

## ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

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

Also in attendance – 5 members of public and Clerk

507/155	Apologies for absence – Cllr S Dougherty, ECC Cllr K Bentley, CBC Cllrs R Davidson and P Moore	
508/15	Announcements – It was reported that Ian Proctor, former village handyman had passed away	
509/15	Public questions – a resident was concerned that no progress had been made on reducing the speed limit in Rectory Lane.	
509/15	Declarations of interest – none	
510/15	Reports from County Cllr, Borough Cllrs and Zone Warden ECC Cllr Bentley had submitted a written report – the consultation on the lining for the Abberton estate will take place soon, he will advise the Council of the exact dates. He had been contacted by a resident regarding speed signs and additional pavements in Layer Road, and reported that the speed signs could not be moved as they had to be situated at the village boundary and it was unlikely that any funding could be found to create pavements in Layer Road. Members queried the position of the village boundary and Cllr Kibblewhite offered to pursue this with Cllr Bentley.	Action – Cllr Kibblewhite
511/15	Minutes of Meeting – 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2018 The minutes as previously circulated were signed as a correct record by Cllr Wormell. Proposed by Cllr Hine and seconded by Cllr Mattack	
512/15	Matters arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda 1. The Lion – CBC Cllr Davidson was arranging for the business plan to be submitted to CBC Planning Department and would make a copy	

	<p>available to the Parish Council. It was likely that the application will now be considered by the CBC Planning Cttee on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. LCAS application – the EALC has not re submitted the application, but had decided that a new application form should be submitted and the council should make a new resolution. It was also noted that the former Clerks’ training points would not be acceptable. After some discussion it was agreed not to pursue this matter further at this time and Cllr Kibblewhite proposed and Cllr Palmer-Slatter seconded that a letter be sent to the EALC registering the councils’ dissatisfaction with how this has been dealt with.</li> <li>3. Participation in 3P’s – the Clerk had discovered that the last 3P’s claim had been made in 2013. The ECC PROW Officer had confirmed that the council had been gifted a brushcutter/trimmer in order that it could undertake the cutting itself and it was unlikely that the footpaths not currently on the ECC cutting schedule could now be added.</li> <li>4. Highway Issues – following Cllr Kibblewhite’s meeting with ECC Cllr Bentley in November 2018, whilst there had been some e.mail exchanges between Officers at ECC, very little progress had been made. Cllr Kibblewhite will continue to pursue these issues with Cllr Bentley</li> </ol>	Action – Cllr Kibblewhite								
513/15	<p>Planning application/decisions</p> <p>183050 – 15 Fingringhoe Road – erection of a first floor rear extension and insertion of first floor windows to existing side elevations – no objection</p> <p>Approval – 181189 – Fingringhoe Ranges – construction of 2 firing ranges and associated building and facilities</p> <p>Planning Inspectorate – Appeal Decision, land north of Glebe Lane – appeal dismissed</p>									
514/15	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECC are consulting on the future of some evening and Sunday bus services, the consultation ends on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019. You can find the consultation documents at <a href="https://surveys.essexinsight.org.uk/Eveningandsundaybusservices#">https://surveys.essexinsight.org.uk/Eveningandsundaybusservices#</a></li> <li>• E-On has advised of an increase to the unmetered supply of electricity to streetlights with effect from 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019</li> <li>• A and J Lighting Solutions advised that the low cost retro fit LED lamps that they had been using had proved to be unreliable and with immediate effect where any older style light fitting that cannot be replaced like for like, they will provide a quote for a purpose built LED fitting</li> </ul>									
515/15	<p>Finance and Accounts – January 2019</p> <p>Accounts payable – the following payments were approved - schedule 216</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">E-On – streetlight electricity (Dec and Jan)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£98.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A and J Lighting – maintenance and call out</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£223.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DAP Landscapes – grasscutting – Oct 2018</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£198.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WW1 Mersea’s fallen – purchase of silhouette</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.00</td> </tr> </table>	E-On – streetlight electricity (Dec and Jan)	£98.48	A and J Lighting – maintenance and call out	£223.32	DAP Landscapes – grasscutting – Oct 2018	£198.00	WW1 Mersea’s fallen – purchase of silhouette	£60.00	
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	<p>D Slatter – brackets for water butts £3.88  C McSweeney – stationary and stamps £14.61  Clerks salary £194.00  HMRC – paye £49.00</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Grover that the cheques listed on schedule 216 be approved for payment. Signed by Cllrs Wormell and Hine</p>																															
516/15	<p>Budget recommendations – 2019/20  The budget recommendation for 2019/20 are as follows –</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>EALC</td><td>£350</td></tr> <tr><td>CALC</td><td>£50</td></tr> <tr><td>Audit</td><td>£550</td></tr> <tr><td>Grounds/footpaths</td><td>£4500</td></tr> <tr><td>Equipment maintenance</td><td>£1500</td></tr> <tr><td>Streetlight maintenance</td><td>£2000</td></tr> <tr><td>Streetlight power</td><td>£600</td></tr> <tr><td>Salaries</td><td>£3500</td></tr> <tr><td>Training/travel</td><td>£520</td></tr> <tr><td>Office</td><td>£650</td></tr> <tr><td>Newsletter</td><td>£100</td></tr> <tr><td>S137</td><td>£100</td></tr> <tr><td>Donations</td><td>£150</td></tr> <tr><td>Land rental</td><td>£75</td></tr> <tr><td>Insurance</td><td>£838</td></tr> </table> <p>Cllr Palmer-Slatter was concerned that the budget allocation for the newsletter had been decreased, but the Clerk reminded the members that should it prove necessary to increase any budget during the year, monies could be vied across from the reserves. It was proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Kibblewhite that the budget be accepted.</p>	EALC	£350	CALC	£50	Audit	£550	Grounds/footpaths	£4500	Equipment maintenance	£1500	Streetlight maintenance	£2000	Streetlight power	£600	Salaries	£3500	Training/travel	£520	Office	£650	Newsletter	£100	S137	£100	Donations	£150	Land rental	£75	Insurance	£838	
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517/15	<p>To confirm the precept request – 2019/20  Based on the previously agreed budget and taking into account the revenue grant, the precept requirement for 2019/20 will be £14619. This is an increase of £1527 on the previous year, this equates to 7p per week per property, an increase of 11.1%. Cllr Wormell proposed and Cllr Hine seconded setting the precept for 2019/20 at £14619. Agreed.</p>	Action Clerk																														
518/15	<p>To approve the quote for grasscutting – 2019  A quote for grasscutting for 2019 had been received from the current contractor at £165 per cut plus vat. It was proposed by Cllr Palmer-Slatter and seconded by Cllr Hine to accept this quote. Agreed.</p>	Action Clerk																														
519/15	<p>Representatives reports  1. Footpaths and tree warden – Cllr Mattack reported an increase in dog fouling and noted that the dog bins were not being emptied on a regular basis. The Clerk will make enquiries at CBC as to the schedule of the bin emptying and ask for signage to be renewed. There had also been fly tipping in the village that had been</p>	Action Clerk																														

	<p>reported to CBC. The New Years day walk had attracted 31 walkers, a letter of thanks will be sent to Gordon Davis for organising the walk and Rosemary and Keith were thanked for providing the refreshments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – the Village Xmas event raised approximately £700 with half the proceeds being sent to St Helena’s Hospice and the remainder to the Hall Maintenance fund. A social meeting with the volunteers had been arranged for 14<sup>th</sup> January.</li> <li>3. Edward Marke Trust – the annual tenancy invoices had been sent out and it was proposed to continue with making improvements to the allotments during 2019.</li> <li>4. Church matters – the xmas services had been well attended and there was a meeting arranged for 8<sup>th</sup> January to choose the new Minister. Northumberland Water had finally signed the lease for the car park.</li> <li>5. Grass cutting/maintenance – the recently donated bulbs had now been planted on the village green.</li> <li>6. Public relations – it was noted that some items on the website were out of date and needed reviewing. The newsletter will be discussed further at the next meeting.</li> <li>7. Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report</li> <li>8. Youth Liaison – it was reported that the Youth Club is likely to close during 2019 due to lack of leaders. A new dance class for children is starting at the Village Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019.</li> <li>9. Finance Working Party – nothing to report</li> <li>10. Property Maintenance – the weekly and monthly checks of the play equipment had been carried and everything was in good order. The recent Annual Inspection had identified a loose rope and this will be repaired.</li> <li>11. CALC – the next meeting is 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019</li> <li>12. WW1 Centenary anniversary – Cllr Grover will try to obtain a better design sketch for the window. It was agreed that this should proceed and that if it did not prove possible to put the glass within the church, it could be displayed within the Village Hall.</li> <li>13. Broadband – Cllr Kibblewhite had written again to Openreach and received an unsatisfactory response. He will be writing to the Chief Executive of BT.</li> <li>14. Markes Wood – clearance work has begun for the year</li> <li>15. Speedwatch – nothing to report</li> </ol>	<p>Action Clerk</p> <p>Action – Cllrs Grover and Hine</p> <p>Action Cllr Grover</p> <p>Action Cllr Kibblewhite</p>
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There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm