

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 8th April 2019

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 8th April 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
 Malcolm Mattack
 Margaret Palmer-Slatte

Also in attendance – ECC Cllr K Bentley, CBC Cllr R Davidson, 6 members of public and Clerk.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr S Dougherty

005/19	Apologies for absence Cllr D Kibblewhite and CBC Zone Warden Tim Pickard	
006/19	Announcements – none	
007/19	Public Questions – none	
008/19	Declarations of Interest – none	
009/19	Reports from County and Borough Cllrs Cllr Bentley reported that the surface water drainage problem had been resolved. To move the speed signs in Layer Road, there had to be a justification and therefore a speed survey was required. He asked the Council to confirm their intentions regarding paying for this survey. He had approached the South East Essex Parking Partnership concerning the installation of a speed camera on Mersea Road, there was a very strong case for this, but it needs the support of the residents. Cllr Bentley offered to assist with speaking to residents. He was aware that the recent Traffic Regulation Order that had been posted for the area around the school had missed the restrictions at the exit and he will chase this. There were still issues with the location of the school crossing patrol and he intends to speak to the Attendant. The bus stop markings are repainted on a five-year rolling cycle and he will check when the village was due for a visit. Following some recent incidents, it had been agreed that all ECC road workers will now be supplied with body cams for their safety.	

010/19	<p>Minutes of Meeting – 11th March 2019</p> <p>The minutes as previously circulated were signed as a correct record by Cllr S Dougherty. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Grover.</p>																											
011/19	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting</p> <p>LCAS Application – Cllr Dougherty had spoken to the EALC about the obstructions to the Councils application. After a lengthy discussion it had been agreed that the Council does meet the points tally and a further application will now be submitted. The resolution will be agreed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Facebook Page – Cllr Andrews reported that the new Council Facebook Page was almost ready to go live.</p>																											
012/19	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>190749 – 9 Sawkins Close – removal of condition relating to the conversion of garage to living accommodation – the Council agreed that this was a matter of policy and therefore could only be decided by CBC.</p>																											
013/19	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter of thanks had been received from Mrs Flack for the flowers sent to her by the Council in acknowledgement of her help with the Community Shop plans. • ECC had advised that wef 1st May, the ticket payment machines at the Colchester Park and Ride were being withdrawn and payment can be made via a smartphone app. or by payment to the driver. 																											
014/19	<p>Finance and Accounts – March and April 2019</p> <p>Accounts payable – the following accounts were approved for 31st March – schedule 219</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>DAP Landscapes – grasscutting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">198.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – call out</td> <td style="text-align: right;">178.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Charity of Edward Marke</td> <td style="text-align: right;">60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs C McSweeney – reimbursement for flowers</td> <td style="text-align: right;">24.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">196.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PAYE</td> <td style="text-align: right;">49.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">April 2019 – schedule 001/19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EON – streetlight electricity</td> <td style="text-align: right;">61.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EALC – annual subscription</td> <td style="text-align: right;">308.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs C McSweeney – stationary and printer repair</td> <td style="text-align: right;">50.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DAP Landscapes – grasscutting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">198.00</td> </tr> </table>	DAP Landscapes – grasscutting	198.00	A&J Lighting – call out	178.16	Charity of Edward Marke	60.00	Mrs C McSweeney – reimbursement for flowers	24.00	Staff costs	196.00	PAYE	49.00			April 2019 – schedule 001/19		EON – streetlight electricity	61.79	A&J Lighting – maintenance	60.90	EALC – annual subscription	308.80	Mrs C McSweeney – stationary and printer repair	50.70	DAP Landscapes – grasscutting	198.00	
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015/19	<p>The Lion – update and confirm submission to EALC for funding</p> <p>Cllr Dougherty explained that the Working Party would form the Start Up Group and would be inviting other people with specific expertise to join as necessary. For now it was not necessary to join the</p>	<p>Clerk – to submit CIF application</p>																										

	<p>Plunkett Foundation, however it was agreed that a pre-application to the ECC CIF Fund would be submitted. Cllr Dougherty provided some further information on discussions with the developer and advised that a residents meeting was to be held on 29th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall to brief residents on the proposals and to answer any questions they may have.</p>	<p>Cllrs to distribute flyers for meeting</p>
016/19	<p>Road Traffic Order – Bracken Way The Order has now been issued, but it was felt that the parking problems are just likely to be moved elsewhere. An approach had been made to the Community Association to make the Village Hall car park available to parents at school drop of times, and this will be discussed at their next meeting.</p>	
017/19	<p>Action Plan – update Cllr Mattack had been working on the Action Plan and will circulate this to all members before the next Council meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Mattack to circulate Plan</p>
018/19	<p>Outstanding Highways Issues Most issues had been covered by ECC Cllr Bentley earlier in the meeting. The members considered again the issues surrounding paying for the speed survey in Layer Road. The feeling was that as a small Council with limited funds that a discount should be offered, particularly as this survey was only being repeated due the previous one having been sited in the wrong location.</p>	<p>Clerk to write to Cllr Bentley</p>
019/19	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and Tree Warden – nothing to report 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – quiz night being held on 27th April and the Fun Day on 26th May. The monthly Table Top Sales are to be held on the first Saturday of each month. 3. Edward Marke Trust – 2 half plots are now available and the hedge is due be cut back 4. Church Matters – nothing to report. 5. Grass cutting and maintenance – 2 cuts have already been done 6. Public Relations – nothing to report 7. Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report, however Cllr Andrews told the meeting that following recent burglaries, despite having evidence, the Police had decided to take no further action. 8. Youth Liaison – it had been reported that the Youth Club may be closing 9. Finance Working Party – nothing to report 10. Property Maintenance – Cllr Hine reported that there was no work necessary until later in the year on the bench seat on the triangle and that the surface of the playground had some cracks, but it was proving difficult to find a contractor to deal with this. The basketball court is due to be pressure washed and this should deal with the weeds. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11. CALC – at the recent meeting Pam Donnelly, CBC Executive Director had given a talk on future plans and an extra meeting had been called to discuss the demise of the Clerks Forum. 12. WW1 Centenary Celebration – Cllr Dougherty displayed the final design for the window and with the agreement of the meeting will submit it to the Diocese 13. Broadband – Cllr Andrews will speak to County Broadband to ascertain if enough residents had signed up to the scheme to provide the service in the village. 14. Markes Wood – nothing to report 15. Speedwatch – nothing to report 	
020/19	<p>Date of the next meeting – 13th May 2019</p> <p>Annual General Meeting at 7pm followed by Council meeting</p>	