

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 7th October 2019

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 7th October 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
 Margaret Palmer-Slatton

Also in attendance – CBC Cllr Davidson, 6 members of public and Clerk to the Council

096/19	Apologies for absence – Cllrs Dougherty and Mattack CBC Cllr Davidson will arrive late	
097/19	Announcements – none	
098/19	Public questions – there were no public questions	
099/19	Declarations of interest – none	
100/19	Reports from County, Borough Cllrs and Zone Warden Cllr Davidson entered the meeting at 7.45pm and reported that he was arranging for £300 from his Locality Fund to be sent to the Council towards the Memorial Window. There have recently been some problems with the rubbish and recycling collections and this was being dealt with.	
101/19	Minutes of Meeting – 2 nd September 2019 The minutes as previously circulated were signed as a correct record by Cllr Wormell with the following amendments; 077/19 correction to the spelling of Cllr Davidson name, 087/19, to add – some typographical errors were noted 088/19 to add – Cllr Kibblewhite expressed his thanks to Cllr Dougherty for all the work he had put into this project. 089/19 – spelling correction – Petanque Proposed by Cllr Hine and seconded by Cllr Kibblewhite	
102/19	Matters arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda 1. Website – information was still awaited from the EALC	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. LCAS application – Cllr John Gili-Ross, Vice Chairman of the EALC will attend the Parish Council meeting on 4th November to present the award. 3. EALC AGM report – Cllrs Dougherty and Frost attended. It was reported that next years fees will be increased by 3% and that information should be provided soon to all member councils about website providers. There was talks given on Health and Wellbeing, the use of social media and County Broadband 4. Defibrillator – the Clerk had looked into the cost of purchasing a defibrillator and also reported that one of the requirements for the site was that there was good lighting after dark and this may exclude the Village Hall. It was agreed to look into funding opportunities with a view to this being sited at the Community Shop once it had been opened. 5. Petanque Court – a resident provided a further 2 quotes. There was some discussion about the need for this facility in the village, who would pay for it and how it would be maintained long term. CBC Cllr Davidson suggested that S106 monies may be available and the Clerk will look into this. It was unanimously agreed that if funding could be sourced that the council would give this consideration. 	<p>Action – Clerk to look at funding opportunities</p> <p>Action – Clerk to look at funding opportunities</p>
103/19	<p>Planning applications and decisions</p> <p>192301 – 12 Pyefleet View – single storey flat roof extension, structural opening to existing property, internal layout adjustments and new porch – no objection</p> <p>192408 – 11 Edward Marke Drive – single storey rear extension and part conversion of garage – no objection</p> <p>Approvals</p> <p>CC/COL/48/19 – Langenhoe Community School, Bracken Way – continued use of temporary classroom</p>	
104/19	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roger Hirst, Essex Police and Crime Commissioner is asking for residents’ views on how they wish to see the police service moving forward over the next 4 years – details are on the website 2. The Clerk has been in contact with Cluttons LLP on behalf of a resident who suffered damage to their property during the recent installation of a telephone mast. The resident had now been put in touch with the Project Manager and requested to deal directly with them. It was agreed that there was nothing further the council could now do in this matter. 	

105/19	<p>Finance and Accounts – October 2019</p> <p>The following accounts were approved for payment – schedule 006/19 and signed by Cllrs Wormell and Hine</p> <table> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – maintenance and call outs</td> <td>£514.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M Palmer-Slatter – plants</td> <td>£31.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E-ON – streetlight electricity Sept and Oct</td> <td>£121.69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff costs</td> <td>£254.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Cllrs noted that the cash flow statement showed that 51.64% of the budget had been spent as at 7.10.19</p>	A&J Lighting – maintenance and call outs	£514.74	M Palmer-Slatter – plants	£31.34	E-ON – streetlight electricity Sept and Oct	£121.69	Staff costs	£254.00	
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106/19	<p>The Lion Community Shop</p> <p>James Lambert – Treasurer presented a report. The Heads of Terms agreement had still not been signed. He had been advised that demolition work on the site was due to begin on 21st October 2019. The Steering Group had been in discussion with the Plunkett Foundation and had been granted a further free day of consultation. A consultation survey will be delivered to each household in the villages to seek residents' views on what services they wished the shop to provide. Mr Lambert thanked the council for agreeing to pay the membership fee for the Plunkett Foundation and reported that the recent Quiz Night at the Village Hall had raised over £500 towards the project.</p> <p>Cllr Kibblewhite was concerned that the council be kept fully up to date with developments and was mindful that information reported at the Parish Council meetings is not made public until after the next meeting. Mr Lambert advised that a website had now gone live with up to date information and they also had a Facebook page. It was agreed that a link to the website would be included on the councils' own website and any up dates could also be advised through the councils' Facebook page. It was noted that several parish cllrs are members of the various working cttes for the project, but it was agreed that the council should have a representative on the Steering Group.</p>									
107/19	<p>To approve the amended Assets Register</p> <p>In accordance with the recommendations made by the Internal Auditor, the Clerk has amended the Assets Register and this had been previously circulated. Cllr Wormell proposed and Cllr Hine seconded accepting this amended Register.</p>	Action – Clerk to upload to website								
108/19	<p>Clerks Salary – Annual Review</p> <p>It was agreed that this matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the Finance Working Party and a recommendation reported back to the council for agreement.</p>									

109/19	<p>Representatives reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and tree warden – the overgrowing vegetation in Fingringhoe Road adjacent to The Lion site has now been cleared. 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – 120 new chairs have been purchased. Tickets were still available for Beats Working on 12th October at £10 each. There were still tables available for the Table Top Sale on 26th October at £5 per table. The Association is putting together its own website and 14 volunteers had recently attended a Health and Safety course. An application for a grant towards improving the heating had been refused and further funding opportunities were being looked at. 3. Edward Marke Trust – the AGM will be taking place soon 4. Church Matters – Still no Minister in place. The memorial window will be fitted in time for the Remembrance Day Service on 10th November. 5. Grass cutting/Maintenance – 11 cuts so far this year. Thanks were given to Alan and Cindy for the flower display at the War Memorial. All the work undertaken voluntarily by Mick Hurrell was also noted and it was agreed to send a letter of thanks. 6. Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report 7. Youth Liaison – nothing to report 8. Finance Working Party – meeting to be organised soon to discuss budget requirements for 2020/21 9. Property Maintenance – ground around the basketball court was sinking and will be monitored, the top rail on one of the bench seats on the Triangle may be rotting and the drain at the bus stop was blocked and had been reported. 10. CALC – next meeting – December 2019 11. WW1 Centenary Anniversary – the window will be installed at the church by end of October. Cllr Grover had attended a meeting with the Headteacher at the local school who had provided details of the service the school intend to hold at the War Memorial on 11th November at 11am. All Cllrs were urged to attend and Cllr Grover had arranged for the RBL Standard Bearer from Mersea to attend. 12. Broadband – installation works had now begun in the villages 13. Markes Wood – some tidying up will be needed in the spring 14. Speedwatch – the equipment had now been returned 15. Social media and Newsletter – still a lot of residents joining the Facebook page. Cllr Andrews had received several requests from advertisers to use the page, but these had been refused. 	<p>Action – Clerk to write to Mr Hurrell</p>
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	16. Highway Issues – the school crossing patrol had still not been given a body cam and this had been taken up with ECC Cllr Bentley. Also issues concerning; speed cameras, kerbs and damage to a residents driveway had been chased. A response was awaited from Cllr Bentley on all these issues.	
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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm