

**5th March 2018**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Abberton and Langenhoe Parish Council held on Monday 5th March 2018 at The Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe.**

**PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

In the Chair	Steve Wormell
Councillors	Gordon Davis Karen Newall Peter Hine Doug Kibblewhite Alan Frost Dave Grover Simon Dougherty Margaret Palmer-Slatter
Clerk	Clair Collett

There were 11 members of the public present.

**1 440/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Bentley and Tim Pickard.

**2 440/2 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cllr Palmer-Slatter announced that Keith Neville had sadly passed away and the funeral was tomorrow.

**3 440/3 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

Mr Mattack thanked Cllr Newall and her husband for clearing the folly between Peldon Road and Broom Way. He raised that he believed the houses with the broken fence and causing a hazard were owned by Colchester Borough Homes. The clerk advised that she had emailed Cllr Davidson about this and he will investigate and revert. He also thanks the resident for clearing the road of the Bracken Way estate when the snow came. It was advised that this was Mr Hallows so a big thank you to him from the residents.

Mr Andrews raised the speeding issues particularly on Layer Road. Cllr Wormell stated that speeding has been on the agenda of the parish council for some years and Cllr Bentley was also aware of the concerns being raised by several residents of the speeding the village. Cllr Dougherty stated that the busier time of traffic in the village was term times particularly between 8.30 - 9.15am and 3-3.30pm.

Cllr Kibblewhite confirmed that he will email Cllr Bentley regarding the speeding issues that he needs to action along with details of another survey compiled on Layer Road for the traffic statistics.

Mrs Cook and Mrs Bareham were in attendance with their sons, Lucas and James, who had asked if they were able to start a petition for the lack of broadband service in the village.

It was welcomed that this was a good idea and Cllr Kibblewhite will assist them in this project.

**4 440/4 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations received.

**5 440/5 ADDRESS BY CLLR KEVIN BENTLEY, CLLR DAVIDSON AND ZONE WARDENS (IF PRESENT)**

Cllr Davidson congratulated the parish council on being so proactive for a small village. He advised that he was attending the NEPP meeting being held on 15th March 2018 in Epping. He reminded the parish council that no decisions were being made at this meeting this will take place in October 2018. He advised that we could possible apply for funding from LHP for the speed strips.

The clerk advised that she had reported fly tipping to the zone warden.

6 441/6 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 5TH FEBRUARY 2018

It was proposed by Cllr Hine and seconded by Cllr Frost and agreed by those present that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th February 2018 be accepted as a true record of the business transacted at the meeting. Cllr Wormell signed the minutes.

7 441/7 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Markes Wood

There was nothing to report.

(b) Working Party for the Play Area

Cllr Kibblewhite reported that he had spoken to Renzland who advised that the pegs for the play area will be delivered next week so he had notified Mr Simpson to delay the work by a week in the play area. Renzland also confirmed that the £200 retention we had could be kept due to the delays and lack of response from them.

(c) School Crossing & Parking

Cllr Grover advised that the A boards had been put out everyday but had not had any real effect on the parking or speeding issues.

(d) LHP - Speed Limit Request

There was no update this matter.

(e) The Lion

There was no update on this matter.

(f) Bus Shelter - Light

Cllr Grover advised that the light will be installed very soon and that several residents had raised that the bus shelter was too far from where the bus actually stops and in bad weather by the time they got to the road the bus had gone past and not stopped. The clerk had sent an email to Cllr Bentley to raise this issue and Adrian Summons from ECC had requested further information on the location of the bus stop. Cllr Grover will provide this to him.

(g) Broadband

Cllr Kibblewhite reported that Cllr Grover and himself had attended the Superfast Essex seminar. He is advised that it is apparent that certain postcodes and areas are being ignored for installation.

He reported that of the 519 properties in the village he had received 7 responses to the article in the newsletter. He advised that we are not being considered as County Broadband due to demand. He advised that only 8% of Abberton residents and 9% of residents in Langenhoe had registered their interest.

He will investigate further and report back next month.

Cllr Davidson mentioned that a good broadband covering was a factor for the Local plan review.

8 441/8 PLANNING REPORTS

173373 - The decision had been issued to approve with conditions.

9 441/9 CORRESPONDENCE

**General Data Protection Officer**

The clerk advised that she had received correspondence regarding appointing a GDPO (General Data Protection Officer) but it could not be the clerk of RFO.

The clerk advised that she was attending a briefing and will investigate what other councils are doing for this role.

10 442/10 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Accounts Payable

The following payment were approved schedule No 207:

ACTION:

Clerk

Mrs C Collett (Salary March)	£282.30
E-ON (Monthly Electricity charges)	£44.04
Mrs C Collett (Postage)	£6.60
Mrs C Collett (Magnets and pins for noticeboards and book)	£8.74
Mr G Davis (photocopying and laminating)	£11.92
A&J Lighting Solutions (Call out and fix 2v Fingringhoe Road)	£482.40
A&J Lighting Solutions (Monthly streetlight maintenance)	£60.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>£896.90</b>

It was proposed by Cllr Hine and seconded by Cllr Grover agreed that the 7 cheques listed on the schedule 207 be approved for payment and they were signed by Cllr Wormell and Cllr Dougherty.

#### 11 442/11 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

(a) Tree Warden

There was nothing to report.

(b) Abberton & Langenhoe Community Association

Cllr Palmer-Slatter reported that there were several events organised for the coming months, such as 'Beats Working' on 14th April, Afternoon Tea on 12th May, a Garage Sales in the village on 19th May and a quiz on 28th April 2018.

She also advised that the 'Meeting Place' coffee morning was still well attended even when snowing.

(c) Edward Markes Trust

Cllr Frost reported that a clear up day had been arranged for 31st March 2018 between 9-12pm.

(d) Church Matters

There was nothing to report. Cllr Davidson did thanked Cllr Wormell for clearing the road to the church in preparation for a funeral tomorrow.

(e) Grass cutting/maintenance

Cllr Palmer-Slatter reported that we had received a donation from the Five Parishes towards plants for the pots. The clerk was asked to thank them.

**ACTION:**

Clerk

(f) Public Relations

The clerk reported that the next newsletter will be distributed in June.

(g) Neighbourhood Watch

The next meeting will be held in June.

(h) Youth Liaison

The clerk advised that the youth club was still popular even in the snow.

(i) Finance Working Party

There was nothing to report.

(j) Property Maintenance

Cllr Hine reported that everything was in good order.

(k) Speed Watch

Cllr Grover reported there had been no speed watched but will speak to Mary Whiley regarding a re-assessment of Layer Road for speed watching.

(l) CALC

There was nothing to report as the meeting had been cancelled due to the bad weather.

12 443/15 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 16th April 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive.

The meeting closed at 8.47pm.