

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 15th June 2020

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 15th June 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom

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

Also in attendance – 3 members of public and Clerk

017/20	Apologies for absence – ECC Cllr K Bentley	
018/20	Announcements – none	
019/20	Public Questions – none	
020/20	Declarations of Interest – Cllr Dougherty declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 027/20 as he is now a Director of the Lion Community Shop	
021/20	Reports from County and Borough Cllrs There were no reports	
022/20	Minutes of meeting – 18th May 2020 The minutes as previously circulated were signed as a correct record by Cllr Wormell. Proposed by Cllr Grover and seconded by Cllr Hine	
023/20	Matter arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Petanque Court – the Clerk has now had confirmation that all the necessary documentation at CBC has been completed for the S106 money to be released. Once the money is in the Councils' bank account, the Clerk will contact the Contractor to start the work and place an order for the bench seats.2. Bracken Way parking issues – a very unsatisfactory response has been received from the North Essex Parking Partnership concerning the timing of visits to Bracken Way. It was agreed that towards the end of	Action – Clerk to arrange commencement of work and order benches

	<p>the year, if the problem persists to raise a Freedom of Information request to NEPP for dates and times of visits</p> <p>3. Bradwell Power Station, response to consultation – after some discussion it was agreed that the Council would not make a comment on this consultation</p>															
024/20	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>200665 – 1/a Manwood Tye, Mersea Road – 3 bed bungalow with associated garage – objection, outside village envelope</p> <p>200802 – Fingringhoe Ranges, Lodge Lane – extension to existing urban training facilities – no objection</p> <p>200856 – Pete Tye House, Peldon Road – erection of external staircase – no objection</p> <p>200882 – Abberton Water Tower – conversion and extension of water tower to 3 bed dwelling – Withdrawn</p> <p>201163 – land north of The Maltings, Mersea Road – outline application for 1 dwelling – no objection, however it is noted that this property is outside the village envelope</p> <p>Decision Notices</p> <p>Approvals</p> <p>200370 – Keco, 70 Fingringhoe Road</p> <p>200391 – Ives, Mersea Road</p> <p>200302 – Pantile Farm, Peldon Road</p>															
025/20	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notification from CBC of changes to the system for residents to obtain recycling equipment 2. Acknowledgement of thanks from Mr Godwin – Peldon Community Speedwatch Organiser 3. Notification from ECC of consultation on the proposed amalgamation of St Georges Infants School and St Georges Junior School – the council has no comment on this consultation 4. Request from BEARS charity for donation – denied 															
026/20	<p>Finance and Accounts – June 2020</p> <p>The following accounts were approved for payment, schedule 003/20 and signed by Cllrs Wormell and Dougherty</p> <table> <tr> <td>E-On – streetlight electricity</td> <td>£61.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance</td> <td>£60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight – grasscutting</td> <td>£125.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A Frost – printing leaflets</td> <td>£45.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight – grasscutting</td> <td>£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zurich Municipal – annual insurance</td> <td>£572.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff costs</td> <td>£264.25</td> </tr> </table> <p>The council noted that as at 15th June the budget was 20.59% spent</p>	E-On – streetlight electricity	£61.79	A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance	£60.90	J Knight – grasscutting	£125.00	A Frost – printing leaflets	£45.00	J Knight – grasscutting	£50.00	Zurich Municipal – annual insurance	£572.64	Staff costs	£264.25	
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	It was noted that Cllr Mattack had checked and agreed the bank reconciliation for May 2020	
027/20	<p>The Lion Community Shop</p> <p>James Lambert – Chair of the Steering Group reported that the project had received a £500 grant. Maggie Dougherty had agreed to join the Steering Group to coordinate the volunteers. The build is currently on track with a prospective opening date of late September 2020. An advert has now been placed for a Shop Manager. A leaflet advertising the Share Scheme has now been delivered to every household in the villages and so far, has attracted 30 responses with £10k already being raised. Cllr Dougherty reported that all grant providers were currently focusing on Covid 19 related applications, however applications were still being submitted by the Steering Group emphasising the need for such facilities during times of crisis such as the Pandemic.</p>	
028/20	<p>Internet Banking</p> <p>It was agreed to pursue internet banking with Barclays Bank</p>	
029/20	<p>To receive a report of the Covid 19 Action Group</p> <p>See Appendix 1</p>	
030/20	<p>ECC Salt Bag Scheme</p> <p>ECC advise that due to the Covid 19 outbreak that it may not be possible to obtain a contract this year for salt to allow the scheme to proceed. It was agreed to advise ECC that if the scheme does proceed to request a further supply be delivered.</p>	Action – Clerk to complete online application
031/20	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths – PROW in the villages are generally clear. Increased footfall is keeping excess growth in check. The pavement on Mersea Road near the allotments needs some attention. There has been an increase in litter and dog foul not being picked up. Also an increase in dog poo bags being left in trees and hedges. Residents are encouraged to report any incidents relating to dog foul to contact, in confidence, the CBC Zone Warden on 01206282581 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – The Village Hall remains closed and there are no immediate plans to reopen. Problems noted of groups of youths gathering in cars in the car park at weekends and evenings and leaving a mess behind. CCTV will be considered. 3. Edward Marke Trust – allotments are looking very good. The raised beds project is still on hold and 	

	<p>may be necessary to employ a contractor to do this. Steve Wormell has agreed to cut the hedges</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Church Matters – nothing to report 5. Grass cutting – 4 complete cuts so far this year. Steve Wormell will cut the hedge at the Village Hall 6. Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report 7. Youth Liaison – nothing to report 8. Finance Working Party – no meetings 9. Property Maintenance – all equipment OK. Cllrs Grover and Kibblewhite have cleaned the bus shelter and cleared broken glass and mess from the shelter in the park 10. CALC – no meetings 11. Broadband – it is reported that BT are offering enhanced speeds. Cllr Kibblewhite will investigate. Some residents had been asked by County Broadband to enter into Wayleave Agreements for the siting of new poles. It was noted that County Broadband could not utilize the existing poles or Electricity pylons. Some cabling would be underground. 12. Speedwatch – no activity until August at the earliest. Several Cllrs have received complaints from residents concerning the speed of vehicles travelling through the villages. The Clerk reported that at a recent EALC meeting it was reported that the Police, Crime and Fire Commissioner had agreed to allow Community Speedwatch teams to restart. 13. Social media/Newsletter – the next newsletter will be produced in September to coincide with publishing the opening of the Lion Community Shop 14. Highway Issues – Cllr Kibblewhite reported that some repairs had taken place, but a full report had not yet been received from Cllr Bentley. 	<p>Action – the Clerk will write to CI Huddlestone – Essex Police to report increase in speeding in the villages and request Traffic Police to visit</p>
032/20	Date of Next Meeting – 13th July 2020	

There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.40pm

15 Jun 20

ALPC Covid – 19 response.

Summary:

In mid-March Abberton and Langenhoe Parish Council (ALPC) in response to the COVID 19 crisis delivered a leaflet to every household in the villages of Abberton and Langenhoe. It petitioned residents to answer a number of questions asking those contacted to supply information, which would give ALPC a concept of those who may need help or could offer assistance in the community. The form asked for details of:

- Identity, including email addresses where held and contact numbers
- if the recipients thought they would need some assistance, or;
- if they would be willing to volunteer to help in their local community, as examples:
 - collecting, or helping with shopping
 - picking up and delivering prescriptions
 - or simply making a friendly telephone call to those shielding or self-isolating.

The completed form was to be returned either by hard copy to specific post boxes, or by telephone call to the organisers of the scheme, or electronically to a dedicated email address explicitly set up for the purpose – alccovidhelp@gmail.com.

A spreadsheet was designed and generated to record responses in compliance with the latest Data Protection Act.

Data analysis:

The following is a brief summary of the data collated.

A total of 423 addresses in Abberton and Langenhoe were identified and documented on the spreadsheet. From the questionnaires delivered:

- 137 replies were received, however it should be noted this encompasses returns from both individuals and many from family units:
 - 67 replies stated they were willing to volunteer to help in their community, as above it should be noted many of the returns were from addresses where one or more individuals were willing to help
 - 62 replies stated they may at some stage in the future need help during the pandemic.

Specific Monthly Activity

The following information has been collated from the spreadsheet, in each month for the period March to June the detail includes the number of households where support was either sought and delivered, or where the organisers have proactively approached individual households where it was believed there was a justifiable

need. The data is drilled down to show the specific activity carried out. The volunteers who carried out the various tasks are not explicitly identified here. However, it is right to say there are over 30 named individuals identified on the spreadsheet. Many of whom have carried out multiple acts of kind-heartedness towards their community.

March:

- 9 households assisted:
 - 9 prescriptions collected and delivered
 - 2 itemised shopping lists were collected and delivered

April:

- 52 households assisted:
 - 21 prescriptions collected and delivered
 - 22 itemised shopping lists were collected and delivered
 - 32 phone calls were made to local residents

May:

- 65 households assisted
 - 22 prescriptions collected and delivered
 - 13 itemised shopping lists were collected and delivered
 - 2 phone calls were made to local residents
 - 31 Afternoon Teas were delivered to deserving households
 - 62 Goody Bags were delivered to worthy recipients.

June – to date:

- 5 households assisted
 - 6 prescription collected and delivered
 - 2 itemised shopping list were collected and delivered.

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