

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 2nd September 2019

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 2nd September 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
 Doug Kibblewhite
 Malcolm Mattack
 Margaret Palmer-Slatte

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

077/19	Apologies for absence – CBC Cllr R Davidson	
078/19	Announcements – none	
079/19	Public Questions – none	
080/19	Declarations of Interest – none	
081/19	<p>Reports from County and Borough Cllrs and Zone Warden ECC Cllr Bentley reported the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The hatch markings around the school are scheduled to be done and the NEPP camera cars would be requested to visit the area to enforce the restrictions. Cllr Bentley urged members to take photographs of car registration numbers ignoring the markings and forward them to him• He had reapplied for the ‘H’ markings near the school• He had applied for the bus stop markings to be done• Essex Police were in the area doing speed checks using unmarked police cars• He urged the council to consider participation in the Devolution project but was advised that the council had agreed to await the outcome of the pilot scheme• He had attended a meeting with the School Crossing Attendant and reported that she is to be issued with a body cam• SERPS were still looking into the installation of speed cameras in the village	

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082/19	<p>Minutes of Meeting – 8th July 2019</p> <p>The minutes as previously circulated were signed as a correct record by Cllr Wormell. Proposed by Cllr Dougherty and seconded by Cllr Hine</p>	
083/19	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting, not covered elsewhere on the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCAS application – the council has been awarded the Foundation Level Award. It was agreed to ask that a representative from EALC attends the council meeting on 4th November to present the award • Highway Issues, particularly those matters raised at a meeting in November 2018 – this had already been covered earlier in the meeting 	
084/19	<p>Planning Application CC/COL/48/19 Town and Country Planning Act 1980 – Langenhoe Primary School, Bracken Way – continued use of a classbase for a temporary period until 31.1.24 – no objection</p> <p><u>Decisions</u> Approvals 191308 – Captains Field, Peldon Road – two storey side extension to replace single storey addition. Single storey rear extension, demolition of existing double garage and construction of new 4 bay garage/open cart lodge 191621 – 9 Sawkins Close – single storey rear and side extension</p>	
085/19	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from resident concerned about weeds around the estate roads – resident will be thanked for keeping his own frontage clear and advised that the weed spraying is undertaken periodically by ECC. • Request from Essex and Herts Air Ambulance for a donation – declined • Request from CBC to nominate assets within the villages to be included on the list of Heritage Assets – it was agreed to nominate the post box in Layer Road • Apology received from Anglian Water concerning the inconvenience caused during recent works in the village 	<p>Clerk to write to resident</p> <p>Clerk to complete nomination form</p>

086/19	<p>Finance and Accounts – September 2019</p> <p>The following accounts were approved for payment – schedule 005/19 and signed by Cllrs Wormell and Dougherty</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Thinksay Creative Comms Ltd – newsletter</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£262.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DAP Landscapes – grasscutting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£906.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E-ON – streetlight electricity</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£61.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EALC – LCAS Award</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs C McSweeney -6 months office use and reimbursement for new printer</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£319.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A and J Lighting – maintenance and call outs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£275.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff costs – August 19</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£254.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Cllrs noted that the cash flow statement, the budget being 45.68% spent as at 2.9.19</p>	Thinksay Creative Comms Ltd – newsletter	£262.80	DAP Landscapes – grasscutting	£906.00	E-ON – streetlight electricity	£61.79	EALC – LCAS Award	£60.00	Mrs C McSweeney -6 months office use and reimbursement for new printer	£319.00	A and J Lighting – maintenance and call outs	£275.04	Staff costs – August 19	£254.00	
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087/19	<p>Bank Reconciliation – June and July 2019</p> <p>Cllr Mattack had checked and agreed the bank statements. It was noted that Barclays Bank had made an error of 9p on the statement for July.</p>															
088/19	<p>The Lion – update and agree a request to fund the joining fee to the Plunkett Foundation</p> <p>Cllr Dougherty reported that a Steering Group of residents had now been elected to take the project forward. Accordingly, as the Working Party had now fulfilled its original task, Cllr Dougherty proposed and Cllr Wormell seconded that the Working Group be disbanded. Cllr Wormell thanks all those involved for their efforts.</p> <p>Cllr Dougherty reported that he, Cllr Frost and Mr Miklaucich (Chairman of the Steering Group) had visited some more community shops to see how they operate and a decision had then been made to proceed with the Community Benefit Scheme. The Steering Group had been in contact with the Plunkett Foundation and were now requesting that the joining fee of £550 be paid by the Parish Council. Cllr Dougherty proposed and Cllr Mattack seconded making a grant of £550 to the Steering Group. All agreed and monies to be taken from reserves.</p> <p>Cllr Dougherty requested that the Steering Group make a monthly report on activities and progress to the Parish Council</p>															
089/19	<p>Petaque Court – to consider quotes</p> <p>No quotes had been received and there was no representation at the meeting. It was therefore agreed to defer this matter until quotes are available.</p>															
090/19	<p>Website closure</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the EssexInfo.net website is to be withdrawn with effect from 31st March 2020 and that action will need to be taken to have a new website running by 1st April 2020. EALC were talking to some website hosts and</p>	Clerk to report back														

	further information was awaited, however it should be noted that this will have cost implications.	
091/19	Request from resident in Fingringhoe Road to assist with issues relating to installation of telecom mast The residents' property had suffered damage as a result of the installation. The Clerk had been in contact with the installers who had agreed to contact the resident and make good the damage.	
092/19	Memorial Window It was reported that the diocese had finally agreed to accept the design for the window and an order could now be placed. The quote is for £668 and CBC Cllr Davidson had agreed to make a contribution of £300 from his Locality Fund. Cllr Dougherty proposed and Cllr Hine seconded the council making a contribution of £368 from reserves. All agreed. The window would be formally unveiled at the 2019 Remembrance Service.	
093/19	Review of Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Conduct – Proposed by Cllr Grover and seconded by Cllr Mattack, that with a few minor amendments this be accepted. • Risk Management – Proposed by Cllr Kibblewhite and seconded by Cllr Grover that with a few amendments this be accepted. 	Clerk to make amendments and publish on website
094/19	To consider purchase of a defibrillator for the Village Hall It was agreed that the council would research the purchase of a defibrillator and report back	
095/19	Representatives reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and tree warden – the footpaths in the villages were now back on the ECC cutting schedule and some had already been cleared 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – some new chairs had been ordered. The following events had been organized; 25/9 Macmillan Coffee Morning, 5/10 Quiz Night (all profits being donated to the Lion Community Shop), 12/10 Beats Working – tickets £10, 26/10 and 23/11 Table Top Sales – tables £5 per table. The Afternoon Tea had raised £251.61 which was donated to the Hall Maintenance Fund. 3. Edwarde Marke Trust – the weeds were coming under control and there may be some vacant plots coming up. Anglian Water had damaged the hedge during some recent works and would be pursued for repair. 4. Church Matters – interviews to be held on 14th and 15th October for a new Minister at Mersea. 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Grass Cutting – 10 cuts so far this year. Some work has been hampered by the amount of dog mess not picked up by dog walkers6. Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report7. Youth Liaison – nothing to report8. Finance Working Party – nothing to report9. Property Maintenance – all inspections have been undertaken10. CALC – the next meeting has been cancelled11. WW1 Centenary Anniversary – the school had advised that they were planning some events around the Remembrance Day and the members were requested to support these.12. Broadband – residents had received letters offering free upgrades and it was planned that installation works should begin soon.13. Markes Wood - nothing to report14. Speedwatch – there is no longer any equipment in the village and it is hoped that the Peldon Speedwatch Team will make undertake some sessions in the village15. Social Media and newsletter – nothing to report16. Highway Issues – already covered	
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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm