8TH April 2019

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Monday 8th April 2019 at 7pm, 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
 Malcolm Mattack
 Margaret Palmer-Slatter

Also in attendance – ECC Cllr K Bentley, CBC Cllr R Davidson, 5 members of public and Clerk

001/19	Apologies for absence – Cllr D Kibblewhite	
002/19	<p>Chairman's report 2018/19 Cllr Wormell welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly those residents who regularly attend Council meetings and offer their support. The Council had a good year and had welcomed two new Cllrs and a new Clerk. Cllrs Newall and Davis had resigned, but Gordon Davis continues to lead the footpath walks. The recent meeting with County Broadband had been well attended and hopefully faster broadband in the village would soon be a reality. The Wednesday coffee mornings in the Village Hall had proved very popular and he thanked Cllr Palmer-Slatter for organizing these. It had been a good year on the allotments and a new fence had been placed around the play area and new adult gym equipment had been installed. The issues with parking around the school were on going. There had been two organized litter picks during the year which were well attended. The new format for the newsletter had been widely praised and Cllr Palmer-Slatter was thanked for her hard work. The Speedwatch Group had been active during the year and the events that continue to be organized by the Community Association are varied and much appreciated. The Council had set up individual e mail addresses for Cllrs to comply with the GDPR rules. The Chairman finished by thanking all the Cllrs for their hard work during the year.</p>	

003/19	<p>Annual reports from County and Borough Cllrs</p> <p>ECC Cllr Bentley explained that he had taken over the Highways Portfolio in May 2018 and had achieved more investments into the Highways. The ECC Children’s Services had recently been assessed and had been rated as excellent and there was now fewer children in care in the County. Essex Housing has introduced a new scheme particularly aimed at people with learning difficulties. ECC had suffered a further budget cut this financial year. ECC were looking at the Business Rate Retention Scheme and the Highways Devolution Pilot Scheme was now under way.</p> <p>CBC Cllr R Davidson congratulated the Council on being a very pro active Council. He expected the planning permission for The Lion application to be passed soon. The Colchester Local Highways Panel had been awarded £100k extra funding this year. The CIF scheme has now been launched for 2019/20 and will be administered by the EALC. The CBC Local Plan was unlikely to be completed until summer 2020. The ECC Library Consultation had now finished and results are likely in June 2019. Cllr Davidson took the opportunity to thank the CBC Zone Warden for all the hard work he did in the area.</p>	
004/19	<p>Public Questions</p> <p>There were no public questions</p>	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.30pm