

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 13th July 2020

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 13th July 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom

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

Also in attendance – James Lambert – Lion Community Shop and Clerk

033/20	Apologies for absence – Cllr P Hine and CBC Cllr P Moore	
034/20	Announcements – none	
035/20	Public Questions – none	
036/20	Declarations of interest – Cllrs Wormell, Dougherty and Frost declared pecuniary interests in item 044/20	
037/20	Reports from County and Borough Cllrs – none	
038/20	Minutes of Meeting -15 th June 2020 The minutes as previously circulated were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Dougherty and seconded by Cllr Mattack. Signed by Cllr Wormell	
039/20	Matters arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Petanque court – the Contractor should be able to begin the work end August and the Clerk is placing the order for the bench seats2. Bracken Way parking issues – nothing further to report, Cllrs will monitor situation in autumn term and then submit a FOI request for visiting information if necessary3. Internet Banking – Cllrs Frost and Wormell now have internet access, the Clerk is still awaiting log in details4. Review of policies – so far 4 policies have been sent round for consideration. The Clerk will continue to send out policies during the summer. It was noted that there in a new Model Standing Orders and that the Code of Conduct is currently out to consultation.	

	<p>Cllr Dougherty pointed out that all the policies had been accepted by the EALC last year in support of the Council's LCAS application so shouldn't need a lot of revision. Cllr Mattack felt they should all be tailored to Abberton and Langenhoe's needs, especially where they had been obtained from other councils.</p>																	
040/20	<p>Planning Applications Decisions – approval 200856 – Pete Tye House, Peldon Road Refusal 200665 – 1/a Manwood Tye, Mersea Road</p>																	
041/20	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBC – notification of S106 funds available for Parks and Recreation – Cllrs will consider projects that could be undertaken and report back. CBC is requesting a 'wish' list be submitted for future consideration • CBC – Tiptree Neighbourhood Plan Consultation, no comments to submit 																	
042/20	<p>Finance and Accounts – July 2020 The following accounts were approved for payment, schedule 004/20 and signed by Cllrs Wormell and Dougherty</p> <table> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – call out</td> <td>£575.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – maintenance</td> <td>£60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EALC – course fees</td> <td>£48.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Glasdon UK Ltd – bench seats</td> <td>£1147.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs C McSweeney – postage</td> <td>£12.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight – grass cutting</td> <td>£125.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E-On – streetlight electricity</td> <td>£59.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff costs</td> <td>£264.45</td> </tr> </table> <p>The members noted that as at 13th July the budget including unbudgeted expenditure was 34.39% spent and without unbudgeted expenditure was 26.96% spent Cllr Mattack had undertaken the bank reconciliation for June 2020</p>	A&J Lighting – call out	£575.94	A&J Lighting – maintenance	£60.90	EALC – course fees	£48.00	Glasdon UK Ltd – bench seats	£1147.99	Mrs C McSweeney – postage	£12.72	J Knight – grass cutting	£125.00	E-On – streetlight electricity	£59.80	Staff costs	£264.45	
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043/20	<p>The Lion Community Shop – update James Lambert reported that the building was going well and the hoarding had now been taken down. Three people had applied for the Shop Manager position and adverts were now being placed for volunteers to work in the shop. So far 70 residents had come forward to purchase shares and £20000 has been raised, with a target of £25000. Another leaflet drop will be arranged to encourage more residents to buy shares. Funding has also been secured from the CBC and ECC Locality Budgets</p>																	

	Having declared interests in the next item, Cllrs Wormell, Dougherty and Frost took no part in the discussions and Cllr Kibblewhite took the Chair	
044/20	<p>The Lion Community Shop – request for a grant</p> <p>The Abberton and Langenhoe Community Shop Set-Up Committee had made a request for a grant of £10000 to support the shop. The Parish Council had previously agreed in May 2019 (min.042/19) to financially support the project. A show of hands was requested. All agreed.</p> <p>It was agreed that the funds would be taken from reserves as follows - £5k from Streetlight Replacement Reserve, £2.5k from Replacement Play Equipment Reserve and £2.5k from General Reserve. (LGA 1972 S144)</p> <p>Cllr Wormell resumed Chairing the meeting</p>	
045/20	<p>To receive a report of meeting with Essex Police regarding speeding in the villages</p> <p>Cllrs Kibblewhite, Grover and Mattack had met with Matt Hine, Essex Police Road Crime Manager and one of his colleagues on 30th June to discuss speeding issues in Mersea Road. The Officers explained how they are utilizing limited resources and advised that all the outlying villages will receive regular speeding checks. It was also reported that drug driving is now more prevalent than drink driving. It was noted that since the meeting the Road Safety Team had carried out speed checks in the villages.</p>	
046/20	<p>CBC – To confirm the Councils’ objections to the proposed changes to garden waste collection</p> <p>The Parish Council had sent a strong objection to the CBC Scrutiny Panel objecting to the proposals. The Scrutiny Panel had subsequently refused the proposals.</p>	
047/20	<p>To consider the reopening of the children’s play area and adult gym area</p> <p>Cllr Dougherty outlined the requirements in the Government guidelines for reopening play areas. It was agreed that the Council is not in a position to fulfill the requirements, although it was noted that some authorities had passed the Health and Safety requirements to the users of the facilities. Cllr Andrews felt that whilst parents of younger children would adhere to the safety requirements, older children using the facilities without adult supervision would not. It was unanimously agreed that for the time being both areas will remain closed and the Clerk was asked to obtain some guidance from EALC as to how smaller councils are expected to meet the guidelines.</p>	Action – Clerk to contact EALC
048/20	<p>To agree to continue with remote meetings until advised by the National Association of Local Council’s that it is safe to revert to face to face meetings</p> <p>Unanimously agreed to continue with remote meetings</p>	

049/20	<p>Representatives reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths – thanks to Steve Wormell for cutting back the hedge alongside the allotments. The overgrowing vegetation adjacent to Uppershots on Mersea Road has been cleared. Following an RTA on Mersea Road, the kissing gate close to Manwood Chase was damaged, this has been reported to ECC. The willow tree on the green has collapsed and needed to be severely pollarded to make safe. 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – the hall remains closed for now and interior decorating taking place at the moment. The closure will be reviewed in August. 3. Edward Marke Trust – thanks to Steve Wormell for cutting back the hedges. 1 half plot remains vacant 4. Church Matters – nothing to report 5. Grass cutting – 5 cuts so far this year 6. Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report 7. Youth Liaison – nothing to report 8. Finance Working Party – no meetings held 9. Property Maintenance – nothing to report 10. CALC – Cllrs Dougherty and Frost attended a meeting (remotely) on 18th June 2020 11. Broadband – Cllr Kibblewhite is investigating plans by BT to provide Superfast Broadband to properties. Cllr Andrews had heard that there is some confusion as to what type of cabinets County Broadband will be providing and that they may well share with BT 12. Speedwatch – nothing to report 13. Social media/Newsletter – next Newsletter should be ready for delivery by 24th August, all items requested by 3rd August. It was noted that the 5 Parishes Show has been cancelled. 14. Highway Issues – the following update had been received from ECC Cllr Bentley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving 30mph sign in Layer Road – should be formally signed off by Leader of the Council soon. • Pyefleet View kerbs – Cllr Bentley will ask for improvements works once it has been confirmed if CBC can use smaller dustcarts on that route • Moving 30mph signs – signs normally sit on the village boundary, so moving could result in an increase in the village footprint. Cllr Bentley would like the council to consider this further and get back to him • Manwood Hill – the Adverse Camber signs have been replaced but are obscured by overhanging vegetation. Cllr Bentley will check when the villages are next due for the verges to be cut back. 	
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	The next item had been omitted from the agenda	
050/20	<p>Covid 19 Action Group</p> <p>Cllr Dougherty reported that activities were starting to wind down and would cease by end of July. Cllr Dougherty will email everyone on the data base to check if any resident is likely to need any further help after the end of July. The database would be retained for now in case of a second wave of the virus. It was reported that some of the volunteers had returned to work, so there were fewer volunteers available to help. Cllr Mattack reported that in June, 9 households had been supported and so far in July 3 households had been supported.</p>	
051/20	Date of next meeting – 7 th September 2020	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm